

# Voter's Guide

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# Why We Vote

**We the People** ... defend a tradition of the citizens of the United States since our country's birth more than 230 years ago, the right to vote.

**We the People** ... exercise one of the most important rights and responsibilities U.S. citizens have; our opportunity to choose our leaders and express our opinions on issues.

**We the People** ... send a message to the world that says we are a country "of the people, by the people and for the people." We individually make our own choices by secret ballot, regardless of our gender, race, social and/or economic status or nationality.

**We the People** ... honor the precious gift from previous generations of Americans, who worked, fought and died so we might obtain and keep our right to vote. We should never take this privilege for granted.

**We the People** ... say that in a democracy, our representatives are chosen by a majority of the people. Unfortunately, this is not true. Representatives are chosen by a majority of the people who vote, which is a distinguishable difference.

**We the People** ... know democracy and freedom are strengthened and protected when citizens become active in the electoral process.

**We the People** ... should remember to exercise our rights as citizens of this great country and vote in each election.

As your Supervisor of Elections, I am pleased to present the Flagler County Voter's Guide which contains information about your current elected officials, upcoming elections and state laws which govern the registration and voting process. I hope this guide will encourage your participation in the greatest gift our forefathers gave us.

**Make sure your voice is heard.  
One vote can make a difference.**

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# 2014 Election Schedule



## Election Year Is Here

Flagler County voters will soon be deciding their representatives in federal, state, local and city offices during the Primary and General elections. There will be two constitutional amendments on the General Election ballot this year.



## Vote By Mail

Request a mail ballot now if you plan to be away during the elections this year. If you always vote by mail, call to be sure your request has not expired. One request for "all elections" is valid for two regularly scheduled general elections. Call the Elections Office for more information: (386) 313-4170 or request your ballot on our website: [www.FlaglerElections.com](http://www.FlaglerElections.com)

## PRIMARY ELECTION

ELECTION DAY:

**AUGUST 26, 2014**



<b>Registration Books Closing Deadline</b> (Register To Vote or Change Your Party)	July 28, 2014
<b>Absentee (Mail Ballot) Request Deadline</b>	August 20, 2014
<b>Early Voting</b> Three locations: Flagler SOE Office, Flagler County Public Library, Palm Coast Community Center	August 11-23, 2014 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily

## GENERAL ELECTION

ELECTION DAY:

**NOVEMBER 4, 2014**



<b>Registration Books Closing Deadline</b> (Register To Vote or Change Your Party)	October 6, 2014
<b>Absentee (Mail Ballot) Request Deadline</b>	October 29, 2014
<b>Early Voting</b> Three locations: Flagler SOE Office, Flagler County Public Library, Palm Coast Community Center	October 20 - Nov 1, 2014 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily

# Voter Registration

## YOU MAY REGISTER TO VOTE IF...

- You are a U.S. Citizen
- You are 18 years of age (may pre-register at 16, but must be 18 to vote)
- You are a legal resident of the State of Florida and of the county in which you wish to register

Anyone convicted of a felony or declared mentally incompetent with respect to voting, may not register or vote until his or her civil rights or competency has been legally restored.

## HOW TO REGISTER

You may register to vote in person at the Elections Office, Driver's License Offices, Public Libraries, HRS Centers and State Offices that serve persons with disabilities. You may also register by mail by printing an application from the Elections Office web site at [www.flaglerelections.com](http://www.flaglerelections.com) or by picking up an application at one of the Flagler County Public Libraries, Post Offices, City Halls, the Elections Office and other public locations.

## WHEN TO REGISTER

You may register to vote at any time. However, registration books close 29 days before each election. You must be registered for at least 29 days before you can vote in an election. If you mail your registration application, the date your application is postmarked will be your registration date. If your application is complete and you are a qualified voter, a voter information card will be mailed to you. Your Flagler County voter registration will allow you to vote in national, state, county and municipal elections, if you live in a municipality.

## PARTY AFFILIATION

You may register in any political party of your choice or register with no party affiliation. However, only registered party members may vote in their party's primary election.

**EXCEPTION:** If all candidates for an office have the same party affiliation and the winner will face no opposition in the general election, then all qualified voters, regardless of party affiliation, may vote in the primary election for that office.

Nonpartisan judicial and school board offices are included in a primary election. All registered voters are entitled to vote on these nonpartisan offices and on any referenda or amendment items included in a primary election.

During county-wide general elections, all voters in a district will receive the same ballot and may vote for any candidate or question on the ballot.

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The unity of freedom has never relied on uniformity of opinion.

John F. Kennedy

## CHANGES IN REGISTRATION

It is the responsibility of the voter to notify the Elections Office of a name, address or party change. If you have a change of address, you may either call the Elections Office at 313-4170 to make the change, use the back of your voter information card or complete a voter registration application to mail in the change of address. To make a name change or party affiliation change, you must complete a voter registration application or send a signed written notice of the change by mail. Any type of change to your voter registration can be completed at the Elections Office.

It is important that the Elections Office has your current signature on file. This is especially important when validating your signature on an absentee ballot and/or candidate or initiative petitions. If your signature has changed, you may update it at any time by submitting a voter registration application to the Elections Office. These applications are available at libraries, government offices and post offices or by calling or emailing the Elections Office to have an application mailed to you. You may also print an application from the Elections Office web site at this Web address: <http://www.flaglerelections.com>

## WHERE TO VOTE

Your precinct number and polling place location are listed on your voter information card. You will not be permitted to vote in a precinct in which you do not live. Your voter information card will also tell you which U.S. Representative, State Senate, State House, County Commission, School Board and Municipal districts which you live in, based on your residential address. You can match these numbers with the district numbers listed in this guide to identify your elected officials.

## WHEN TO VOTE & WHAT TO BRING

Polls are open on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Voters are required to present picture identification, as well as signature identification, before voting. The following forms of identification have been approved by the Department of State and will be accepted by Election Officials:

- Florida Driver's License
- Florida Identification Card (issued by the Dept. of Motor Vehicles)
- U.S. Passport
- Debit/Credit Card
- Military or Student ID
- Retirement Center ID
- Neighborhood Association ID
- Public Assistance ID (Social Security or other social services)



*If you do not present valid and current picture and signature identification at the polls, you will be required to vote a provisional ballot.*

# Your Federal, State &

## **PRESIDENT** (4 Year Term)

Barack Obama (D)  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500  
(202) 456-1414  
Email: [president@whitehouse.gov](mailto:president@whitehouse.gov)

## **VICE PRESIDENT** (4 Year Term)

Joe Biden (D)  
Executive Office Building  
Washington, DC 20501  
(202) 456-2326  
Email: [vicepresident@whitehouse.gov](mailto:vicepresident@whitehouse.gov)

## **U.S. SENATE** (6 Year Term)

Sen. Bill Nelson (D)  
716 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
(202) 224-5274  
or  
225 E. Robinson Street, Suite 410  
Orlando, FL 32801  
Toll Free (888) 671-4091  
Email: [bill@billnelson.senate.gov](mailto:bill@billnelson.senate.gov)

Marco Rubio (R)  
356 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
(202) 224-3041

or  
1650 Prudential Drive, Suite 220  
Jacksonville, FL 32207  
(904) 398-8586

## **U.S. REPRESENTATIVE** (2 Year Term)

**DISTRICT 6 \***  
Ron DeSantis (R)  
427 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 225-2706  
Web forum: <https://desantis.house.gov>  
or  
1000 City Center Circle  
Port Orange, FL 32129  
(386) 756-9798

## **GOVERNOR & CABINET \*** (4 Year Terms)

The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32399  
Capitol Information (866) 693-6748  
Web Site: [www.myflorida.com](http://www.myflorida.com)

## **GOVERNOR \***

Rick Scott (R) (850) 488-4441

## **LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR \***

Carlos Lopez-Cantera (850) 488-4711

## **ATTORNEY GENERAL \***

Pam Bondi (R) (850) 414-3300

## **COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE \***

Adam H. Putnam (R) (850) 488-3022

## **CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER \***

Jeff Atwater (R) (850) 413-3100  
200 East Gaines Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0300

## **FLORIDA SENATE** (4 Year Term)

### **DISTRICT 6 \***

John Thrasher (R)  
113 Nature Walk Parkway, Suite 106  
St. Augustine, FL 32092  
(904) 287-4222  
Email: [thrasher.john.web@flsenate.gov](mailto:thrasher.john.web@flsenate.gov)

## **FLORIDA HOUSE** (2 Year Term)

### **DISTRICT 24 \***

Travis Hutson (R)  
1102 The Capitol  
402 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300  
(850) 717-5024  
Email: [travis.hutson@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:travis.hutson@myfloridahouse.gov)  
or  
4875 Palm Coast Parkway NW, Unit 5  
Palm Coast, FL 32137-3671  
(386) 446-7644

\* Denotes offices to be filled in 2014.

# County Elected Officials

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

(4 Year Term)

### DISTRICT 1

Charles F. Ericksen, Jr. (R)  
15 Essington Lane  
Palm Coast, FL 32164  
(386) 206-3717  
Email: cericksen@flaglercounty.org

### DISTRICT 2 \*

Frank Meeker (R)  
41 Cochise Court  
Palm Coast, FL 32137  
(386) 445-0382  
Email: fmeeker@flaglercounty.org

### DISTRICT 3

Barbara S. Revels (D)  
PO Box 434  
Flagler Beach, FL 32136  
(386) 439-3130  
Email: brevells@flaglercounty.org

### DISTRICT 4 \*

Nate McLaughlin (R)  
PO Box 351495  
Palm Coast, FL 32135  
(386) 446-9719  
Email: nmclaughlin@flaglercounty.org

### DISTRICT 5

George Hanns (D)  
P.O. Box 353490  
Palm Coast, FL 32135  
(386) 446-3439  
Email: ghanns@flaglercounty.org

## SCHOOL BOARD (NONPARTISAN)

(4 Year Term)

### DISTRICT 1 \*

Andy Dance  
13 Evansville Lane  
Palm Coast, FL 32164  
(386) 586-1132  
Email: dancea@flaglerschools.com

### DISTRICT 2 \*

John Fischer  
45 Freeland Lane  
Palm Coast, FL 32137  
(386) 445-5657  
Email: fischerj@flaglerschools.com

### DISTRICT 3

Colleen Conklin  
229 Ocean Palm Drive  
Flagler Beach, FL 32136  
(386) 439-2804  
Email: conklinc@flaglerschools.com

### DISTRICT 4 \*

Trevor Tucker  
115 County Rd 125  
Bunnell, FL 32110  
(386) 437-6629  
Email: tuckert@flaglerschools.com

### DISTRICT 5

Sue Dickinson  
7 Blakefield Court  
Palm Coast, FL 32137  
(386) 445-2381  
Email: dickinsons@flaglerschools.com



## Note:

County Commissioners and School Board Members are elected county-wide.

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# Your Elected Officials

## SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Kim C. Hammond Justice Center  
1769 E. Moody Blvd., Bldg. #1  
Bunnell, FL 32110

**STATE ATTORNEY** (4 Year Term)  
R.J. Larizza (R) (386) 313-4300

**PUBLIC DEFENDER** (4 Year Term)  
James Purdy (R) (386) 313-4545

**COUNTY COURT JUDGE** (6 Year Term)  
NONPARTISAN  
Melissa Moore Stens (386) 313-4520

## CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES (6 Year Terms)

NONPARTISAN

### Group #

1. J. David Walsh \*
2. Patti A. Christensen
3. Matthew M. Foxman
4. Frank Marriott
5. Dennis Craig
6. R. Michael Hutcheson \*
7. James R. Clayton \*
8. Joseph G. Will
9. Terence R. Perkins
10. Scott C. DuPont
11. Margaret W. Hudson \*
12. C. McFerrin Smith, III
13. David B. Beck
14. John M. Alexander \*
15. J. Michael Traynor
16. Leah R. Case
17. Carlos E. Mendoza \*
18. Shawn L. Briese \*
19. Howard M. Maltz \*
20. Robert K. Rouse, Jr. \*
21. William A. Parsons
22. Hubert L. Grimes
23. Thomas G. Portuallo \*
24. Terry LaRue \*
25. Raul A. Zambrano \*
26. Randell H. Rowe, III \*
27. Clyde E. Wolfe

## CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

**SHERIFF** (4 Year Term)  
Jim Manfre (D)  
1001 Justice Lane  
Bunnell, FL 32110  
(386) 437-4116  
Email: info@myfcsos.us

**PROPERTY APPRAISER** (4 Year Term)  
James (Jay) Gardner (R)  
P.O. Box 936  
Bunnell, FL 32110  
(386) 313-4150  
Email: pa@flaglerpa.com

## CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER (4 Year Term)

Gail Wadsworth (R)  
1769 E. Moody Blvd., Bldg. 1  
Bunnell, FL 32110  
(386) 313-4400  
Email: gwadsworth@flaglerclerk.com

**TAX COLLECTOR** (4 Year Term)  
Suzanne Johnston (R)  
P.O. Box 846  
Bunnell, FL 32110  
(386) 313-4160  
Email: taxcollector@flaglertax.com

## SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS (4 Year Term)

Kimberle B. Weeks (D)  
P.O. Box 901  
Bunnell, FL 32110  
(386) 313-4170  
Email: kweeks@flaglerelections.com



Always vote for principle, though you may  
vote alone, you may cherish the sweetest  
reflection that your vote is never lost.

John Quincy Adams

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# Your Elected Officials

## SPECIAL DISTRICTS (NONPARTISAN)

### EAST FLAGLER MOSQUITO CONTROL (4 YEAR TERMS)

(386) 445-4135

Seat 1 Julius Kwiatkowski	Seat 2 Barbara Sgroi	Seat 3 Shawn Byrnes
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### SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (4 YEAR TERMS)

(386) 437-5861

Seat 1* Vacant	Seat 2* Vacant	Seat 3* Vacant	Seat 4* Vacant	Seat 5* Vacant
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### GRAND HAVEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (4 YEAR TERMS)

(877) 276-0889

Seat 1* Marie Gaeta	Seat 2 Raymond Smith	Seat 3* Peter Chiodo	Seat 4 Stephen Davidson	Seat 5* Tom Lawrence
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### DUNES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (4 YEAR TERMS)

(386) 446-5593

Seat 1* Herb Brattlof	Seat 2 John G. Leckie, Jr.	Seat 3 Dennis V. Vohs	Seat 4 Gary M. Crahan	Seat 5* Mike McCabe
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### TOMOKA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (4 YEAR TERMS)

(904) 288-9130

Seat 1 Andy Hagan	Seat 2 Kelly McCarrick	Seat 3* Mary Ann Haas	Seat 4* Dick Smith	Seat 5* Maria Tuchy
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# Our Voting System

## VOTING IN FLAGLER COUNTY

Flagler County voters use the Accu-Vote Optical Scan precinct tabulator as their primary voting system.

Each voter at the polls will receive a paper ballot inside a secrecy folder. The voter records his vote by completely filling in the oval next to the candidate or issue of his choice by using the pen provided in the voting booth (black or blue pen if voting by absentee ballot).



After voting, the voter takes his ballot to the Accu-Vote tabulator and inserts it into a slot on top of the machine. The scanning device reads the votes cast and deposits the voted ballot into a locked ballot box.

With the Accu-Vote voting system, if you overvote a race (voting for more candidates or issues than allowed in a race) or if you leave your ballot completely blank, it will be returned to you when you insert the ballot into the ballot box. This gives you the opportunity to correct your ballot, so that you can be sure that every vote counts. If you need assistance to vote, you may request the assistance of two election officials, or some other person of your choice.

If you make a mistake on your ballot, you may return that ballot to the Elections Official and obtain another ballot. Florida law states that you may obtain up to two replacement ballots. If you have requested an absentee ballot and choose to vote in person, your ballot at the polls is considered your second ballot.

Before entering the voting booth, you may request a demonstration to show you how to vote using the Accu-Vote Optical Scan voting system.



INCORRECT



INCORRECT



CORRECT

Fill the oval completely.

## ELECTRONIC BALLOTS

In July 2005, in compliance with the federal Help America Vote Act, Flagler County added one touch screen unit with audio capability per precinct to allow voters with disabilities to vote in secret and without assistance.

These machines do not use paper ballots, but instead allow the voter to make their choices on a screen similar to a computer screen. Headphones are available and the voter can hear the ballot being read to him/her and the voter can use a keypad to make his/her choices. The touch screen machines will not allow a voter to overvote a race and will alert the voter if a race is left blank.

# Voting Early or By Mail

## VOTING EARLY

Flagler County voters may vote early beginning the 15th day prior to Election Day through the Saturday before the election during county-wide elections in 2014. Please call the Elections Office at 313-4170 for times and locations of early voting sites or visit [www.FlaglerElections.com](http://www.FlaglerElections.com) for the latest information.

## VOTING BY MAIL BALLOT

Any registered voter may vote by mail. A mail ballot may be requested for a specific election or for all elections through the next two regularly scheduled general elections. The request can be made in person, by telephone, by mail or by using the online form (visit [www.flaglerelections.com](http://www.flaglerelections.com)). Requested ballots are mailed approximately three weeks before an election. Later requests are mailed as they are received. Only the voter or a designated member of his or her immediate family or legal guardian can request a ballot for the voter. Immediate family means the voter's spouse or the parent, child, grandparent, or sibling of the voter or of the voter's spouse. Absentee ballots are not forwarded by the U.S. Postal Service so please provide your mailing address at the time of the request.

### The person requesting a ballot must disclose:

- The name of the voter for whom the ballot is requested
- The voter's address
- The voter's date of birth
- The voter's signature (written requests only)

*Power Of Attorney is not recognized for absentee voting in the state of Florida.*

If the voter has designated an immediate family member or legal guardian to request a ballot for him or her, that designee must provide the above information in addition to the following:

- The requester's name and address
- The requester's drivers license number, if available
- The requester's relationship to the voter
- The requester's signature (written requests only)

## DELIVERY TO A DESIGNEE

A qualified voter may designate in writing another person to pick up a ballot for the voter. Carry-out ballots are only available to a designee five (5) days prior to the day of the election. The designee may pick up a limit of two (2) ballots per election other than his or her own ballot or ballots for members of his or her immediate family. The designee must have written authorization from the voter, present a picture identification and sign an affidavit.

## VOTING & RETURNING A MAIL BALLOT

The voter must personally vote the ballot (unless assistance is required due to blindness or disability) AND sign the return envelope. An Elections Office drop box is available at the entrance of our office for after hours drop off. Mail ballots must be returned by mail or hand-delivered so that they reach the Elections Office by 7:00 P.M. on the day of the election.

# VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 101.031(2), Florida Statutes

## ***Each registered voter in this state has the right to:***

1. Vote and have his or her vote accurately counted.
2. Cast a vote if he or she is in line at the official closing of the polls.
3. Ask for and receive assistance in voting.
4. Receive up to two replacement ballots if he or she makes a mistake prior to the ballot being cast.
5. An explanation if his or her registration or identity is in question.
6. If his or her registration or identity is in question, cast a provisional ballot.
7. Written instructions to use when voting, and, upon request, oral instructions in voting from Elections Officers.
8. Vote free from coercion or intimidation by Elections Officers or any other person.
9. Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.

## ***Each registered voter in this state should:***

1. Familiarize himself or herself with the candidates and issues.
2. Maintain with the office of the supervisor of elections a current address.
3. Know the location of his or her polling place and its hours of operation.
4. Bring proper identification to the polling station.
5. Familiarize himself or herself with the operation of the voting equipment in his or her precinct.
6. Treat precinct workers with courtesy.
7. Respect the privacy of other voters.
8. Report any problems or violation of election laws to the supervisor of elections.
9. Ask questions, if needed.
10. Make sure that his or her completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling station.

### **NOTE TO VOTER:**

Failure to perform any of these responsibilities does not prohibit a voter from voting.



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