



# FLAGLER COUNTY

## *Citizen's Guide* to Registering and Voting

An official publication from your Supervisor of Elections Office ★★

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### 2020 Election Schedule



**Presidential Preference Primary**  
**MARCH 17, 2020**

Voter registration and party change deadline:  
**FEBRUARY 18, 2020**



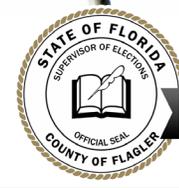
**Primary Election**  
**AUGUST 18, 2020**

Voter registration and party change deadline:  
**JULY 20, 2020**



**General Election**  
**NOVEMBER 3, 2020**

Voter registration and party change deadline:  
**OCTOBER 5, 2020**



*Flagler County*  
**ELECTIONS 2020**

In an effort to ensure all residents of Flagler County are informed about upcoming elections and the voting process, every household in Flagler County will be mailed a *Citizen's Guide to Registering and Voting*.

- ★ Are our elections secure?
- ★ Which offices are up for election?
- ★ How do I register to vote?
- ★ When is early voting?
- ★ Can I vote by mail?
- ★ What is a closed Primary?
- ★ Where do I vote?
- ★ How can I learn more about the candidates?

### Your questions answered.

This publication is designed to help you become Election Ready!

### *Voting has never been easier than it is today.*

It's an honor and a privilege to serve as your Flagler County Supervisor of Elections. I would like to encourage all citizens to complete the enclosed Florida Voter Registration Application. It only takes a few minutes to register to vote or update your information. By completing and returning the application, you can be sure that you are registered and that your voter record is updated with the most current information including your residence address, mailing address, party affiliation and signature. As a registered voter, you may also request to receive a mail ballot by using the enclosed request form.

The Elections Team is here to serve you, the voters of Flagler County. Please visit your Elections Office, call or use the many resources on [FlaglerElections.com](http://FlaglerElections.com) to help you prepare for Election Day. Thank you to all of our Election Poll Workers, past and present, for your dedication to the election process. It takes a team!



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## REGISTERING TO VOTE IS EASY!

### To Register To Vote In Florida, You Must:

- Be a Citizen of the United States of America.
- Be 18 years old.
- You may pre-register to vote if you are 16 or 17 years old, but you cannot vote until you are 18 years old.
- Be a legal resident of the State of Florida and of the county where you intend to vote.

### You CANNOT Register To Vote If:

- You are not a citizen of the United States of America (a lawful permanent resident cannot register or vote in Florida).
- You have been convicted of a felony or adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting, unless and until your right to vote has been restored. Florida law requires any convicted felon who wishes to register to vote to complete all terms of sentencing pursuant to Section 98.0751, F.S. before registering to vote.

### How to Register To Vote:

You may register to vote at any time. However, in order to be eligible to vote in an upcoming election, the deadline to register is the 29th day before Election Day. Two (2) Florida Voter Registration Applications are enclosed with this publication. Simply complete an application and return it to the Elections Office by mail or in person. Even if you are already registered, you are encouraged to complete the enclosed application to update your information and signature. You may also register to vote online at [RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov](http://RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov)

### What You Will Need To Register:

You will need your Florida Driver's License number, Florida ID number or if you have not been issued either of these, the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you leave this field blank on the application, your voter registration will be incomplete.

## UPDATE YOUR REGISTRATION

**Even if you are already registered to vote, please submit the enclosed form to keep your information current!**

### ADDRESS CHANGES

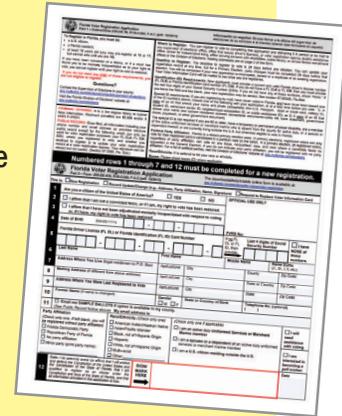
Have you moved? It's important to update your address before you vote in 2020.

### PARTY CHANGES

A change of party must be made 29 days prior to a Primary election.

### NAME CHANGES AND SIGNATURE UPDATES

It is natural for your signature to change over time. Use the enclosed application to update your signature. The signature on file is used to verify returned mail ballots and candidate and initiative petitions. If your name has changed, use the enclosed application to update your voter information!



**Complete the enclosed form and mail to:**

**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS  
PO BOX 901  
BUNNELL, FL 32110**



## ELECTION SECURITY



Our nation's election systems were designated as critical infrastructure by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in January 2017. This important designation allows local election officials many resources, including access to the latest cybersecurity intelligence information from the DHS. The Flagler County Elections Office has developed a strong partnership with the DHS to improve our cyber and physical security protections. Voter confidence in the electoral process is a contributing factor to participation and turnout! We are working to protect your vote!



### DECENTRALIZED ELECTIONS IN FLORIDA

Each of Florida's 67 counties maintain their own local voter registration database and voting system. There is no single point of entry to affect outcomes.



### PAPER BALLOTS ONLY

All voters in Flagler County cast their vote using a paper ballot, which allows for a full audit of an election. Several years ago, the Legislature outlawed the use of electronic touch-screen tabulators and each Florida county was required to be in compliance by 2020. Our previous voting system was 18 years old and replacement parts were no longer manufactured. Refurbished parts were being used for maintenance repairs. Supervisor Lenhart lead negotiations with the Department of State in 2015 with two other Supervisors of Elections to secure Federal grant funding for the purchase of new voting systems in

13 counties in the state of Florida. A Federal grant of over \$147,000 was secured for Flagler County for the purchase of new equipment. We upgraded in 2017, ahead of the deadline. Flagler County's voters now have state-of-the-art voting equipment with the latest security features and upgrades. The historic recount of 2018 was a success in Flagler due to the implementation of this new voting system.



### NETWORK SECURITY

Flagler County's voter registration database and vote tabulation database are maintained independently on separate servers for a full reconciliation of ballots cast versus total voter turnout. The vote tabulation server is held in a closed network with no Internet access. Electronic poll books are used at each Election Day polling site with a backup paper copy at every precinct. Our electronic poll books were upgraded just before the Primary Election in August 2018 using our allocated portion of Florida's Election Security grant, an amount over \$108,000 for Flagler County. Cyber security procedures include weekly network pen testing and monitoring by a third-party.



### PRE-ELECTION TESTING

Every piece of equipment being used in an election is tested thoroughly prior to each election. Our testing procedures in Flagler County are above and beyond the state requirements and our equipment and procedures testing period may last for several months. Before early voting begins, the logic and

accuracy testing of the voting system is held during a public meeting of the Canvassing Board.



### RESULTS REPORTING

Our rigorous ballot reconciliation procedures compare the number of ballots and voters throughout the process and apply to all voting methods including mail ballots, those cast during early voting and Election Day. These procedures are performed several times each day, comparing the number of voters checked in to the amount of ballots distributed to the number of votes cast on the tabulator versus the number of blank ballots remaining. Our procedures require precinct totals be reconciled with composite results to confirm they equal the reported results from each precinct and vote type.



### POST-ELECTION AUDIT

Did you know every election in Flagler County is audited? After each election, the Canvassing Board randomly selects one race and one precinct to be audited during a public meeting. A manual, hand count of the ballots is compared to the machine totals. Each of the manual audits over the past ten years have been 100% accurate.



If you have any questions regarding election security, please contact Kaiti Lenhart, Supervisor of Elections at (386) 313-4170.

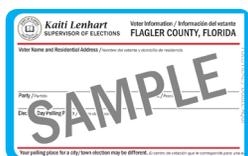
# GUIDE To Registering & Voting



## Are You Election Ready?

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

### Voter Information Cards



When you register to vote, a Voter Information Card will be mailed to you. This card provides your precinct number, polling location and districts for your representation in government. If you do not receive your Voter Information Card within two weeks of registering, it is important that you contact the Elections Office immediately to ensure you are registered.

If your polling place or precinct changes, you will be mailed a new Voter Information Card with updated information on where to cast your ballot on Election Day. You do not need your Voter Information Card for voting. When voting in person, you will need to show photo and signature identification.

### Required Identification At The Polls

- Florida Driver's License (issued by DHSMV)
- Florida ID card (issued by DHSMV)
- U.S. Passport
- Military ID or Student ID
- Debit or Credit Card (with photo & signature)
- Public Assistance ID
- Retirement Center or Neighborhood Association ID
- Concealed Weapons Permit (issued by the State of Florida)
- Veteran's Affairs Health Insurance Card
- Employee ID Card (issued by a government agency)



Florida law requires all voters to present both photo & signature identification at the polls. **Expired ID's will not be accepted.**

### Florida Holds Closed Primary Elections

Florida is a Closed Primary State. If you wish to vote for a candidate seeking a partisan office in a Primary Election, you must be a registered voter in the party for which the Primary is being held.

All registered voters, regardless of party affiliation, may vote on issues and nonpartisan candidates in a Primary Election. All registered voters may also vote for candidates in the same race if they have the same party affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the General Election (this is known as a Universal Primary Contest). It is important to indicate your preferred party affiliation at the time you register to vote. If you leave the field blank on the registration form, you will be registered without party affiliation (NPA on your Voter Information Card).

**Primary Election Party Change Deadline:  
29 DAYS PRIOR TO ELECTION DAY**

**Be Vocal  
Vote Local**

**PRIMARY ELECTIONS  
ARE IMPORTANT!**

Did you know that nonpartisan races such as School Board and city offices could be decided in a Primary Election? Your vote counts in these local races! Unfortunately, the voter turnout average is nearly 30% for Flagler's Primary Elections. Remember to vote in the 2020 Primary Election! All elections are important.

### OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION IN 2020

#### FEDERAL OFFICES

United States President & Vice President  
United States Representative, Dist. 6

#### STATE & MULTI-COUNTY OFFICES

State Senator, Dist. 7  
State Representative, Dist. 24

#### JUDICIAL OFFICES

State Attorney  
Public Defender  
Retention of Supreme Court Justices and 5th District Court of Appeal Judges, whose terms expire  
Retention of Circuit 7 Court Judges, whose terms expire

#### COUNTY OFFICES

County Commissioner Districts 1, 3, 5  
Sheriff  
Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller  
Tax Collector  
Property Appraiser  
Supervisor of Elections  
School Board Member Districts 1, 3, 5

County Commission Districts and School Board Districts are voted county-wide.

#### SPECIAL DISTRICT OFFICES

East Flagler Mosquito Control District Seats 1, 2, 3  
Dunes Community Development District Seats 2, 3, 4  
Grand Haven Community Development District Seats 2, 4  
Tomoka Community Development District Seats 1, 2  
Town Center Community Development District Seats 2, 4, 5

#### MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town of Beverly Beach  
City of Bunnell  
City of Flagler Beach  
City of Palm Coast

### WHO IS RUNNING FOR OFFICE?

Learn about the candidates!  
Read their biographies here:

[FlaglerElections.com](http://FlaglerElections.com)



## Want to vote by mail?

Complete one of the forms below and return it to the Elections Office or make your request on-line at [www.FlaglerElections.com](http://www.FlaglerElections.com)

**Request By Phone!**  
Call (386) 313-4170

### VOTE BY MAIL REQUEST FORM

Please send me absentee ballots for the following election(s): **Check One Below**

- Specific Election: \_\_\_\_\_  Two General Election Cycles

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

VOTER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ (REQUIRED)

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (REQUIRED) VOTER ID (IF KNOWN)

BALLOT MAILING ADDRESS: (REQUIRED)

Ballots are not forwarded by the U.S. Postal Service. You must provide the address where you want the ballot mailed. Street Address or PO Box: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (OPTIONAL) Only for use by Elections Staff

X \_\_\_\_\_ VOTER SIGNATURE (REQUIRED) DATE

REQUESTS WITHOUT DATE OF BIRTH AND VOTER SIGNATURE CANNOT BE PROCESSED. COMPLETE REQUEST AND RETURN. FOR PRIVACY, USE AN ENVELOPE.

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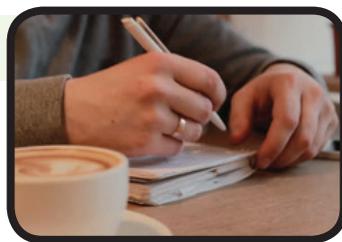
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# YOUR VOTE. YOUR CHOICE!

## VOTE BY MAIL



Any eligible and registered voter in Flagler County may choose to Vote-By-Mail. No reason is required. These ballots (also known as Absentee Ballots) are counted in the State of Florida during every election and are among the first results available at 7:00 p.m. on Election night.

Vote-By-Mail ballots are NOT forwarded by the US Postal Service. You must provide an accurate mailing address at the time of your request. A mail ballot request to an address other than the elector's address on file, must be submitted in WRITING and SIGNED by the voter. A Vote-By-Mail request is not permanent. State law allows for a request placed now to be valid through the end of 2022. Use the Vote-By-Mail Ballot Request Form included on the previous page of this publication to make your request, or call the office at (386) 313-4170 to request a ballot by phone.

**If mailing your voted ballot, please mail by THURSDAY before Election Day to allow for first-class delivery by the US Postal Service.** Vote-By-Mail ballots must be received in the Elections Office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. A postmark does not extend the deadline. Certain provisions are made by law for the delivery and return of mail ballots for uniformed service members, their spouses and dependents, and U.S. citizens residing overseas. Mail ballots may also be personally returned at any early voting site during polling hours, or at the Elections Office anytime by using the Secure Drop Box at our main entrance. More information: [www.FlaglerElections.com](http://www.FlaglerElections.com)

## VOTE EARLY



There will be three early voting sites for each election in 2020. Any eligible and registered voter may vote early at any of the three early voting sites:

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>FLAGLER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY</b>	<b>PALM COAST COMMUNITY CENTER</b>	<b>SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OFFICE</b>
At the corner of Palm Coast Parkway and Belle Terre Parkway	At the corner of Palm Coast Parkway and Clubhouse Drive	In the Government Services Building on SR 100 in Bunnell
<b>Address:</b> 2500 Palm Coast Pkwy NW Palm Coast, FL 32137	<b>Address:</b> 305 Palm Coast Pkwy NW Palm Coast, FL 32137	<b>Address:</b> 1769 E. Moody Blvd., Bldg. 2, Ste 101 Bunnell, FL 32110

### EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

Presidential Preference Primary: March 7 - March 14, 2020  
 Primary Election: August 3 - August 15, 2020  
 General Election: October 19 - October 31, 2020

**EARLY VOTING HOURS:** 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., including weekends.

## VOTE AT YOUR ASSIGNED PRECINCT ON ELECTION DAY



Registered and eligible voters who choose to vote in person on Election Day must cast their ballot at their assigned polling place. Polls are always open from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Refer to your Voter Information Card to find the name and address of your polling place.

**Your precinct may have changed.** If you have moved since the last election, your Election Day precinct could be different. Two additional precincts were added in 2017 to accommodate areas of growth in the county. If you have not voted since 2017, your Election Day precinct may have been changed. Please call the Elections Office for more information or use the Precinct Finder online: [www.FlaglerElections.com/Precinct-Finder](http://www.FlaglerElections.com/Precinct-Finder)

# VOTE

*in honor  
of a  
VETERAN*



### ATTENTION MILITARY VOTERS:

Members of the United States Uniformed Services on active duty and the Merchant Marine, their spouses and dependents of all, and United States citizens residing outside of the United States may apply for voter registration or request an absentee (mail) ballot with a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA), which may be obtained from a Voting Assistance Officer (VAO) or through the Federal Voting Assistance Program at:

**[www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov)**

Ballots are mailed for absent uniformed and overseas citizens 45 days in advance of every Federal election. For more information, please contact the Elections Office at (386) 313-4170.

*Thank You For Your Service!*

## VOTING IN FLAGLER COUNTY

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

After voting, the voter takes the ballot to the ballot box and inserts it into the tabulator positioned on top of the ballot box. The tabulator is a scanning device which reads the votes cast and deposits the voted ballot into the locked ballot box.

If you make a mistake on your ballot, please return that ballot to an Elections Official and obtain another ballot. Florida law states that you may obtain up to two replacement ballots.

### Voters Needing Assistance

If you are a person with a disability or cannot read or write, you may designate someone of your own choice (except your employer or an agency of your employer, or an officer or agency of your union) to provide assistance at the polls. Election Workers may provide assistance, if you prefer. Flagler County also provides a universal marking device with an audio ballot feature for persons with disabilities who wish to vote without assistance.



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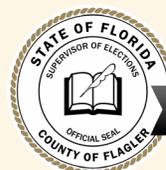
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