

# From the desk of...

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### A message from your Supervisor of Elections

Welcome to your brand new Elections Office! The new voting system has been installed and we are ready for the 2018 election cycle.

This issue is dedicated to the history of voting systems in our county, as we celebrate the Centennial (1917-2017). Stop by the Government Services Building on April 29 and see the historical display table which showcases Flagler County elections history.

Hope to see you there!

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Flagler County Supervisor of Elections

# **NEW VOTING SYSTEM INSTALLATION**

The installation of our new voting system has gone very smoothly. This upgrade was mandated by legislation passed in 2013 which requires all counties in Florida to update their touch screen tabulators. The law states we must only use voting equipment which produces a paper ballot. After 19 years or dedicated service, the old voting system has retired. This has been a massive operation, hours of design, planning, physical labor and now several weeks of training to learn the new system. Enjoy these photos, which highlight the installation and new voting system.



Precinct level tabulator and ballot marking device.



#### ★★★ 2018 ELECTION DATES & DEADLINES

#### **Municipal Elections**

Two municipalities have scheduled elections in 2018:

- Flagler Beach
- Beverly Beach

Election Day: March 6, 2018

Early voting will not be available for municipal elections.

Polls are always open from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

#### **Countywide Elections**

Primary Election Day: August 28, 2018

General Election Day: November 6, 2018

#### Want to Vote By Mail?

Any registered and eligible voter may vote by mail.

Mail ballots must be returned to the Elections Office by 7:00 P.M. on Election Day.





Precinct level tabulator ready to accept ballots.



Ballot marking device for voters with disabilities.



High-speed central count scanner which scans and sorts 14-inch double-sided ballots at 300 per minute.

# **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

Over the past several years, I have taken note of the most frequently asked questions which we receive in the Elections Office. This section of the newsletter highlights one frequently asked question and provides an answer.

#### Q: How do you make sure the voter rolls are current?

**A:** The voter registration list in Flagler County is maintained through the regular list maintenance, which is mandated by Section 98.065, Florida Statutes. Supervisors of Elections throughout the State of Florida are required to conduct these list maintenance activities on a schedule which is in accordance with the law, once during every odd-numbered year and no later than 90 days prior to a Federal election.

We conduct these list maintenance activities according to schedule and also process deceased matches regularly, along with information received which matches voter records for those persons who are ineligible for a variety of statutory reasons, which include felony convictions or those who have been adjudicated mentally incapacitated in respect to voting. These match files are processed in accordance with Section 98.075, Florida Statutes and the outlined procedures for removal.

#### Local elections information is available 24/7:

www.FlaglerElections.com

# **VOTER OUTREACH**

#### Flagler County Voter Outreach Program

Voter education is an essential function of the Supervisor of Elections Office. We are continuing to take your Elections Office into the community to reach voters with important election dates and information. This will be one of the most important election years of our lifetime. Your vote is your voice, be heard!

### **Upcoming Voter Registration Drives**

Visit the Supervisor of Elections Voter Outreach Tent at the following events to Be Election Ready!

April 29, 2017	Flagler County Centennial Celebration	9:00 A.M	- 3:00 P.M.	
Government Services Building in Bunnell The day begins with a fun run/walk residents and visitors of all ages. Enjoy a car show, photo contest, a tour of the Emergency Operations Center, music, Kids' Zone with crafts and food trucks. There will also be historical re-enactments of the first County Commission meeting and the first School Board meeting. Register to vote or update your voter registration at the Supervisor of Elections Voter Outreach Tent.				
July 3, 2017	Fireworks In The Park	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M Dusk	
<b>Central Park, Town Center</b> Gather your family and friends for a fabulous Independence Day evening in Central Park. It's a great place for picnics, family games and togetherness. Stay for a spectacular fireworks display at 9pm.				
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