ELECTION NEWS



Osceola County Supervisor of Elections Newsletter - Fall 2023

Voter Education: Calendar Art Contest

We are holding our third Election Calendar Art Contest. This contest is open to all K-12 students living in Osceola County and is one part of our efforts to increase voter education. Every two years we put out an election calendar. This calendar includes election dates, deadlines, facts, and other helpful information. All the artwork included in the calendar comes from students in our county. Winners of the contest are determined by what else, an election.

All artwork will be displayed at our Gallery Walk and Open House held on November 2 at 2570 Partin Settlement Road (our brand-new building). The public is encouraged to attend and vote for their favorite art pieces. This election will give everyone in our community, including students, the opportunity to practice voting.

Artwork submissions are due to the Elections Office by October 13. Rules, guidelines and ideas can be found on our website at: https://www.voteosceola.gov/Election-Calendar-Art-Contest. We'd like to encourage all students to participate and invite all community members to come out on November 2.



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EW Recruitment

Our election worker team is actively recruiting workers for the 2024 election cycle. On September 8, orientation invitations went out to over 700 people who had applied to be an election worker through our website. All of these applicants were asked to sign up for an orientation session held at our office in October. Each session will hold up to 50 participants. Sessions are filling up quickly!

At orientation, potential workers will learn what goes into being an election worker and what we expect from election workers. Towards the end of the session, staff conducts interviews with each attendee. Staff looks at potential worker experience along with our needs for election worker positions when making determinations as to who will be hired.

If you did not get a spot in October's orientation sessions, we will hold another round of orientations in the Spring.



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VBM Mailer

On December 31, 2022, all Vote by Mail requests expired. Since then, our office has been working to educate voters about this and collect request renewals. So far, only about a third of those voters who received a Vote by Mail ballot in 2022 have placed a new request. To increase this number, we are sending out a postcard to all voters in our county who do not have a Vote by Mail request on file. This mailer will include information about requesting a mail ballot along with election dates for 2024. Voters can expect to receive this mailer in the first few weeks of October.

Special Election

November 7, 2023 is Election Day for the House District 35 Special Primary Election. Voters who are registered with the Republican or Democratic Parties, and live in District 35, are eligible to vote in this election. If you're unsure which House District you live in or which party you're currently registered with, you can check your voter status 24/7 on our website at https://www.voteosceola.gov/en-us/ Voter-Information/

Check-Your-Voter-Status or by calling our office Monday through Friday from 8-5 at 407-742-6000.



Important Dates for this Election:

October 10 **Book Closing**

(Last day to register for the first time or to change

your party affiliation)

Last day to request a mail ballot for this election October 26

October 28-November 4 Early Voting

> (Open at Narcoossee Community Center and the Supervisor of Elections Office from 9-6 daily)

Socials

Our social media footprint is growing! We have created an Instagram page and a Threads account. These two new accounts are in addition to our Twitter. Facebook and YouTube accounts. We hope to increase our reach and provide important election information to more voters in our county. Please use the QR code below to follow us on your chosen platform.













Recent Events

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Our fourth Election Worker mini class was held on July 13. This class focused on election etiquette and was well attended. We always have a good time when we get together with our election workers! Our outreach team visited the Hope Cares outreach on July 17. This is an event that services people experiencing homelessness.

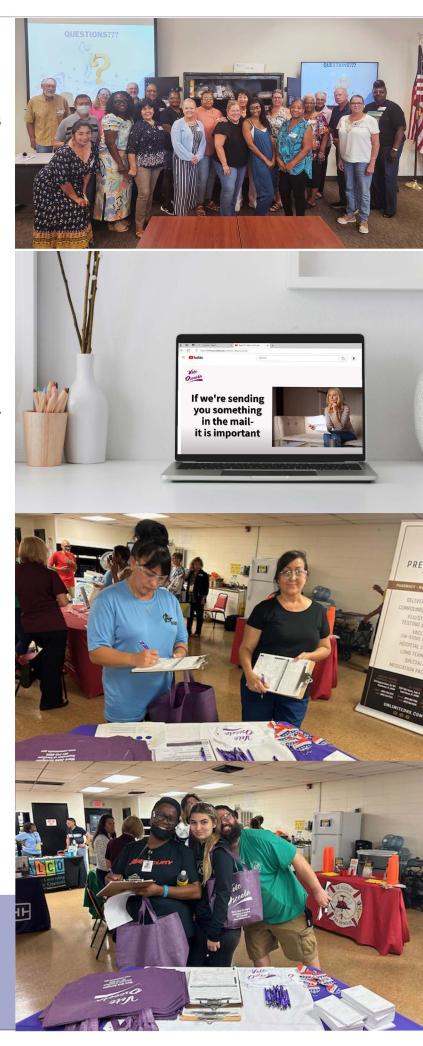
In July we were focused on reminding voters to read the mail we send out. The voter video for this month was supporting that idea. Watch it here: htt-ps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ShgUw-zOc5Xc

August

Back to school means back to busy season! High school voter registration began with visits to NeoCity Academy on August 21 and 22. Followed by PATHS and St. Cloud High School. National Poll Worker Recruitment Day was August 23. With this in mind, we asked several of our poll workers why they serve and created a video with some of their quotes. Check out what they said here: youtube.com/watch?v=vIwUccxr-GYo

Our outreach team made a visit to Mercury Marine for their employee wellness fair on August 24 where we assisted employees with voter registration and vote by mail requests.

From the top of the page down: Our election worker training, our Voter video of the month, and the Mercury Marine visit.



September

During September, we continued to create videos for our Canvassing Board series on YouTube. These videos help the public to understand what is happening at these meetings and what the Canvassing Board's duties are. To view the latest video, click here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-waGW3b-K2g

High school voter registration continued through this month with visits to Poinciana, Liberty, and Celebration High Schools. National Voter Registration Day was on September 19. Four election workers assisted us in working voter registration tables at both Kissimmee and St. Cloud City Hall.

Upcoming Events

Our outreach team will be stopping by Toho Water Authority's St. Cloud facility on October 4, setting up a booth at Viva Osceola on October 7, attending the Community Resource Expo at the Council on Aging on October 10 and continuing high school voter registration. Election worker orientations will take place for the 2024 election cycle, as well as election worker training for the House 35 Special Primary Election. Calendar Contest submissions are due by October 13. The Osceola County Canvassing Board will meet on October 24 and Early Voting will begin October 28 for the Special Primary Election.



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