

# Winter 2024 ELECTIONS NEWSLETTER



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Your Current Party Affiliation: Su Afiliación Partidaria Actual: Party: PARTY

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS / RECORDATORIOS IMPORTANTES**

FLORIDA IS A CLOSED PRIMARY STATE. If you wish to vote in a partisan primary, you must be registered with that particular party affiliation.

FLORIDA ES UN ESTADO DE PRIMARIAS CERRADAS. Si desea votar en una primaria partidaria, usted debe estar inscrito bajo tal afiliación partidaria.

PARTY CHANGE REQUESTS must be received or postmarked 29 days before the primary election.

SOLICITUDES DE CAMBIO DE PARTIDO deben ser recibidas o marcadas con matasello no más tarde de 29 días antes de las elecciones primarias.

UPDATE YOUR SIGNATURE  
Voter signatures can change over time. Complete a Voter Registration Application to update your signature.

ACTUALIZE SU FIRMA.  
Con el tiempo las firmas de los electores pueden cambiar. Llene una Solicitud de Inscripción Electoral para actualizar su firma.

Check your voter status here:

Verifique su estatus electoral aquí:

Your Voting Location Is: Su Centro Electoral Es: Precinct: POLLOCKAT / Location: POLLOCKAT / Address: POLLOCKAT

**2024 Election Dates: Fechas de elecciones del 2024:**

Presidential Preference Primary / Elecciones Primarias de Preferencia  
March 19, 2024 / 19 de marzo de 2024

Early Voting - March 9-17, 2024 / Votación Adelantada - 9 al 17 de marzo, 2024

Primary Election / Elecciones Primarias  
August 29, 2024 / 29 de agosto de 2024

Early Voting - August 5-18, 2024 / Votación Adelantada - 5 al 18 de agosto, 2024

General Election / Elecciones Generales  
November 5, 2024 / 5 de noviembre de 2024

Early Voting - October 21 - November 3, 2024 / Votación Adelantada - 21 de octubre al 3 de noviembre de 2024

**3 Convenient Ways to Vote / 3 Maneras Convenientes Para Votar**

Vote By Mail / Votar por Correo

Vote Early / Votar por Adelantado

Vote at the Polls on Election Day / Votar en su Centro Electoral el Día de Elecciones

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**CHECK YOUR POLLING LOCATION INFORMATION / VERIFIQUE LA INFORMACIÓN DE SU CENTRO ELECTORAL.**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**SAMPLE BALLOT ENCLOSED / PAPELETA DE MUESTRA INCLUIDA**

**Vote Osceola Special Primary Election for House District 35**  
Elección Especial Primaria Para Representante Estatal Distrito 35

You Have 3 Ways to Vote (United States 3 Maneras Para Votar)

1. At your polling location on Election Day / En su Centro Electoral el Día de la Elección
2. Vote by Mail ballot / En una papetela de votar por correo
3. At an Early Voting Site / En un Local de Votación Adelantada

Scan the QR Code to Request a Mail Ballot / Escanee el Código QR para Solicitar una Papetela de Votar por Correo

Track your mail ballot with BallotBox at [osceolamailballots.com](https://osceolamailballots.com)

Rastree su papetela de votar por correo con BallotBox en [osceolamailballots.com](https://osceolamailballots.com)

Look up Your Polling Location / Busque su Centro Electoral

## Mailers

On October 23, sample ballot mailers for the special primary election went out to all eligible voters in House District 35. These mailers included sample ballots, precinct and polling location information, early voting dates, times and locations, as well as information on how to track mail ballots.

On December 4, a mailer went out to every registered voter in the county. This mailer was an election notice with dates and information concerning all three major elections in the 2024 cycle. It also included each voter's polling location and party. We are hopeful that voters will reference this mailer when planning to vote this year. If you did not receive the election notice, please check your voter status at [www.voteosceola.gov](https://www.voteosceola.gov) to make sure your address is up to date.

## New Machines

Osceola County is upgrading its tabulation machines from DS200s to DS300s. The upgraded machines and software are integral to the continued cyber and physical security efforts of our office. These machines will be present at all Early Voting sites and Election Day locations beginning with the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary. Voters, most likely, will not notice a difference. The voter interface on these machines is very similar to what voters are used to.





### PPP

Every four years we hold a Presidential Preference Primary, or PPP. This year's PPP falls on March 19. The Republican Party is the only party holding a primary for president this election cycle. This means that only Republican candidates will appear on the ballot and only those voters who are registered as Republicans will be eligible to vote in the election.

The last day to change your party to vote in the PPP is February 20. This date is referred to as book closing. Supervisor Arrington recommends that all voters check their voter status prior to book closing. This way all voters can be sure which party they are registered with and be prepared for all upcoming elections.

### Special Election

A special primary election was held on November 7 for Florida House of Representatives District 35. House District 35 only covers a portion of Osceola County and falls mostly in Orange County. If you do not live in the very eastern portions of our county, you did not miss an election! Also, it was a closed primary so only registered Republicans and Democrats were eligible to vote. All eligible voters were sent mailers to notify them of this election.

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We opened 8 polling locations on Election Day. These included Narcoossee Middle School, Narcoossee Community Center, Kenansville Community Center, Holopaw Community Center, Osceola Road and Bridge Facility, and Fire Stations 52, 53 and 54. Only the Narcoossee Community Center and Supervisor of Elections early voting sites were open during the 8 day early voting period. There were three Republican candidates and three Democratic candidates on each ballot.

Ultimately, there was a 21.64% turnout in this election with Republican Erika Booth and Democrat Tom Keen coming away with wins. These two candidates will appear on the ballot for the special election to be held on January 16. The same districts are involved in this election but this time, those voters who are registered with a minor party or have no party affiliation are eligible to vote. Voters with vote-by-mail requests should have received their ballot at this point. Early voting began on January 6 and runs through January 13 at both early voting sites between 9am and 6pm daily.

### Voter Education: Calendar Contest

Our third biannual calendar contest wrapped up in November with an Election Gallery on November 2. Students from all over the county submitted artwork to our office. All their artwork was displayed at our Election Gallery where attendees had the opportunity to vote for their favorite pieces in each age group.

Attendees voted on paper ballots that were inserted in a DS200 tabulation machine- just like we do in actual elections! The winners of the election earned spots in our 2024-2025 election calendar. If you didn't get yours yet, stop by our office to pick one up.





# Recent Events

## October

October was a very busy month for our office! High school voter registration activities finished up with visits to Gateway, Harmony, Tohopekaliga and Osceola High Schools. Our outreach team also had tables set up at Viva Osceola on October 7, the Community Resources Expo at the Council on Aging on October 10 and the ALCO job fair on October 17. The election worker department also began training workers for the November special primary election and held new worker orientations for the 2024 election cycle. The month wrapped up with the beginning of Early Voting for the special primary election.



## November

The Election Art Gallery was held on November 2 from 10 to 7. This event began with a ribbon cutting for our new operations center featuring several county commissioners, the county manager and Supervisor Arrington. All attendees to the event were invited to go on a tour of the new facility as well as vote for their favorite student art pieces.

Of course, the special primary election was on November 7. This means that Early Voting lasted through November 4, and we had four canvassing board meetings. The last meeting was held on November 14. At that meeting, the canvassing board compiled the official results and conducted a manual audit of election results.

## December

Outreach staff attended several events in December to give away our 2024-25 election calendars. You may have spotted team members at the St. Cloud Christmas Parade on December 2, the Kissimmee Christmas Festival or Commissioner Janer's Parranda on December 9. The election worker department conducted training for the January special election on December 6 and 7.



## Upcoming Events

The House District 35 Special Election is on January 16. Early Voting began on January 6 and the last day to request a mail ballot was January 4.

# Letter from Mary Jane, Your Supervisor

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This season has been a busy one at the elections office. On the heels of finishing our high school voter registration outreaches in October, we officially opened up our brand new operations center, hosted our biannual calendar contest and art gallery, and ran the Special Primary Election for House District 35.

At high school voter registrations this year we registered and pre-registered 1,680 students to vote. We were excited to involve this new group of students in the election process. Many of them will turn 18 and be eligible to vote this year and election cycle.

Our new operations center now gives us a space where we can provide training in two locations for our election workers. We are thrilled to begin using this space in February for the many training sessions we offer to our election workers, making sure they have numerous opportunities to prepare and expand their election knowledge leading up to election day.

The Special Primary Election for House District 35 had 3,596 ballots cast to determine the candidates from the Republican and Democratic parties to be on the ballot in the election on January 16. We had a 21.64% voter turnout in this primary and we hope to see the percentage of active voters increase in the Special Election, to be held on January 16, as we kick off this busy election year.

As we look forward to all that is coming up in 2024, we will be running not just three, but four elections. January 16th we have the Special Election for House District 35, March 19th we have the Presidential Preference Primary, the Primary Election is August 20, and the General Election is November 5th. You recently received a mailer that was sent to all our voters with the election dates for this year highlighting the three ways our county offers to vote and the numerous ways that voters may update their registration or request a mail ballot. Please check the information about you and make sure it is correct.

I am excited for yet another exciting year of elections with the Osceola County elections office.

Your Supervisor of Elections,

*Mary Jane Arrington*

