

Spring Newsletter

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SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS ✦

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**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS -
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Welcome to the 2024 Spring Elections Newsletter!

Firstly, I would like to express my gratitude to the voters of Osceola County. My staff and I work hard to ensure that voting is as easy and convenient for you as possible in Osceola County. Secondly, thank you to our Election Workers without whom running forty-nine Election Day polling locations would not be possible. Your dedication allowed us to keep our polling locations running smoothly and effectively.

It has been a busy season at the Elections office! We kicked off 2024 with the Special Election for House District 35. Following that election we went straight into preparations for and then the facilitation of the Presidential Preference Primary. During the time in between, the Outreach team kicked into gear making sure all of Osceola County's newest residents had convenient opportunities for voter registration before the election deadline.

After successfully completing the building of our new Operations Center we held a total of 46 Election Worker classes to train and equip our Election Workers in time for the Presidential Preference Primary Election. Each year we have refined the Election Worker training process to best equip our Election Workers for Election Day processes and to provide our voters with the optimal voting experience including minimal wait times and quick ID checks.

Finally, as informed voters you are a vital part of the election process in our county. It is important that you share the important election information you receive from our office with your friends and family to ensure that no one misses an opportunity to be involved and to come vote. For all the latest news and notices you can visit our website at VoteOsceola.Gov.

Together we can make sure that we all use our voices to make a difference in our county and community.

Enjoy this month's newsletter!

Mary Jane Arrington,

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you can expect:**

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Recent Events

January

We kicked off 2024 with an election. The logic and accuracy testing for the 2024 Special Election for House District 35 was on January 2. Early voting for this election began January 6 and election day was January 16. The outreach team also had a busy month.

They were at the Martin Luther King, Jr festival in Kissimmee on January 13, held an election for the Indian Point Homeowner's Association on January 20, conducted voter registration at the courthouse on January 22, and began high school voter registration for the semester at Poinciana High School on January 26.



February

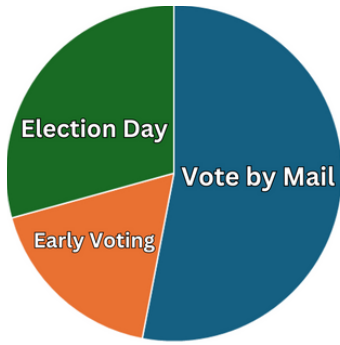
High school voter registration continued throughout the month of February. The outreach team began visiting schools to conduct Sunshine State Young Reader Awards elections. The first SSYRA election was held at Narcoossee Middle on February 28. Our team was at the courthouse on February 12 and if you missed us there, you may have seen us at An Evening with the Agencies on February 22. Election worker training for the Presidential Preference Primary began on February 19 and book closing for this election was February 20. We celebrated Leap Day with logic and accuracy testing for the Presidential Preference Primary.



March

Outreach staff did not slow down in the month of March. You may have seen them out at the Sheriff's Community Appreciation Day on March 2 or the Kowtown Festival on March 23. They also continued to conduct SSYRA elections at Bellalago K-8, Celebration High School, Horizon Middle, Canoe Creek K-8 and Reedy Creek Elementary, as well as voter registration at Liberty High School. They also conduct supervised voting at 4 facilities. Of course, the Presidential Preference Primary was held on March 19.

PPP Recap



The Presidential Preference Primary for the Republican Party was held on March 19, 2024. There was a 19.75% turnout of Republican voters for this election with the majority of voters casting their ballots by mail. Of the more than 11,000 ballots cast, 6,174 of them were vote-by-mail ballots. A breakdown of election results can be found on our website at <https://www.voteosceola.gov/en-us/Election-Results/2024-Election-Results>. The graphic above shows the breakdown of the portion of votes that came from each voting method.



Social Media Accounts

Did you know that you can find our office on most social media platforms? We would like to encourage you to follow us on any platform you are part of. Social media is a great, free communication tool for our office. We'd like to reach as many voters as possible where they hang out online.

The more you like and share our posts, the more people in our community are exposed to trustworthy election information. We are on the following platforms:

- Facebook- OsceolaCountySOE
 - Twitter- @VoteOsceola
 - Instagram- @OsceolaCountySOE
 - Threads- @OsceolaCountySOE
 - YouTube- @OsceolaCountySOE
- #followus!

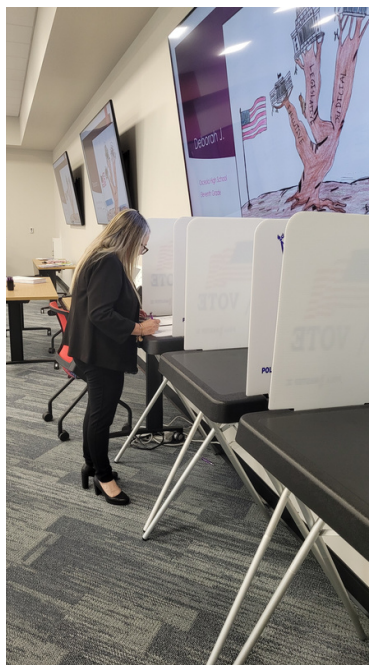
OCEA

Our office offers outside election services. This means that if you are part of an organization that needs to hold an election, we can run it for you! Every year, we assist the Osceola County Educators Association with their officer elections. The OCEA provides all the ballot information for their organization. After we print the ballots, members of the organization vote and then we tabulate those ballots on our machines. After every vote has been counted, we provide the OCEA with the election results.



Voter education: SSYRA

Schools across Osceola County participate in the Sunshine State Young Reader Awards. This program involves students reading books from a specified list and voting for their favorite one. This is where our office comes in! Our outreach staff visits schools that request our help in running their election. Staff brings real ballots and a tabulation machine so students from kindergarten through 12th grade can practice voting. The aim of this program is to help students become familiar with the voting process so they will be ready to come out to vote when they turn 18.





Supervised Voting

Florida law requires that the Supervisor of Elections Office offer supervised voting to nursing homes and assisted living facilities that have at least 5 people who want to vote in an election. This means that staff members will bring vote-by-mail ballots to these voters and assist them in filling it out. Then, staff will return these ballots to the office directly. There are always two staff members from differing parties that visit these sites to ensure that voters are getting unbiased assistance.

Prior to the supervised voting visits, outreach staff conducts voter registration at nursing homes and assisted living facilities that choose to participate. This is so voters can update their information, most importantly, their signatures. Signatures change as we age and it's important that the signature on your voter record is current.

If you reside in a nursing home or assisted living facility and we have not come by to see you, please speak with your activities director who can schedule a visit prior to the August Primary Election.

Thank you for reading!

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