

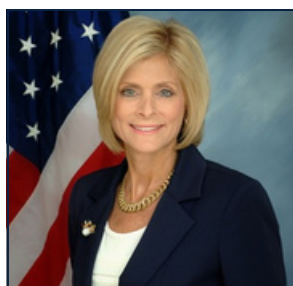


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Message From Your Supervisor

New features on SOE website

Interactive mapping tool makes it easy to identify voting precincts, polling locations, explore political districts

Leslie R. Swan

The Indian River County Supervisor of Elections Office has launched an interactive mapping tool on its website that makes it easy for residents to identify their voting precinct and polling location and explore the political districts in which they reside.

The interactive precinct map allows voters to enter their address and determine their assigned precinct and polling location. The Elections Office also has added district mapping features that allow residents to view district boundaries throughout Indian River County.

The district maps include:

- U.S. Congressional District
- Florida State Senate District
- Florida State House District
- Indian River County Commission District
- Indian River County School Board District
- Indian River Mosquito Control District
- Sebastian Inlet Tax District

To access the maps, visit VoteIndianRiver.gov, select Election Information, then Maps.

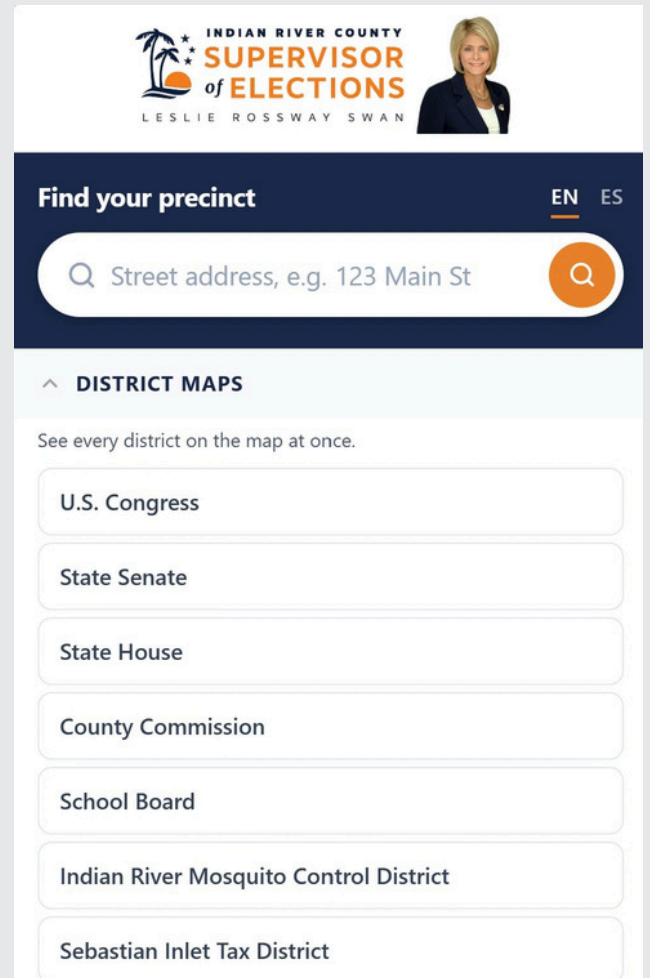
From there, voters can select Interactive Precinct Map, and then District Maps. District boundaries are displayed for all of the county's political subdivisions.

The Elections Office website also provides a separate Find Your Precinct tool for voters who want to enter their address and locate their assigned Election Day polling place.

Additionally, the interactive mapping tool features a Precinct Directory, allowing residents to select any of Indian River County's 22 Election Day polling locations to view the physical address and obtain driving directions through Google Maps or Apple Maps.

The interactive mapping tool also provides convenient access to online voter services, where

Visit VoteIndianRiver.gov



The screenshot shows the website interface for the Indian River County Supervisor of Elections. At the top, there is a header with the county logo and the supervisor's name, Leslie Rossway Swan. Below this is a dark blue navigation bar with the text 'Find your precinct' and language options 'EN' and 'ES'. A search bar is present with the placeholder text 'Street address, e.g. 123 Main St' and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar, there is a section titled 'DISTRICT MAPS' with a sub-header 'See every district on the map at once.' A list of district maps is displayed, including U.S. Congress, State Senate, State House, County Commission, School Board, Indian River Mosquito Control District, and Sebastian Inlet Tax District.

residents can check their voter registration information, track the status of a vote-by-mail ballot, learn how to become an Election Worker, and contact the Supervisor of Elections Office.

“Our interactive map is an excellent resource for residents who want to better understand their voting precinct and the district that represent their address,” said Leslie Rossway Swan, Indian River County Supervisor of Elections.

“We are continually looking for ways to make election information more accessible, convenient and easy to understand for the residents we serve.”

The mapping tool is available to all Indian River County residents and can be accessed online at VoteIndianRiver.gov.



SOE Election News



Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan, left, welcomes the public to the Poll Watcher Orientation conducted Sept. 10 at the Elections Office. Swan reviewed the guidelines for being a poll watcher, inspiring attendees with her passion and expertise, making sure every poll watcher is ready to serve the community.

Poll watchers schooled on rules

By Elections Staff

Poll watchers are specially trained, credentialed volunteers approved by the Supervisor of Elections.

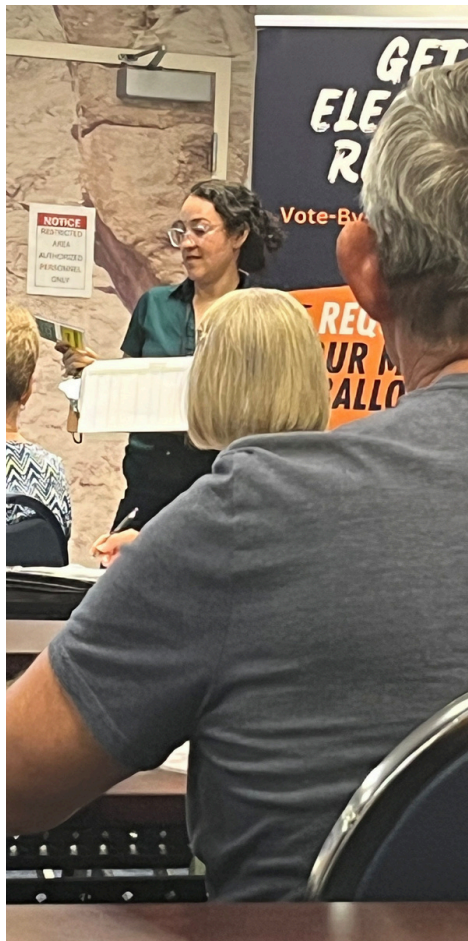
Indian River County conducted its Poll Watcher Orientation on Sept. 10 at the Elections Office.

A poll watcher is an individual designated by a candidate, political party, or political committee to watch and observe the conduct of elections.

Requirements for being a poll watcher:

- Registered voter in Indian River County
- Designated by a candidate, political party, or political committee
- Can complete about one hour of orientation or training
- Can commit to one or more shifts during early voting and on Election Day.

For more information, contact a candidate, political party or committee or call 772-226-4700.



Elections team member Daisy Zamora reviews the application process and rules during the Poll Watcher Orientation conducted Sept. 10 at the Elections Office.

REGISTERED VOTERS IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

(As of Sept. 30, 2026)

DEMOCRAT - 26,444

REPUBLICAN - 63,571

NPA - 24,009

OTHER - 5,419

TOTAL - 119,443

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Be sure to like and follow us on social media to receive frequent updates and accurate information from your trusted source of voting and election information in Indian River County.



#VOTEINDIANRIVER



COVER PHOTOGRAPH

Elections Warehouse and Logistics Manager Joe Crowley demonstrates the features of the ExpressVote accessible ballot-marking device, which is available at all early voting locations and polling places on Election Day. Story on **Page 4**.



Accessible voting options for visually impaired voters

Help America Vote Act provides voters with disabilities the opportunity to mark, cast, verify their ballots

By Elections Staff

A team from the Indian River County Supervisor of Elections Office presented information on accessible voting options to the Vision by the See Low Vision Support Group on Sept. 4 at the Florida Eye Institute in Vero Beach.

The presentation focused on voting options available to visually impaired voters and how they can cast their ballot privately and independently.

Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan spoke to the group about the various accessible voting options available to visually impaired and blind voters. She explained that the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), enacted by Congress in 2002, established important federal requirements designed to provide voters with disabilities the opportunity to mark, cast and verify their ballots in secret, without the assistance of others.

“Every voter should have the opportunity to participate in the election process unassisted,” said Supervisor Swan. “Our office is committed to making sure voters with visual impairments know about the options available to them and feel comfortable using the resources provided.”

Elections Administration Coordinator Katie Otto explained how visually impaired voters can use an accessible vote-by-mail option. An accessible ballot can be delivered electronically to the voter via email, allowing the voter to use a computer and compatible screen-reader technology to



Above: Indian River County Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan, left, speaks to members of the Vision by the See Low Vision Support Group on Sept. 4 at the Florida Eye Institute in Vero Beach about voting options available to visually impaired and blind voters. **Below:** Elections Warehouse and Logistics Manager Joe Crowley, middle, demonstrates the ExpressVote accessible ballot-marking device, which will be available during the November General Election at all early voting locations and on Election Day at all polling places.



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Voting options for visually impaired

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navigate and mark the ballot.

Another option for the voter involves printing the emailed ballot and manually marking it. Voted ballots must be returned by mail or in person; they cannot be returned electronically.

Elections Warehouse and Logistics Manager Joe Crowley demonstrated the features of the ExpressVote accessible ballot-marking device, which is available at all early voting locations and polling places on Election Day.

The device provides an accessible way for voters with disabilities to mark their ballots, including through audio and other accessibility features. Florida requires at least one accessible voting device at each polling place.

Supervisor Swan also discussed Supervised Voting, a

service available to residents residing in assisted living facilities and nursing homes.

When requested, the Supervisor of Elections team coordinates with the facility, delivers the ballots and provides election staff to supervise the voting process. Arrangements are coordinated with the facility administrator.

The presentation provided members of the Vision by the See Low Vision Support Group with an opportunity to learn about the resources available to them and ask questions about accessible voting.

The Supervisor of Elections Office encourages voters with disabilities to contact the office before an election to learn about the accessible voting options available to them.

For more information, call the office at 772-226-4700. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



National Voter Registration Day

Supervisor of Elections staff celebrated National Voter Registration Day on Sept. 15 at the Indian River State College Mueller Campus, where a voter registration drive was conducted in the Schumann Center. Students and members of the community were able to stop by to register, update their voter record, request a Vote By Mail ballot or simply ask questions.

Getting fit at GYAC



What a privilege to "work out" a time with the Gifford Youth Achievement Center's low-impact aerobics class. During a recent visit, Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan shared the importance of exercising the right to vote during a visit to an aerobics class.



250 YEARS: EVOLUTION OF THE VOTE

The way Americans vote has evolved dramatically over the years, with technology playing a significant role

By Elections Staff

Here in the United States of America, we are truly blessed to have the right to vote.

Generations before us fought — and some even gave their lives — to secure the freedoms and rights we enjoy today. We are fortunate to live in a country where every eligible citizen has the opportunity to choose their leaders through the democratic process.

The way we vote has evolved dramatically over the years, with technology playing a significant role in making elections more efficient, accessible, and secure.

In Indian River County, our earliest voting system was as simple as a wooden ballot box. Voters marked their choices on paper and placed their ballots into the box.

In 1957, the county introduced the Shoup voting machine. Voters stepped behind a privacy curtain and made their selections by pulling mechanical levers.

Then, in 1986, Indian River County transitioned to the punch card voting system, where voters punched holes in a ballot card to record their choices.

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Above: The Shoup voting machine. **Far left:** Wooden ballot box. **Left:** Punch Card voting system.

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By 2002, touchscreen voting machines replaced punch cards, marking another significant technological advancement.

In 2008, the county returned to paper ballots for most voters, while touchscreen machines remained available for voters with disabilities.

When state law later required all voters to cast paper ballots, Indian River County upgraded its system again. In 2017, the county implemented a new optical scan voting system that included ballot-marking devices, allowing voters with disabilities to independently mark a paper ballot before it was scanned and counted.

Election technology has evolved beyond the voting equipment itself.

We transitioned from paper poll books — where voters searched for their names and signed beside them — to electronic poll books.

Today, election workers quickly access a voter's record electronically, and voters sign on a digital signature pad. Those signatures are used to verify in-person voting, vote-by-mail ballots, and petition signatures.

We also deploy ballot-on-demand printers. Rather than storing thousands of preprinted ballots at each polling place, a voter's precinct-specific ballot is printed immediately after they check in, improving both efficiency and accuracy.

Election workers are truly the backbone of every election.

Our office has only 12 full-time employees, yet on Election Day we operate 22 polling locations; and four early voting sites during Early Voting. That requires the dedication of more than 300 trained election workers during a General Election.

Before every election, each election worker attends comprehensive training, where they receive hands-on experience with voting equipment and

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Above: Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan, center, and staff members get trained on the electronic poll books (EViD) and ballot on demand (BOD) printers. **At left:** The Optech Insight ballot reader. **Below:** Express Vote machines are tested before an election. The ballot-marking devices allow voters with disabilities to independently mark a paper ballot before it is scanned and counted.



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and learn the procedures and safeguards that ensure every voter can cast their ballot with confidence.

Our election workers come from every political party and all walks of life. They share a common commitment to serving their community and preserving the integrity of the democratic process. They understand they are helping shape history with every election.

Of course, elections begin with candidates.

Our role is to guide candidates through every step of the qualifying process. There are three ways to qualify for office: by petition, by paying the qualifying fee, or by qualifying as a write-in candidate.

We encourage anyone who believes they can make a positive difference in their community to consider running for office. Public service requires dedication and hard work, but it also provides the opportunity to create meaningful change.

The Indian River County Supervisor of Elections Office serves as the gateway to voter registration for county residents. On average, we process between 100 and 125 voter registration applications every day.

Applications arrive from many sources, including the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, online voter registration, the mail, and visitors to our office.

Once registered anywhere in Florida, a voter's registration record follows them when they move within the state. That statewide system is important because it helps ensure that every eligible voter can vote — and only once — in each election.

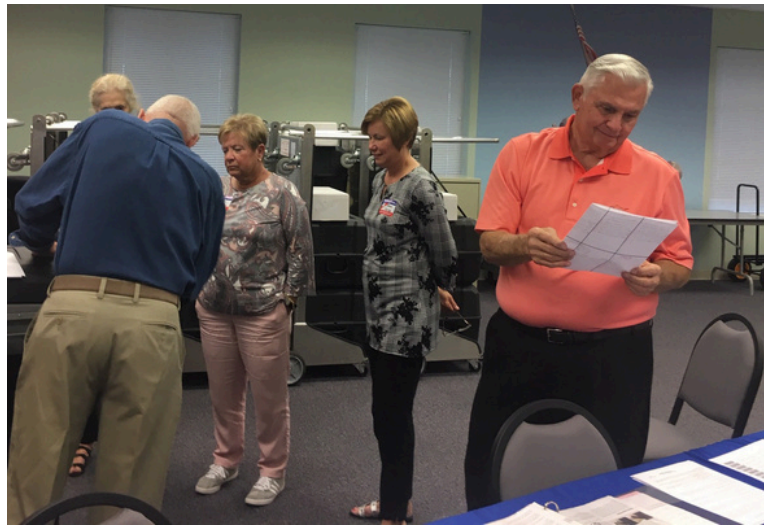
Florida voters who wish to vote by mail must request a vote-by-mail ballot. They can make that request by contacting our office, through our website, or by submitting the statewide voter registration application.

For many voters, voting by mail is a convenient and reliable option. During the 2024 presidential election, our office received and processed more than 31,000 vote-by-mail ballots.

To tabulate those ballots, we use high-speed optical scan tabulators capable of processing approximately 280 ballots per minute. These machines are both fast and highly accurate.

Only authorized members of the tabulation team are permitted in the tabulation room. Restricting access

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Above: Election workers are the backbone of every election. Training is conducted before every election. **At left:** Voter Services Manager Katherine Bauman conducts a voter registration drive in Vero Beach.. **Below:** Vote By Mail ballots are delivered to the downtown Vero Beach Post Office in 2022 by staff members Daisy Zamora, Joe and Sue Crowley.





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helps maintain consistency, prevent errors, and preserve the integrity of the process. Accuracy is paramount. If anything appears inconsistent, we immediately stop, investigate, and resolve the issue before proceeding.

Every election is overseen by the Canvassing Board. By law, the board consists of a county court judge, the Supervisor of Elections, and the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners.

The Canvassing Board is responsible for overseeing key aspects of the election process.

For example, if the signature on a vote-by-mail ballot certificate does not appear to match the voter's signature on file, we contact the voter and provide an opportunity to cure the issue by submitting a signed affidavit. If no affidavit is received, the Canvassing Board makes the final determination on whether the ballot will be accepted.

Once an election has been certified, the auditing process begins. Every ballot is independently audited using a secure, closed system that is not connected to the internet and does not use Wi-Fi or Bluetooth. Rather than auditing only a single race, we audit every contest on every ballot.

Auditing is essential because it builds public confidence. When the results produced by our independent audit match the results from our official tabulation system, voters can be assured that the election results are accurate, reliable, and trustworthy.

Voting is one of the defining characteristics of our nation. For nearly 250 years, Americans have peacefully shaped the future of their communities through the ballot box.

Voting is woven into the very fabric of America. Like the threads in a piece of cloth, our democracy is strengthened by every citizen who chooses to participate. It is your future. It is your voice. It is your right. People have fought for that right. People have sacrificed for it.

Some have even given their lives to protect it.

With every election over the past 250 years, Americans have continued weaving the fabric of our nation. Our democracy depends not on force, but on participation.

Change happens through the voting process — through peaceful reform, civic engagement, and the collective voices of the American people.

Above: Staff member Katie Otto talks about the petition process for qualifying candidates for office. **At right:** Staff members test the DS 200 ballot tabulating machines in 2024. **Below:** In 2022, staff members used an automatic letter opener to open Vote-By-Mail certificate envelopes prior to processing.



34,307 vote in August Primary

Elections Office is a busy place leading up to Election Day

By Elections Staff

Twenty nine percent of registered voters in Indian River County participated in the 2026 August Primary Election, which breaks down to 34,307 residents, out of 118,078 registered voters, casting ballots.

Residents voted for their top picks for Indian River County offices; along with partisan candidates for Congress, Governor, State Representative and other state and national offices.

After the polls closed at 7 p.m. Aug. 18, ballots from early voting, vote by mail and election day were reported from all 36 precincts in Indian River County.

Leading up to Election Day, Supervisor of Elections staff prepared vote by mail ballots, conducted election worker training and tested election equipment to make sure everything ran smoothly when voters cast their ballots.

Election Worker Coordinator Jenny Obergfell, with the assistance of the elections staff, offered Election Worker Training in July to 250 volunteers for the positions of EViD operator, clerk, assistant clerk, deputy and field technician. Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan, Chief Deputy Maureen Houssell, Logistics & Equipment Manager Joe Crowley and IT Manager David Cruz assisted Obergfell with the training sessions held over two weeks in July.

Indian River County conducted its Logic & Accuracy test of the voting equipment on July 24.

Canvassing Board members Judge Nicole Menz, County Commissioner Joe Earman and Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan were on hand to witness the tests. The public also was welcome. All equipment tested ready for the August Primary Election.

The initial mail-out of Vote By Mail ballots was July 9. By the end of Primary Election night, 14,031 Vote By Mail ballots had been tallied.

The SOE team was excited to welcome early voters from Aug. 8 to Aug. 15.

Indian River County now has four early voting sites: the SOE office on 43rd Avenue, the Main Library in downtown Vero Beach, Sebastian City Hall on Main Street and a new, south county location: the Intergenerational Recreation Center on Oslo Road.

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Above: During the August Primary Election, the SOE office had a special visit when a granddaughter helped her grandmother cast her vote, making the experience to the Secure Ballot Intake Station even sweeter. **Below:** Volunteers attend Election Worker Training in July in preparation for the Aug. 18 Primary Election.





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Elections Office is a busy place leading up to Election Day

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At the close of early voting, 7,917 voters had walked through the doors to cast ballots.

For the first time, the Elections Office partnered with the Indian River County Sheriff's Office to have Sgt. Joerger and K9 Chaz stop by the Election Day precincts during set-up to ensure a safe and secure environment for all.

Election Day in Indian River County was a busy one.

Due to population growth of Indian River County, an additional polling location has been established at the Indian River State College Richardson Center. This new location is Precinct 35.

Precinct 19, located at Central Assembly of God, has been divided into two precincts. Some voters are now assigned to the newly created Precinct 35. The Richardson Center is at 6155 College Lane, Vero Beach, on the Mueller Campus of Indian River State College.

The SOE Office no longer uses the Vero Beach Moose Lodge #1822 as a polling location. Voters who previously voted there vote at the Intergenerational Recreation Center in Room 112. The IG Center is located at 1590 Ninth St. S.W., Vero Beach.

Election Day saw 12,359 voters take the time to come to the polls to cast ballots.



Above: SOE staff Maureen Houssell, left, Joe Crowley and Sue Crowley load equipment on set-up day for August Primary Early Voting. **Left:** Indian River County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Joerger and K9 Chaz stop by the Election Day precincts during set-up to ensure a safe and secure environment. **Below:** Canvassing Board members County Commissioner Joe Earman, left, Judge Nicole Menz, and Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan review results on Primary Election night.



Elections team member Daisy Zamora welcomes voters to the Supervisor of Elections Office on 43rd Avenue.





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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY POLLING LOCATIONS

Precinct(s)	Polling Place	Address	City	Zip
1, 12, 13	Lakewood Village Clubhouse	1455 90th Ave	Vero Beach	32966
2, 3	Fellsmere Community Bible Church	12 N. Hickory St	Fellsmere	32948
4, 9, 36	North County Public Library	1001 Sebastian Blvd	Sebastian	32958
5, 6	Sebastian Community Center	1805 N Central Ave	Sebastian	32958
7	Sebastian Church of God	281 Delaware Avenue	Sebastian	32958
8	Sebastian Elks Lodge No. 2714	731 South Fleming St	Sebastian	32958
10, 11	Sebastian Christian Church	190 Day Dr	Sebastian	32958
14, 16	School District of Indian River County	6500 57th St	Vero Beach	32967
15, 17	Realtors Association IRC	3250 67th St	Vero Beach	32967
18	Gifford Community Center	4855 43rd Ave	Vero Beach	32967
19	Central Assembly of God	6767 20th St	Vero Beach	32966
20	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall	1590 27th Ave	Vero Beach	32960
21, 22, 24	Our Savior Lutheran Church	1850 6th Ave	Vero Beach	32960
23	Unity Church of Vero Beach	950 43rd Ave	Vero Beach	32960
25	Intergenerational Recreation Center - Room 112	1590 9th St SW	Vero Beach	32962
26	Morning Star Church	698 Timber Ridge Trail SW	Vero Beach	32962
27	Royal Palm Clubhouse Vista Royale	400 Woodland Dr	Vero Beach	32962
28	Intergenerational Recreation Center - Gym	1590 9th St SW	Vero Beach	32962
29, 30, 31, 32	Indian River Shores Community Center	6001 Hwy A1A	Indian River Shores	32963
33	Christ By The Sea UMC	3755 Hwy A1A	Vero Beach	32963
34	Holy Cross Catholic Church	500 Iris Ln	Vero Beach	32963
35	Indian River State College, Richardson Center	6155 College Ln	Vero Beach	32966

New precinct locations: Indian River State College Richardson Center and Intergenerational Recreation Center.

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Your Vote-By-Mail ballot request expired in 2024. You can renew it now!
Email this completed form to votebymail@voteindianriver.gov;
or mail it to 4375 43rd Ave., Vero Beach, Fla. 32967.

Statewide Vote-By-Mail Ballot Request Form

(s. 101.62, F.S.)

To request a vote-by-mail ballot for yourself, complete only the top section.
To request a vote-by-mail ballot for someone who directly instructed you to do so, complete both sections.

Voter's Name: _____ Voter's Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Voter's Florida driver license (FL DL) or Florida identification (FL ID) card number:

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If no FL
DL or FL
ID, then
provide

last 4 digits of Social Security Number:

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Voter's Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Voter's mailing
address for ballot:

(only if different than
home address)

City: _____

State: _____ Zip code: _____ Country, if outside US: _____

Please update my ☐ residential address and/or my ☐ mailing address in my voter record with the information listed above.

Phone number (optional): _____ Email address (optional): _____

This request is good for all elections through the end of the calendar year of the next general election. If you only want a ballot for specific elections, list them here: _____

Voter's Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____
(not required if voter is an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter, or if request is made by a designee)

You must also complete the section below if you are requesting a Vote-by-Mail Ballot for someone else.

Designee's Name: _____

Designee's Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Designee's driver license or identification card number:

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If no
DL or
ID, then
provide

last 4 digits of Social Security Number:

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Phone number (optional): _____ Email address (optional): _____

Designee's relationship to the voter:

☐ Spouse

☐ Grandparent

☐ Parent of voter's spouse

☐ Child of voter's spouse

☐ Sibling of voter's spouse

☐ Voter's legal guardian

☐ Parent

☐ Grandchild

☐ Grandparent of voter's spouse

☐ Grandchild of voter's spouse

☐ Designee for a voter with a disability

☐ Child

☐ Sibling

Designee's Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

The voter directly instructed me to make this request for them.

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2026 General Election

Election Day: Nov. 3

Early Voting:

8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 19 to Oct. 31

Extended Hours: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Oct. 22, Oct. 29

Early Voting Locations:

- Indian River County Supervisor of Elections Office, 4375 43rd Ave., Vero Beach
- Indian River County Main Library, 1600 21st St., Vero Beach
- Intergenerational Recreation Center, 1590 9th St. SW, Vero Beach
- Sebastian City Hall, 1225 Main St., Sebastian

Vote By Mail request deadline:

5 p.m., Oct. 22

Deadline to register to vote:

Oct. 5



Questions: Call 772-226-4700