INDIAN RIVER COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

SPRING NEWSLETTER

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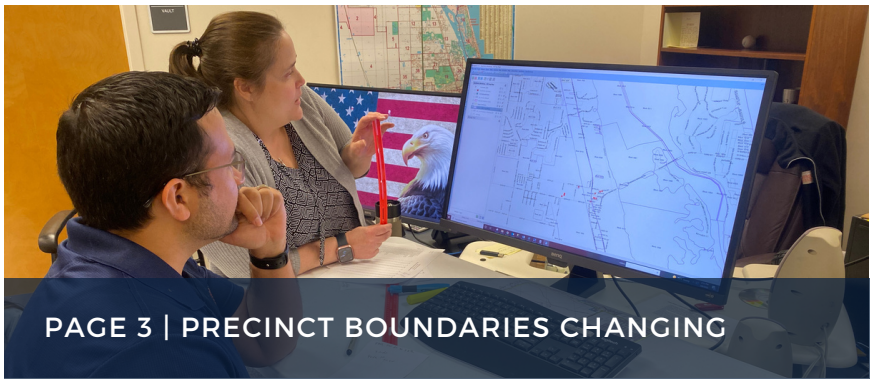

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AND MORE...

MESSAGE FROM YOUR SUPERVISOR

Leslie R. Swan

The 2022 election cycle brings some important changes to voting in Indian River County. Precinct boundaries and polling locations are changing and will be in effect for the August 23 Primary Election.

The 2020 Census numbers have prompted changes to Florida's district maps for federal, state and local offices. Many precinct boundary lines and Election Day polling locations have changed.

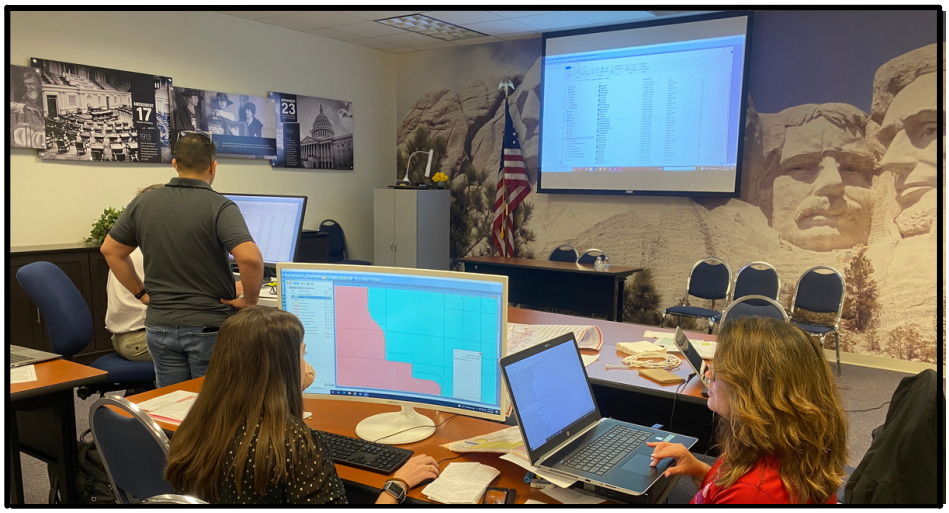
To inform voters regarding updated polling information, all voters in Indian River County should be on the lookout for a new Voter Information Card. Voter cards will go out in the mail in mid-June. Voters should carefully review their new voter card and make note of their Election Day polling place, which may have changed from previous elections. Voters may also visit the Supervisor of Elections website at VoteIndianRiver.gov or contact the Elections Office at 772-226-4700 to confirm their Election Day polling location.

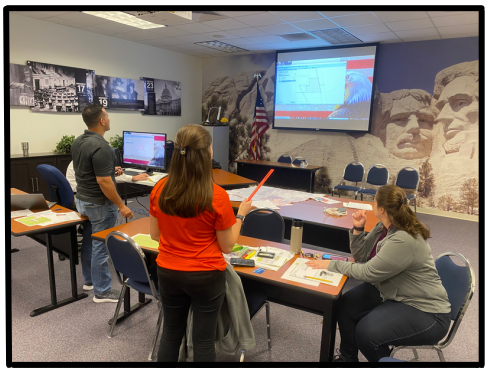
Early voting hours have been extended for the Primary Election. The polls at early voting sites will be open from 7 a.m. thru 4 p.m. on August 13 – 20. Early voting will be offered at the Main Library in Vero Beach, Sebastian City Hall Council Chambers, and the Supervisor of Elections Office.

For 24/7 comprehensive voting information visit VoteIndianRiver.gov.

ELECTION MOMENTS

Election Worker Coordinator Jenny Davis married Garrett Obergfell on March 15, 2022 in Pray, Montana. Jenny and Garrett both attended the University of Central Florida but didn't start dating until after they graduated. They dated for four years before tying the knot.





PRECINCT BOUNDARIES & POLLING LOCATIONS ARE CHANGING

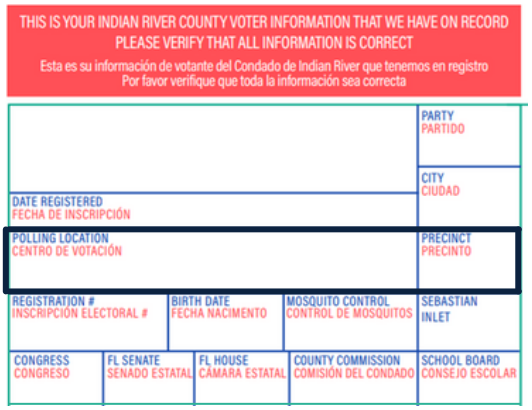
County governments use the Census data to redraw district lines to reflect shifts in population. One of the most important goals of this process, called redistricting, is ensuring that populations among the county's commission districts are as nearly equal as possible.

Much like the county commission districts, the Elections Office takes data from the Census to redraw voting precincts to reflect not only the current population but future growth in Indian River County. This meticulous process doesn't happen over night. Elections Office staff spent weeks reviewing the maps and data to determine the new precinct boundaries and polling locations.

The Elections Office proposed a few notable changes that were approved by the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, May 3. Two new polling places were added in the City of Sebastian (North County Public Library and Sebastian Church of God), and one new polling place in the county (Morning Star Church). A majority of precincts have new precinct numbers.

All registered voters in Indian River County will receive a voter information card with their updated polling place information in June.

For more information about polling location changes, please visit our website at VoteIndianRiver.gov or call the Elections Office at 772-226-4700.


THIS IS YOUR INDIAN RIVER COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION THAT WE HAVE ON RECORD
PLEASE VERIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION IS CORRECT
Esta es su información de votante del Condado de Indian River que tenemos en registro
Por favor verifique que toda la información sea correcta

PARTY / PARTIDO
CITY / CIUDAD
DATE REGISTERED / FECHA DE INSCRIPCIÓN
POLLING LOCATION / CENTRO DE VOTACIÓN
PRECINCT / PRECINTO
REGISTRATION # / INSCRIPCIÓN ELECTORAL #
BIRTH DATE / FECHA NACIMENTO
MOSQUITO CONTROL / CONTROL DE MOSQUITOS
SEBASTIAN INLET
CONGRESS / CONGRESO
FL SENATE / SENADO ESTATAL
FL HOUSE / CÁMARA ESTATAL
COUNTY COMMISSION / COMISIÓN DEL CONDADO
SCHOOL BOARD / CONSEJO ESCOLAR

REGISTERED VOTERS IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

(As of June 2022)

DEMOCRAT - 30,406

REPUBLICAN - 56,487

NPA - 27,891

OTHER - 2,716

TOTAL - 117,500

LET'S GET SOCIAL

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

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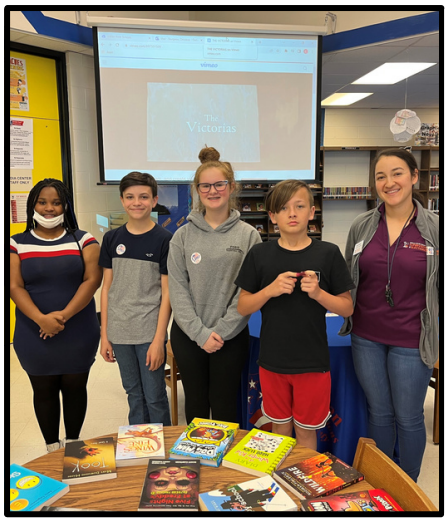

SUNSHINE STATE YOUNG READERS

This year, 1,200 students voted in SSYRA elections in Indian River County. This was almost double the amount of students compared to last year.

Statewide, the 2021-2022 SSYRA winning books were “Midnight at the Barclay Hotel” (Grades 3-5) and “When Stars Are Scattered” (Grades 6-8).

2022 SSYRA WINNING BOOKS:

MIDNIGHT AT THE BARCLAY HOTEL (GRADES 3-5)

WHEN STARS ARE SCATTERED (GRADES 6-8)

RUMOR VS REALITY

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT ON ELECTION MISINFORMATION

Rumor: Election Officials do not review Vote-By-Mail ballot signatures.

Reality: Each one of the thousands of mail ballot signatures are reviewed by trained Elections Office staff.

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Rumor: You need your voter information card in order to vote.

Reality: Your voter information card is NOT a form of voter ID. The card is provided to voters for informational purposes only.

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Rumor: Independent voters can choose any candidate during a Primary Election.

Reality: Florida is a closed primary state. This means if you wish to vote in a partisan primary election, you must be a registered voter in the party for which the primary is being held.

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THE RESULTS ARE IN...

With the end of school near, the Elections Office staff traveled to Sebastian River High School to help with their Student Government Elections.

Campaign posters and flyers were hung up all around campus as students campaigned for class president, vice president, treasurer and secretary.

Roughly 125 students turned out to vote in the auditorium at Sebastian River High School for their class leaders.

Congratulations to the newly elected SRHS Student Government:

President - Ranger Beach
Vice President - Nick Rutledge
Secretary - Maya Haworth
Treasurer - Lana Kish

VOTER OUTREACH

Elections Office staff partnered with high schools once again this year to provide students with the opportunity to register to vote. The Elections Office was able to register three voters at Vero Beach High School and four voters at Sebastian River High School during lunch periods. Most students register to vote when they apply for their driver's license.

The Supervisor of Elections staff will be back to the schools this fall for their Democracy Days presentation.

MARCH FOR MEALS

The 17th annual March for Meals took place March 15, 2022. Indian River County Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan helped deliver meals to senior citizens in Indian River County.

"Meals on Wheels is such a great program," Swan said. "The program offers our seniors nutritious food delivered right to their house."

This annual event was put on by the Senior Resource Association to raise awareness and rally support for this vital public-private partnership that has helped provide the seniors in Indian River County with an essential service needed to remain healthy and independent at home.

MAKING AN IMPACT

Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan and her staff were back in person this year to help conduct the Impact 100 elections at the Grant Awards and Annual Meeting.

Indian River Impact 100 is a membership organization with over 400 women committed to improving Indian River County in significant and meaningful ways. Impact 100 members voted to provide four $100,000 grants to local non-profits this year.

Congratulations to the Impact 100 Grant Award Winners:
Gifford Youth Achievement Center
Treasure Coast Community Health
United Against Poverty of Indian River County
Youth Sailing Foundation of Indian River County

Congratulations to the Impact 100 Merit Award Winner:
Ballet Vero Beach

CANDIDATE & INITIATIVE PETITIONS

Our office has been hard at work processing and verifying 36,642 petitions since 2021. There were 16,895 initiative petitions from 12 different sponsors and 19,747 candidate petitions from 70 different candidates.

Important Dates & Deadlines

June 28, 2022 – Poll Watcher Orientation 3 p.m. SOE Office

July 4, 2022 – Forth of July Holiday

July 8, 2022 - UOCAVA Ballot Mailout

July 14, 2022 - Domestic Ballot Mailout

July 25, 2022 - Book Closing Deadline

July 29, 2022 - 8:00 a.m. Logic & Accuracy Testing of Voting Equipment

July 30, 2022 - Poll Watcher Designation Forms Due by Noon (Early Voting)

August 9, 2022 – Poll Watcher Designation Forms Due by Noon (Election Day)

August 13 - 20, 2022 – Early Voting 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

August 23, 2022 - Primary Election 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

August 25, 2022 - 5:00 p.m. Canvassing Board Meeting (Cure Affidavits/Provisional Ballots)

August 29, 2022 - 12 Noon Canvassing Board Meeting – Official Results.

Do you have any elections-related questions or topics you would like to see featured?

Send your question or topic to Director of Communications Shane Bias at SBias@VoteIndianRiver.gov.

VOTER SERVICES

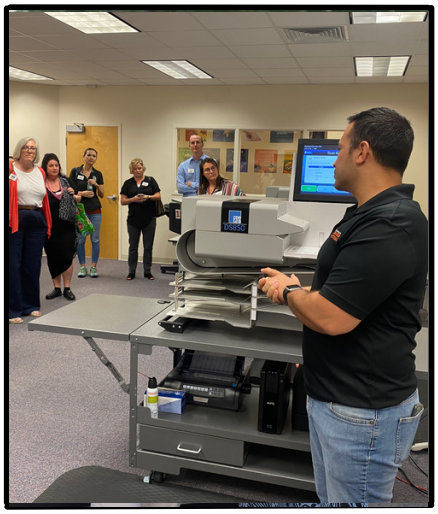
Katherine Bauman has been named Voter Services Manager, filling the job most recently held by Cathy Boyle, who retired in April 2022 with 14 years' service at the Supervisor of Elections Office. Katherine was hired in July 2020 as an Elections Specialist.

As the August Primary and November General Elections approach, Candidate Coordinator Anita Wheeler has been busy assisting individuals interested in seeking public office with filing their candidacy papers for county, judicial and special district seats. Anita helps the candidates understand the process and obligations, guiding them through the paperwork and monthly reporting requirements. She also coordinated the 2022 Candidate Workshop in February.

FREEDOM DAY CELEBRATION

The Elections Office held a voter registration drive during the Freedom Day Celebration at the Historic Macedonia Church in Gifford on Saturday, May 21.

Emancipation was proclaimed in Tallahassee on May 20, 1865, 11 days after the end of the Civil War, and two years after the Proclamation first issued by President Abraham Lincoln freed those enslaved in Southern states.



TRANSPARENCY TOUR

On May 19, the Supervisor of Elections staff provided Indian River County Chamber of Commerce's Leadership class a glimpse of the election process.

While touring the Elections Office our transparency tour included key aspects of the voting process, such as voter registration, vote-by-mail, ballot tabulation, and redistricting.

If your group or organization is interested in scheduling a transparency tour please contact Director of Communications Shane Bias at SBias@VoteIndianRIver.gov.

GOING THE EXTRA MILE

Chief Deputy Maureen Houssell completed all of the Florida Certified Elections Professional classes. Maureen has earned the designation Master Florida Certified Elections Professional.

HAPPY 6-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Chief Deputy Maureen Houssell celebrated her six-year anniversary with the Elections Office on April 29.

HAPPY 3-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

IT Manager David Cruz celebrated his three-year anniversary with the Elections Office on June 17.

ENJOY RETIREMENT

Voter Services Manager Cathy Boyle retired in April after 14 years with the Elections Office. We are so thankful for her service to the voters of Indian River County.