

ELECTION CONNECTION

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Sarasota Votes 2021

By Supervisor of Elections Ron Turner

Another successful municipal election season is in the books, as the November 2 City of Venice election and Town of Longboat Key referendum have been certified. In all, two Council seats were determined in Venice and a density referendum was passed in Longboat Key.

As I often say, all elections are important and that was certainly the case on November 2.

In addition to being an important election for the voters of Venice and Longboat Key, it was an important election for my team as well. This was our first election using a new voter registration and elections management solution—a system used by all 67 counties in Florida. I am happy to report that our new system worked as expected, with nearly 10,000 combined votes cast and a voter turnout of 39.08% in Venice and 27.57% in Longboat Key.

The November 2 election saw another first for my office: the debut of a new ADA-compliant voting machine. ExpressVote allows voters with disabilities to mark a readable, verifiable ballot card privately and review their selections to ensure their vote was recorded accurately before submitting the card for tabulation.



Finally, I want to give a shoutout to my staff and the many poll workers who helped make this election a success. As I have just outlined, there were several changes to navigate and they did it with their typical positive attitude and professionalism.

Respectfully,

ELECTION CALENDAR

Election	Election Date	Last Day to Register
School District Millage Referendum	Tuesday, March 8, 2022	Monday, February 7, 2022
Primary Election	Tuesday, August 23, 2022	Monday, July 25, 2022
General Election	Tuesday, November 8, 2022	Tuesday, October 11, 2022



Human Resources & Poll Worker Services Update

We are still in the beta testing stage of a new method for electronic communication to poll workers. To determine poll worker availability for the March 8, 2022, School District Millage Referendum, Holiday Park and Tri Par Estates elections, poll workers should check their email inboxes for a message from SarasotaPollWorkers@gmail.com. The message will provide a link to a Google Form™ that should be completed to indicate work availability.

As beta testing continues with our new electronic communication program, all poll workers will be informed of what to look for when checking for email from our office.

Did You Know?

*Your
Signature*

Your signature is used to check vote-by-mail ballots, petitions and other election-related documents that require a valid voter signature.

For vote-by-mail voters, your signature on file at the time your ballot is received in the elections office is the one that will be used to verify your signature on the ballot certificate (the return ballot envelope).

You can update your signature any time by submitting a completed [Florida Voter Registration Application](#) in person or by mail to the supervisor of elections. Just stop by or call one of three locations for assistance or for more information.

Employees of the 2nd & 3rd Quarter



The busy November election caused us to get a bit behind recognizing our Employee of the Quarter, so in this Election Connection we get to celebrate two outstanding Supervisor of Elections team members.

Congratulations to Voter Specialist **Tom Dagg** for earning the Employee of the 2nd Quarter award. Likewise, GIS Administrator **Antoine Henry** was recognized as Employee of the 3rd Quarter for his efforts as a member of our talented IT team.

Please join us in congratulating Tom and Antoine.

Poll Workers Wanted!

If you have friends or family members who would like to become poll workers, please direct them to our website at SarasotaVotes.gov where they can learn more about joining our team of dedicated election workers.

Getting Election Ready for 2022

It is never too early to begin planning for the next election. As you might imagine, we are busy doing just that. You too can start planning for the 2022 elections by visiting our website to be election ready!

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Voter Registration Statistics

Republican: 148,164

Democrat: 103,633

Other: 95,106

Total: 346,903

As of 12/3/2021

Three Locations to Serve You

SARASOTA

Terrace Building
101 S. Washington Blvd.
Sarasota 34236
941.861.8600

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R.L. Anderson Building
4000 Tamiami Trail S.
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