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Winter 2022 Newsletter



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Prepping for the March 8 Referendums

By Supervisor of Elections Ron Turner

While many of you have circled August 23 and November 8 on your calendars for the 2022 primary and general elections respectively, I want to remind Sarasota County voters that we have two very important elections coming up in March as well.

The March 8 ballot contains the School District Millage Referendum and County Charter Referendum. As with all elections in Florida, voters have three ways in which they can cast their vote: by mail (absentee), during early voting and on election day.



How you plan to vote is important because there are deadlines and schedules associated with each. For those planning to vote by mail, the deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot be sent to you is 5:00 p.m., Saturday, February 26. If you prefer voting in person but like to beat the rush of election day, early voting begins Saturday, February 26 and continues through Sunday, March 6, 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. daily. Finally, polls will be open 7 a.m.—7 p.m. on election day, Tuesday, March 8.

More information can be found at SarasotaVotes.gov, and I encourage you to visit often for March 8 election day reporting and for additional resources that will help you prepare for the August primary election and November general election.

Regardless how you cast your vote, the most important thing is that you vote. As always, if you have any questions about the election process in Sarasota County, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Respectfully,

*Deadline has passed.**

ELECTION CALENDAR

Election	Election Date	Last Day to Register
School District Millage Referendum & County Charter 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

The Poll Worker Services team is busy preparing for the March 8 referendums, but we are also looking ahead to the next election. Poll workers are the backbone of our team; they strengthen the electoral process and are critical to ensuring that we have safe, secure and accessible elections. We have begun recruiting for the August and November elections, so if you are interested in serving as a poll worker visit SarasotaVotes.gov to learn more and apply. All poll workers are compensated and receive full training.

Are you a student, 16 years of age or older and registered or pre-registered to vote? If so, you too can serve as a student poll worker. Questions? Contact our Poll Worker Services team at 941.861.8640.

Lights, Camera, Action!



In advance of the March 8 countywide School District Millage Referendum and County Charter Referendum, Supervisor Turner recorded an Election Ready video designed to

inform Sarasota County voters of approaching deadlines and voting options.

The Election Ready video is the first in a series of voter education videos Turner is producing with the goal of providing voter information in a short, easy-to-understand format. Future videos will include an overview of vote-by-mail and list maintenance processes. Visit SarasotaVotes.gov to watch the video.

Employee Recognition



Although it gets busy around election time, we always take a moment to celebrate the great work of our team members. This time, we celebrate the Employee of the Fourth Quarter and the Employee of the Year.

Congratulations to Voter Specialist **Melissa Nolte** for earning the Employee of the Fourth Quarter award. We also congratulate Public Information Coordinator **Barbara Bain** for being selected as the Employee of the Year. Barbara was the Employee of the First Quarter for 2021 and was chosen as the Employee of the Year from a group of outstanding Employee of the Quarter winners. Please join us in congratulating Melissa and Barbara.

Polling Place Changes

From time to time, polling place locations within precincts change. Sometimes these changes are temporary, and other times they are permanent. Before heading out to vote on March 8, review a short list of polling place changes at SarasotaVotes.gov.

Do You Need Money for College?

If you are a college or university junior or senior you may be eligible to apply to receive one of four \$1,200 scholarships from the Florida Supervisors of Elections. But hurry, time is running out. View complete eligibility requirements and apply at SarasotaVotes.gov.

Voter Registration Statistics

Republican: 151,123

Democrat: 103,966

Other: 97,420

Total: 352,509

As of 2/22/2022

Three Locations to Serve You

SARASOTA

Terrace Building
101 S. Washington Blvd.
Sarasota 34236
941.861.8600

VENICE

R.L. Anderson Building
4000 Tamiami Trail S., Rm 114
Venice 34293
941.861.3760

NORTH PORT

Biscayne Plaza
13640 Tamiami Trail
North Port 34287
941.423.9540

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