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Winter 2023 Newsletter



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Timing is Everything

By Supervisor of Elections Ron Turner

We don't have much time. It's a sentiment I share with elections office staff often. It's one of the ways I remind our team that the limited time we have between elections tends to go by quickly.

That's the same message I share with the voters of Sarasota County. Although it's true that 2023 is scheduled to be a "quiet" year in elections—with important races in Holiday Park and Tri-Par Estates Park and Recreation Districts in March and the City of Venice General Election in November—a busy 2024 will be here before we know it.

If current trends are any indication, the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary in March, the Primary Election in August and the General Election in November have the potential to set voter turnout records locally and throughout Florida. That's why I'm asking the voters of Sarasota County to plan ahead. Ask yourself a few questions: Am I registered to vote? Is my voter record up to date? A visit to SarasotaVotes.gov or to one of our three locations is all it takes to become election ready!

So, whether you are a voter living in Holiday Park, Tri-Par Estates or Venice and preparing for 2023 elections, or a voter eagerly awaiting the 2024 contests, start preparing now. If you are planning to vote by mail, be sure your ballot request is current. If you are an early voter, know where to go to learn about early voting days, times and locations (spoiler alert: it's SarasotaVotes.gov!). And if you prefer to vote on election day, be sure you know where your polling place is located.

The more preparation we all do now, the better the voting experience will be for everyone. Remember, time flies.

Respectfully,

Election Calendar

Election	Election Date	Last Day to Register
Holiday Park Park and Recreation District Election (Precinct 341)	Tuesday, March 14, 2023	Monday, February 13, 2023
Tri-Par Estates Park and Recreation District Election (Precinct 113)	Tuesday, March 14, 2023	Monday, February 13, 2023
City of Venice General Election	Tuesday, November 7, 2023	Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Human Resources & Poll Worker Services Update

It's no secret that poll workers are the backbone of every election. It's also no secret that we are always in need of dedicated poll workers to assist us in administering elections in Sarasota County. As we embark on recruitment efforts for 2023 and beyond, we are starting with you—our fantastic poll workers—and asking you to refer a friend.

Chances are you have a friend or family member who, like you, is interested in the elections process. Perhaps they like to help out in the community or maybe they are looking to make a few dollars throughout the year. It could be that they have always been curious about how the elections process works. Whatever the reason, the first step is to visit SarasotaVotes.gov to apply or reach out to our Poll Worker Services team at **941.861.8640** to learn more.

\$1,200 FSE Scholarship



Sarasota County Supervisor of Elections Ron Turner is accepting applications for a \$1,200 scholarship from the Florida Supervisors of Elections (FSE). In 2023, the FSE is

offering four scholarships to eligible college/university juniors and seniors who have been residents of Florida for at least the prior two years and who are registered to vote in the county where applying for the scholarship.

Learn more about eligibility requirements and apply online at SarasotaVotes.gov.

Vote-By-Mail Request Renewal



Recent changes in Florida law now require those wishing to vote by mail to submit a request after each General Election cycle, or every two years.

The easiest way to submit a request is at SarasotaVotes.gov/VoteByMail. Voters may also submit vote-by-mail requests by phone, in writing or in person at any of our three locations in Sarasota, Venice or North Port. More information on submitting a vote-by-mail request can be found at our website or by calling **941.861.8618**.

As we move forward into the 2023 24 voting cycle, we're taking one last look at the 2022 General Election. The numbers might surprise you.

2022 General Election by the Numbers

Voter turnout	62.1%
Ballots counted	219,514
# of poll worker training classes	71
# attending in person poll worker training	884
# attending online poll worker training	802

Voter Registration Statistics

Republican: 155,935

Democrat: 100,617

Other: 99,795

Total: 356,347

As of 2/14/2023



Three Locations to Serve You

SARASOTA

Terrace Building
101 S Washington Blvd
Sarasota 34236
941.861.8600

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R.L. Anderson Admin. Center
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