

2024

Voter's Guide

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS



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Wow! It's hard to believe the 2024 elections are here. We want you to be "Election Ready"! We have prepared this guide to assist you in all aspects of being an engaged and informed voter. Whether you're a first-time voter, a new voter to the state of Florida, or a seasoned voter, this guide contains information to help you be prepared. I would encourage everyone to visit our website, www.volusiaelections.gov, for more information on how to register, update your information, request a vote-by-mail ballot, find your polling location, or learn about our voting system.

- ☆ Avoid the lines...Request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot; or
- ☆ Vote early at any of the seven Early Voting sites located across the county; or
- ☆ On Election Day - vote at your assigned precinct

I assure you of our commitment of excellence in our service to the public. We are further committed to the citizens of Volusia County to deliver transparent, open, honest, and secure elections. We stand ready to assist!

2024 ELECTION SCHEDULE

Primary Election: August 20, 2024

Book Closing deadline: July 22, 2024

Early Voting: August 10 thru August 17

General Election: November 5, 2024

Book Closing deadline: October 7, 2024

Early Voting: October 21 thru November 2

OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION

- ☆ President/Vice President
- ☆ United States Senator
- ☆ Representative in Congress: Districts 6 & 7
- ☆ State Senators: District 7
- ☆ State Representatives: Districts 27, 28, 29, & 30
- ☆ State Attorney
- ☆ Public Defender
- ☆ Circuit Judges: Groups 1, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 21, & 23
- ☆ County Judges: Groups 4 & 8
- ☆ Clerk of the Court
- ☆ Sheriff
- ☆ Supervisor of Elections
- ☆ Property Appraiser
- ☆ Tax Collector
- ☆ School Board: Districts 2 & 4
- ☆ County Council: Chair and Districts 2 & 4
- ☆ Volusia Soil and Water Conservation District: Seats 2 & 4
- ☆ West Volusia Hospital Authority: Group A Seats 2 & 3
- ☆ Indigo Community Development District: Seats 2 & 4
- ☆ Pioneer Community Development District: Seats 2 & 3
- ☆ Daytona Beach: Mayor; Commissioner Zones 2, 4 & 6
- ☆ Daytona Beach Shores: Council Seats 2 & 4
- ☆ DeBary: Council Seats 1 & 2
- ☆ DeLand: Commissioner Seats 2 & 4
- ☆ Deltona: Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 4 & 6
- ☆ Edgewater: Council Seats 2 & 4
- ☆ Holly Hill: Mayor; Commissioner Districts 1 & 3
- ☆ Lake Helen: Commissioner Seats 2 & 4
- ☆ New Smyrna Beach: Mayor; Commissioner Zones 3 & 4
- ☆ Oak Hill: Mayor; Commissioner Seats 2 & 4
- ☆ Orange City: Mayor; Council Seats 1 & 3
- ☆ Ormond Beach: Mayor; Commissioner Zones 1, 2, 3 & 4
- ☆ Pierson: Mayor; Council Seat 4
- ☆ Ponce Inlet: Council Seats 2 & 4
- ☆ Port Orange: Mayor; Council District 3
- ☆ South Daytona: Mayor; Council Seats 1 & 4

In addition to the offices up for election this year, ballots may possibly include the following:

State Constitutional Amendments; Referenda for some Municipalities

VOTING HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER - THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO VOTE!

VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT: You may request a vote-by-mail ballot in person, by phone, or mail (email, online, fax). (Contact information is listed on the front cover of this guide.)



- A request must contain the voter's name, permanent residence address, date of birth, FL Driver's License/ FL ID number or last four digits of their social security number, address where the ballot is to be sent, and signature (if written request).
- To request a vote-by-mail ballot for someone else, a person must be a member of the voter's immediate family or the voter's legal guardian.
- To obtain a ballot for another person, written permission from the voter and a photo and signature ID is required. A person may not pick up more than two vote-by-mail ballots other than their own or immediate family members. Pickup may be done after ballots have been mailed; those picked up after the beginning of Early Voting must complete an Emergency Affidavit.

Returning Vote-by-Mail Ballots

- May be dropped off at any designated Early Voting Site.
- **CANNOT** be dropped off at a precinct on Election Day.
- Must reach the Supervisor of Elections Office in DeLand by 7 pm on Election Day or it will not count.
- The Voter's Certificate on the return envelope **must** be signed by the voter; Power of Attorney is not acceptable.

Voters may verify the status of their Vote-by-Mail Ballot at www.VolusiaElections.gov.

EARLY VOTING: Volusia County voters may cast a ballot prior to Election Day at any designated Early Voting Site.

Early Voting Locations:

DeLand: Supervisor of Elections Office, 1750 S. Woodland Boulevard

DeBary: Florence K Little Town Hall, 30 Colomba Road

Deltona: The Center, 1640 Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard

Daytona Beach: City Island Library, 105 Jackie Robinson Parkway

Port Orange: Lakeside Community Center, 1999 City Center Circle

Ormond Beach: Ormond Beach Regional Library, 30 S. Beach Street

New Smyrna Beach: New Smyrna Beach Regional Library, 1001 S. Dixie Freeway



Early Voting Dates and Hours of Operation:

Primary Election: August 10, 2024 - August 17, 2024; 8 am - 6 pm

General Election: October 21, 2024 - November 2, 2024; 7 am - 7 pm

ELECTION DAY:

Voters must vote at their assigned precinct of record. Polling Locations are open 7 am - 7 pm.

Primary Election: August 20, 2024

General Election: November 5, 2024

Look for the **“VOTE HERE”** sign that corresponds with the precinct number listed on your Voter Information Card.

All Early Voting Sites and Polling Locations are accessible for persons with special needs.

ACCEPTABLE PHOTO IDENTIFICATION - Prior to voting, voters shall be required to present one of the following current and valid picture identifications:

- ★ Florida Driver's License
 - ★ Florida Identification Card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
 - ★ United States Passport or Passport Card
 - ★ Debit or Credit Card
 - ★ Military Identification
 - ★ Student Identification
- ★ Retirement Center Identification
 - ★ Neighborhood Association Identification
 - ★ Public Assistance Identification
 - ★ U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veteran Health Card
 - ★ Concealed Weapons License
 - ★ Government Issued Employee ID



If the picture identification does not contain the signature of the voter, an additional identification that provides the voter's signature shall be required. If the voter fails to furnish the required identification, he or she shall be allowed to vote a provisional ballot.

What is a Provisional Ballot?

When someone's eligibility to vote is in doubt, that person is entitled to a provisional ballot. Most provisional ballots can be avoided by providing proper ID when voting and maintaining current voter registration records.

Voter's Bill of Rights

Each registered voter in this state has the right to:

1. Vote and have his or her vote accurately counted.
2. Cast a vote if he or she is in line at the official closing of the polls in that county.
3. Ask for and receive assistance in voting.
4. Receive up to two replacement ballots if he or she makes a mistake prior to the ballot being cast.
5. An explanation if his or her registration or identity is in question.
6. If his or her registration or identity is in question, cast a provisional ballot.
7. Written instructions to use when voting, and, upon request, oral instructions in voting from elections officers.
8. Vote free from coercion or intimidation by elections officers or any other person.
9. Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.

Voter's Responsibilities

Each registered voter in this state should:

1. Familiarize himself or herself with the candidates and issues.
2. Maintain a current address with the office of the supervisor of elections.
3. Know the location of his or her polling place and its hours of operation.
4. Bring proper identification to the polling station.
5. Familiarize himself or herself with the operation of the voting equipment in his or her precinct.
6. Treat precinct workers with courtesy.
7. Respect the privacy of other voters.
8. Report any problems or violations of election laws to the supervisor of elections.
9. Ask questions, if needed.
10. Make sure that his or her completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling station.

Note to Voter: Failure to perform any of these responsibilities does not prohibit a voter from voting.

VOTING SYSTEM

In compliance with the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Volusia County uses a DS300 Tabulator and an ExpressVote marking device in each polling place. By Florida Law, all voting shall be by marksense ballot (paper ballot) with the exception of persons with disabilities.



DS300:



A person is issued a marksense ballot (paper ballot) and directed to a voting booth for privacy. The voter inserts the ballot into the DS300 Tabulator which reads, records and stores it in a locked ballot box.

1. To vote, completely fill in the oval ● next to your choice.
2. If you erase or make other marks, such as a ✓ or an x, your vote may not be tabulated.
3. If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot. You may receive up to two replacement ballots.
4. To vote for a Write-In candidate, fill in the oval next to the blank line provided and write the candidate's name.
5. Review both sides of your ballot before casting your vote.
6. When you have finished marking your choices, insert your ballot into the DS300 Tabulator.

ExpressVote:

The ExpressVote provides a means for voters who need assistance in voting to mark and print a card that is readable, verifiable and audit-able. A Poll Worker will program a ballot by inserting an activation card. If needed, headsets and a keypad are provided. Ballots may be marked two ways:

1. Visually, by making selections on the screen; or
2. Audibly, making selections on a keypad in response to audio prompts heard on headphones.

Once you have finished marking your choices, the activation card will print your ballot and eject. You will then insert your ballot into the DS300 Tabulator.



Note: Once a ballot has been deposited into the ballot box, a voter may not receive another, even if they indicate that they made a mistake or failed to mark any part of the ballot.

SAMPLE BALLOT

Prior to each election, a Sample Ballot will be:

- ☆ Available on our website, www.VolusiaElections.gov
- ☆ Mailed to registered voters who do not receive a vote-by-mail ballot
- ☆ Published in a newspaper of general circulation the Sunday before the start of Early Voting