

ELECTION NEWS

Osceola County Supervisor of Elections Newsletter

Fall 2022

Upcoming Election Dates

This year is a mid-term election year. In Florida, the mid-term year is also known as the gubernatorial cycle. This is because we elect our governor in this cycle. The top ticket items are US Senate, US House of Representatives and Florida Governor.

The Primary election was on August 23. Parties chose their candidates for the upcoming General election. The dates for this election are listed below:

General-

Last Day to Register to Vote: October 11

Early Voting: October 24– November 6

Last Day to Request a Vote by Mail Ballot: October 29

Election Day/Vote by Mail Ballot Deadline: November 8

“All elections are important. From the top of the ballot all the way down to the smallest local office.”

*- Mary Jane Arrington,
Supervisor of Elections*

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2022 Elections

2022 Registration Book Closing Dates

Primary Election: July 25, 2022

General Election: October 11, 2022

2022 Election Dates

Primary Election: August 23, 2022

Primary Election Early Voting: August 8, 2022– August 21, 2022 - From 9am to 7pm

General Election: November 8, 2022

General Election Early Voting: October 24, 2022– November 6, 2022 - From 8am to 8pm

**Early Voting dates/times are subject to change

[Vote by Mail Ballot Cure Affidavit](#)

[2022 General Election Preparation Report](#)

Propositions and Amendments

Florida Statute 100.374 (1)(b). Osceola County's actual cost of signature verification of an initiative.

Visit our website for election dates and times

Primary Election Recap

The 2022 Primary Election was held on August 23, 2022. There were 14 days of Early Voting at nine locations around the county including our newest location- the Osceola County Welcome Center. Voters had the option, as always, to vote by mail, vote early or vote on Election Day.

All Republican Party ballots included the race for US House and Commissioner of Agriculture. Some had a State House race on it depending on the precinct.

All Democratic Party ballots included the race for US Senator, Governor, Commissioner of Agriculture and Attorney General. Some had a State House race on it depending on the precinct.

All ballots, including those No Party Affiliation ballots, had judicial races on them. Depending on the precinct a voter lives in, they may have also had school board races, County Commission, Kissimmee City Commission or St. Cloud City Council races.

Overall, there was a 17.8% voter turnout for this election. That means that 17.8% of people who are registered to vote in Osceola County cast a ballot. In the last mid-term primary election in 2018, we saw a 20.6% turnout.

Voter Education: High School Voter Registration

Every year our outreach team visits every high school in the county to speak with seniors and conduct voter registration. This fall, our team is on track to visit every high school before book closing for the General Election. This is a huge feat in such a short amount of time with two elections happening.

Some schools elected to have our team speak to individual classes of US Government students while other schools opted for our team to speak to all US Government and Economics students in their media center or auditorium. Tohopekaliga High School opted for the latter and had the highest number of new registrants in the county- 244!

If our team only visited with US Government students, they will return again in the spring to visit the rest of the seniors. If you know a student who takes dual enrollment US Government rather than US Government at a high school, please encourage them to register to vote on their own as our team wouldn't have had the opportunity to speak with them.



Adopt a Precinct

This election cycle our adopt a precinct has added five new groups. When a group adopts a precinct, they are staffing the workers for a polling location, our office is training those workers and then the group gets a check for their time. Schools, churches, sports teams, and community groups participate in this program.

Four of our five new groups are made up of high school organizations. Students along with teachers, coaches and parents staff their assigned polling location. This is an excellent way to expose young voters to the election process. Our newest school related groups are:

St. Cloud High School
Baseball Team

St. Cloud High School
Weightlifting Team

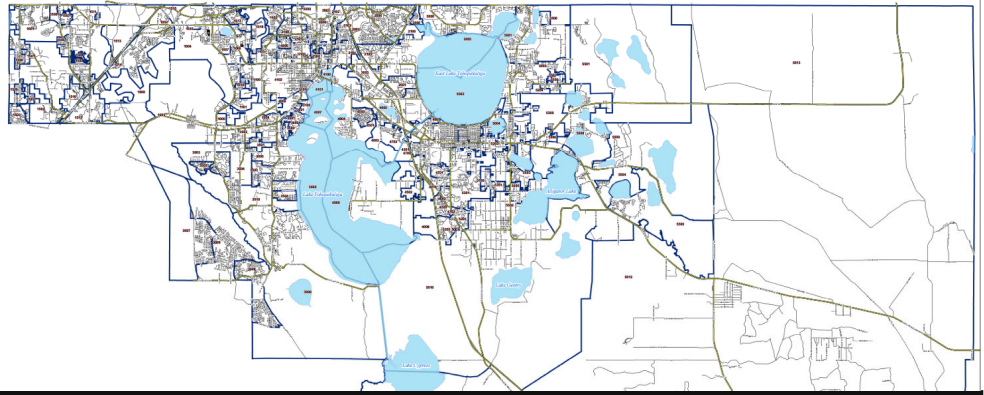
The Homeschool Co-Op

Osceola High School Social
Studies Department

If you are part of a group that might be interested in participating in the 2024 election cycle, visit our website for more information and to fill out an interest form.

[https://www.voteosceola.gov/
Election-Worker-information](https://www.voteosceola.gov/Election-Worker-information)

Osceola County Voting Precincts



Your Precinct Map is on our website

New Polling Location

NOTICE: You may have a new polling location for this election.

Redistricting happened this year. That means that district and precinct lines all over the county changed. You may no longer be in the same district you were in prior to this year. It's important for you to know where your Election Day polling location is because Florida Law requires that you vote at that location on Election Day. You are not allowed to vote at your old location.

We also added more polling locations this year. Our county is growing! We are sure you have noticed this. To accommodate our growing population, we've added six more Election Day locations.

Your Election Day location is listed on the new voter information card we sent to you this year. You can also find it on our website when you check your voter status. If you'd like, you can call the office for that information as well at 407-742-6000.



Recent Events

July

In July we held new Election Worker orientations and began training Election Workers for the August 23 Primary Election. Our outreach team visited the Osceola Council on Aging to assist seniors with voter registration and requesting Vote by Mail ballots.



August

The Election was in full swing in August. Early Voting began August 8 and ran through the 21 at nine locations around the county. For more information regarding the election, read the story on page 2.

On August 31, our outreach team began visiting high schools to conduct voter registration.

September

The Manual Audit for the Primary Election was held on September 2, officially ending the duties of the Canvassing Board. More new Election Worker orientations were held and Election Worker training for the General Election began.

Our outreach team visited seven high schools in September and also joined the St. Cloud Women's Club for a meeting.

Hurricane Ian closed our office for three days and slowed down operations. October 1 was staff's first day back from the hurricane closure. Many Election Worker classes had to be rescheduled and were held on that Saturday.

Upcoming Events

There are quite a few outreaches on our calendar for the month of October but it is unclear which ones our outreach team will be able to attend in the wake of the storm. Our team is scheduled to visit Good Samaritan Village on October 18, attend the Fall Festival in downtown St. Cloud October 8 and 9, and visit Hope Partnership on October 10.

Early Voting will begin on October 24. For all upcoming election dates, refer to the story on page 1.

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