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Voter Registration:

(Figures shown are active voters as of 5/10/2010)

Democrats 126,021
Republicans .. 106,549
Other 79,836

Hello To All!

The Department of Elections is gearing up for an exciting and challenging election cycle. As always, there are some significant changes in the works. Online poll worker training will have its debut beginning June 1, 2010. You will be receiving quite a bit of information in this edition of the newsletter as well as in future documents. My goal is to make online training the method of choice for the 2012 election cycle. Let me know how you like it in 2010.

To accommodate those registered voters who have English as a second language, you will see more signage as well as new faces at some precincts. In an attempt to provide more translation services at the polls on Election Day as well as Early Voting Sites there will be translators at several polling places. Out of 179 total precincts there are 38 precincts where more than 5% of the registered voters have self identified themselves as Hispanic.

Most of the 16 cities in Volusia County will have elections in 2010 as well as the federal, state, and county elections. There are 8 mayor races as well as several city commission/council races.

Words cannot express my thanks to all who have stepped up to the plate to help me deliver fair and transparent elections. Thank you so very much!

Ann

2010 ELECTION DATES

Primary Election: August 24, 2010

(Book Closing Deadline: July 26, 2010)

Early Voting for the Primary Election: August 9 thru August 21, 2010

General Election: November 2, 2010

(Book Closing Deadline: October 4, 2010)

Early Voting for the General Election: October 18 thru October 30, 2010



WHAT'S NEW IN POLL WORKING TRAINING?

Poll Worker Training Team

The Poll Worker Training Team has been hard at work revising the training program.



Training preparations are underway for the upcoming elections.



Staffing

Precinct staff assignments have begun by the Department of Elections instead of the Clerk due to new position level criteria, the need for a mixture of party affiliations and the need for interpreters.

Position Levels

In an effort to create shorter, more effective training, poll workers have been assigned to different levels based on a number of factors, including: work experience, history, and performance.

Online Training

The Department of Elections has partnered with SOE Software, Inc. to create online training, which will launch on June 1, 2010. Every poll worker who is staffed for an election will receive a Training Notice with access information along with a username and password.

Level 1 poll workers are not required to complete online training; however, may access the system to review information covered in classroom training. Level 1 poll workers will be scheduled for class by the Department of Elections, based on the position.

Level 2 and Level 3 poll workers will be required to complete a portion of training online before coming to a classroom session. Online training does not replace classroom training, but will shorten the amount of time an experienced poll worker spends in class. After the poll worker has completed the required lessons, the online system will allow the poll worker to view and select a training date.

For those who do not have internet access, please contact the Poll Worker Training Team to make alternate arrangements.

Training

By Florida Statute, training is required of all poll workers prior to each election worked. Training dates; by election, are as follows:

August 24, 2010	Primary Election	-----	July 8 thru July 31
November 2, 2010	General Election	-----	September 15 thru October 9



WHAT'S NEW IN POLL WORKING TRAINING?

Training Locations

Changes in training locations have been made in order to accommodate simultaneous training sessions.

Daytona Beach area - The Daytona Beach International Airport has graciously provided rooms at the airport to conduct classroom training sessions. The facility has ample parking, which will be validated, and an on-site restaurant.

DeLand area - Department of Elections, Historic Courthouse and the Thomas C. Kelly Administration Center.

Deltona area - The Deltona Regional Library has reopened and training will be conducted in the newly renovated Auditoriums and Community Rooms. Bagel King Bakery is also on-site.

Training and Election Day Pay Rate

A standard training rate per position has been implemented to compensate for online and classroom training. A Poll Worker will not be paid for training if he/she does not work on Election Day.

Position	Training	Election Day	Total Pay
Clerk	\$50	\$175	\$225
Assistant Clerk	\$50	\$125	\$175
Voting Equipment Inspector	\$35	\$125	\$160
Precinct Register Inspector	\$35	\$110	\$145
Poll Deputy	\$20	\$110	\$130

Email

As the transition to online training progresses, the Training Team anticipates using electronic mail to communicate more efficiently with poll workers. If an email address has not yet been provided, please do so by calling the Department of Elections or emailing the training team at:

vceelectionteam@co.volusia.fl.us

If there is a filter on your email address for junk mail, or incoming emails are limited to only known addresses, please enter the Department of Elections email address into your safe list.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Use of AccuVote-AVE extended to 2016.
- Voters challenged based on legal residence may now be allowed to complete an address change and receive a regular ballot.
- If two or more precincts share the same polling location, the Supervisor of Elections may appoint one Election Board for all precincts.



LEGAL UPDATE

As a result of legal action, Perez-Santiago vs. County of Volusia, the Department of Elections must:

- Continue to provide written election-related materials in English & Spanish including but not limited to; voter registration applications, polling place changes, polling place signage, voter information guides and pamphlets, voting instructions and other election materials used at the polls.
- Provide sample ballots containing Spanish language translations at all precincts and Early Voting Sites.
- Prominently post sample ballots containing Spanish language at all precincts and Early Voting Sites.
- Recruit and place bilingual poll workers in precincts with at least 5% of registered voters self identified as Hispanic.
- Display a sign that language assistance is available in all precincts with at least 5% of registered voters self identified as Hispanic.
- Provide a bilingual ballot in 2012.



METHODS FOR POLL WORKERS TO CAST A BALLOT

1. **Absentee Ballot** - Request an absentee ballot to be mailed by contacting the Department of Elections in person, mail, phone, fax, email or at www.volusia.org/elections. The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot to be mailed is 5:00 pm, August 18, 2010.

Area code for all numbers is (386).

West Volusia.....736-5930

Northeast Volusia.....254-4690

Absentee Ballot Fax: 626-6635

Southeast Volusia....423-3311

Osteen Area.....574-0598, ext. 5930

Absentee Ballot Email: Absentee@mail.volusia.org

2. **Early Voting** - Take advantage of voting early at one of the locations listed below. Early Voting for the August 24, 2010 Primary Election will take place from August 9 thru August 21, 2010; Monday thru Saturday; 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

DeLand Area

Department of Elections
Historic Courthouse
125 W. New York Avenue

Deltona Area

Deltona Regional Library
2150 Eustace Avenue

Daytona Beach Area

Volusia County Library Center at City Island
105 E. Magnolia Avenue

Ormond Beach Area

Ormond Beach Regional Library
30 S. Beach Street

New Smyrna Beach Area

New Smyrna Beach Regional Library
1001 S. Dixie Freeway

3. **Precinct** - If assigned to work in your home precinct and it doesn't interfere with the operation of the polling site, voting in the precinct is allowed.