



# Indian River County

## Supervisor of Elections

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## A Message From Supervisor Swan

The Primary Election is almost upon us, and I would like to take this opportunity to remind voters that Florida runs Closed Primary Elections. If you wish to vote in a partisan Primary Election, you must be a registered voter in the party for which the primary is being held. All registered voters, regardless of party affiliation or no party affiliation, may vote on issues and nonpartisan races in a Primary Election.



Florida law now allows voters to receive their sample ballot via email. Go to the Elections Office website at [www.voteindianriver.com](http://www.voteindianriver.com) and click "Request Your Sample Ballot by Email" to complete the required form to receive your sample ballot via email. For voters who do not request their sample ballots to be emailed, the regular sample ballot brochure will be mailed to the address on record.

For comprehensive election information for the August 26<sup>th</sup> Primary Election or the November 4<sup>th</sup> General Election, visit the Elections Office website. Remember, "You can't change the past, but you can shape the future – VOTE!"

### *Samantha Pearsaul* joined the Supervisor of Elections staff in April as *Poll Worker Coordinator*

Samantha is a four year resident of Indian River County and is originally from Knoxville, Tennessee. With bachelor and master's degrees in journalism, she worked in visual communications and is integrating new media technologies in poll worker training and recruitment.

As Poll Worker Coordinator, Samantha works with Martha Osborne to recruit and coordinate poll workers for each election cycle. She is learning all aspects of the poll worker department under Martha's guidance, who will retire at the end of the year. Samantha will help Martha conduct poll worker training to ensure each worker is ready for Election Day.

July 1st, Samantha led her first Poll Worker Orientation class and looks forward to working with new and current poll workers.

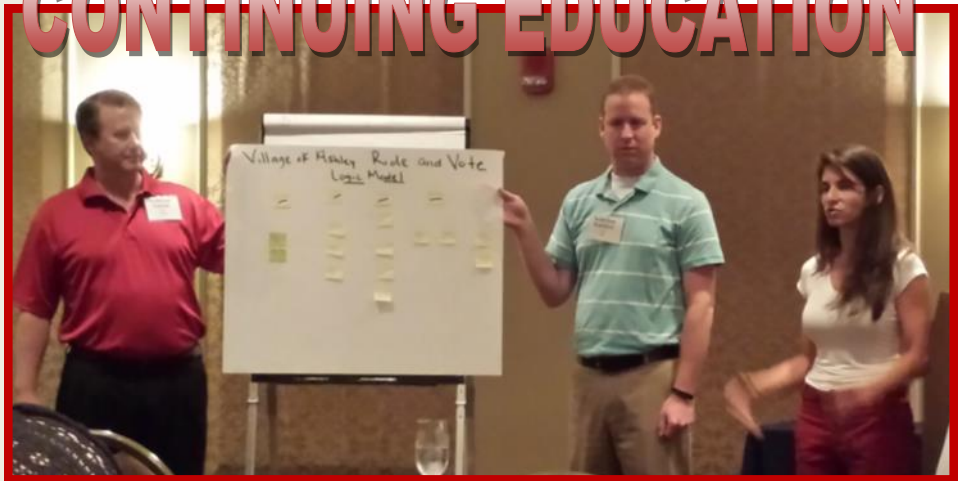


CARRY THE  
TORCH  
*Work the Polls*

The Elections Office is always looking for civically minded individuals to work the polls during Early Voting and on Election Day. If you are interested in becoming more involved in your community, making new friends, learning a new skill or earning a little extra money, call the Poll Worker Department at (772) 226-3844 for the next orientation date.

Elections staff Tricia Boyle and Stephanie Nelson recently attended classes in Auburn, AL as part of a professional education program. Tricia & Stephanie completed three, nine hour courses, taught by Professors from the University of Auburn: Facilitating Voter Participation; Constitutions, Courts, and Cases; and History II- 1781 to Modern Era. Besides broadening their knowledge on these topics, they were afforded the invaluable opportunity to work alongside election administrators from across the country.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION



**PRIMARY ELECTION AUGUST 26, 2014**

# Choose Your Path

### ABSENTEE BALLOT

**August 20:** Last day to request an absentee ballot to be mailed

**EARLY VOTING**  
August 15 - August 23  
7 AM - 4 PM

**ELECTION DAY**  
Tuesday, August 26,  
7AM-7PM

# Shape Your Future!



## NEW!

Florida Election Law has changed... allowing voters until 5 p.m. on the day before an election to cure a missing signature on an absentee ballot certificate. The voter must complete an absentee ballot affidavit and provide proper identification in order to cure the unsigned ballot.

Also new, voters may opt to have their sample ballot emailed to them as opposed to having it sent via the United State Postal Service. Simply go to [VoteIndianRiver.com](http://VoteIndianRiver.com), click "[Request Your Sample Ballot By Email](#)", and complete the form. You will receive a confirmation email and a link to your voter-specific sample ballot.

# 2014 Elections

## Primary Election: August 26

July 28: Last day to register or change your party affiliation

## General Election: November 4

October 6: Last day to register or change your party affiliation

### Registration

...as of

July 1, 2014

### Stats

- Republicans: 44,493
- Democrats: 27,116
- Other: 24,943

**Total: 96,552**

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Left: Eric Flowers of C.O.P.S. radio & the IRC Sheriff's Office invited Supervisor Swan on air to speak about the upcoming elections.

Right: Courtney Swan, Supervisor of Elections, Leslie Swan's daughter, was the recipient of the NCAA Elite 89 Award & named to the 2014-15 U.S. Lacrosse Women's National Team.



Marge Gruber retired after 26 years with the Elections Office. Way to go Marge!

**Kudos!**



Voter Registration & Candidate Coord., Kathy Crockett's daughter, Carrie, was wed to Craig Verniel on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July!

## DATES TO REMEMBER



July 8: Guest Speaker at Sebastian River Chamber Lunch  
 July 20: Gifford Youth Activity Center Voter Drive  
 July 21: Guest Speaker on C.O.P.S. Radio  
 July 28: Voter Registration Books Close for Primary  
 Aug 6: Primary Election Public Logic & Accuracy Test  
 Aug 15-23: Early Voting for Primary Election  
 Aug 20: Deadline to Request Absentee Ballots to be mailed  
 Aug 26: Election Day  
 Sept 1: Labor Day (Office Closed)  
 Sept 10: Poll Worker Orientation 9am-12pm  
 Sept 23: National Voter Registration Day (Stay Tuned!)  
 Oct 6: Voter Registration Books Close for General Election

## Poll Worker Training Times & Positions

<b>EViD Operator:</b>	<b>Deputy:</b>
July 30: 8-12; 1-5	Aug 4: 8-9:30am
July 31: 8-12; 1-5	Aug 5: 8-9:30am
<b>Clerk/ Asst. Clerk:</b>	<b>Early Voting:</b>
Aug 4: 8am - 2pm	(Clerk/Asst Clerk)
Aug 4: 8am - 2pm	Aug 8: 9-10am

# VOTER OUTREACH



The Elections Office joined forces with the Indian River Bar Association to provide students with the opportunity to register to vote during Law Week. Elections staff hosted voter registration drives during lunch at Charter, Sebastian and Vero Beach high schools. Law Week is held every year in conjunction with Law Day, an annual event set aside to commemorate the importance of the Rule of Law in American society. The theme for this year's Law Week was *American Democracy and the Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Matters*. In total, the Elections Office registered 136 students to vote.



**Below:** The Elections Office programmed and deployed 11 touch-screen voting machines for the April 10<sup>th</sup> Impact 100 election. Here is what Past-President, Linda Knoll had to say about the process, "On behalf of Impact 100, many thanks to you and your staff. You were all so efficient and professional, and having the touch-screen machines there was really a timesaving addition to our event. Several members of Impact told me that they thought the voting really added a fun dimension to the meeting, and it all flowed so smoothly that we were able to shorten our intermission quite a bit. That translates to more members being present for the grant announcements, and also a lower bill for wine and hors d'oeuvres!"



It was the first time voting machines were used for the official tally— over 200 members voted in under an hour.

# VOTER OUTREACH



On May 17<sup>th</sup> Poll Workers & Elections Staff converged to offer kids of all ages an exciting way to engage in the elections process. Kids dressed up in patriotic props, posed for a picture and then voted for their favorite American Idol. Abe Lincoln took the prize!



## Student Government Elections



Before school let out for summer break, the Supervisor of Elections Office staff programmed and conducted the student government elections for Saint Ed's, Vero Beach and Sebastian River high schools in preparation for the 2014-2015 school year.

