



A Message From Supervisor Swan

Summer is officially here, and the 4th of July is right around the corner. Independence Day is a perfect time to celebrate our freedoms as Americans and embrace all of the wonderful things that the United States has to offer.



As Americans, we have so much to be thankful for, including one of our most important rights, the right to vote.

These days it is so easy to register to vote and cast your ballot that we often forget how hard our ancestors fought to make this present day privilege a reality.

In honor and in appreciation of all those who have sacrificed so much to serve our country, let's make a conscious effort to show our American pride. Fly Old Glory, register to vote, educate yourself on the history of America, or volunteer your time to a good cause.

If you or someone you know is eligible to register to vote and has not yet done so, you may go to www.VoteIndianRiver.com and click Register to Vote to complete a voter registration application. Once completed, the form must be signed and delivered to the Elections Office.



YOUR



SUMMER

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NOTICE

July 4th

How many Presidents were born on the 4th of July?

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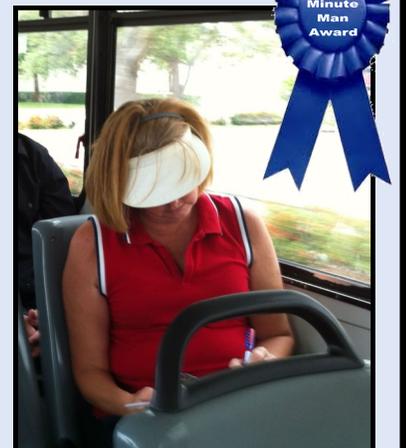
Trivia

Only one - Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President, was born July 4, 1872. THREE U.S. presidents died on July 4: John Adams, Thomas Jefferson James Monroe (1831).

Indian River County Registered Voters as of July 1, 2013

Republicans: 44,307 Democrats: 26,959 Other: 22,954

BREAKING NEWS: The Indian River County Supervisor of Elections office has been notified that it will be the recipient of an award for our submission to the 2013 Professional Practices Program. The Professional Practices Program is an opportunity to publicly say "well done" at the Election Center's National Conference. It is also a platform in which election officials can share their successful practices. Awards will be presented at the National Conference in August and the honored programs will be presented during a special segment of the conference. Winning practices are invited to participate in a break out session on day two of the conference to facilitate interaction between presenters and election administrators. The Indian River County Elections office is being recognized for the creation and implementation of Ride & Register, a voter outreach program in which elections office staff rode the GoLine bus and offered riders the opportunity to register to vote and ask questions about the upcoming elections.



ELECTION CENTER



Can't Get Enough?

Voice, a community magazine published by Rhett Palmer. You can also find us on Facebook, YouTube, & Twitter. If that's not enough, consider joining our team! Sign up to be a poll worker. You'll get paid for your service to the community and get to meet new people. Students eager to learn about the election process may fill out an online application for our Internship Program.

Find yourself wanting more election updates? Each month, Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan, submits important updates and interesting articles to Vero's

The Next Election

to be administered in Indian River County will take place on November 5, 2013. It is a Municipal General

Election for the cities of Fellsmere, Sebastian, and Vero Beach.

The deadline to register to vote is Friday, October 7. Registered voters

may request an absentee ballot for this election online at VoteIndianRiver.com

or by calling the Elections Office. The last day to request an absentee ballot to be

mailed is Wednesday, October 20. Those requesting absentee ballots to be mailed to a different address other than the one on record must submit the request in writing.

Candidate Workshops

Since the conclusion of the 2013 Florida Legislative Session, Candidate Coordinator, Kathy Crockett, has been working tirelessly on updating the Candidate Handbook. Legislators passed many changes to Florida Election Law, impacting candidate financial reporting. If you or someone you know is interested in running for an office, our candidate workshop is extremely informative. The Elections Office will be offering two workshops: November 21, 2013 and February 6, 2014. Topics to be covered include, Becoming a Candidate, Candidate Qualifying, Campaign Finance, Political Advertising, Poll Watchers, Requesting Data, Absentee Ballots, and Ethical Conduct. We strongly recommend our candidate workshop to all potential candidates and campaign treasurers.

Continuing Education

The Elections office staff is taking advantage of every opportunity to further our knowledge of the elections process. Already this summer, we have participated in the FSASE Summer Conference, a multi-county Lunch & Learn, a new voting system demonstration, and a focus group for our ballot-on-demand ballot printer. In addition, Accounting Coordinator Tricia Verdugo and Technical Programs Coordinator Stephanie Nelson will be heading to Fort Myers to begin training towards becoming Certified Elections Registration Administrators. Tricia and Stephanie will be on track to receive their CERA certification by 2014, resulting in over 50% of the staff being CERA certified.

VOTE!

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Freedom Shrine Rededicated by the Exchange Club



Equipment Demo by Dominion Voting Systems



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Voter Drive at Indian River Charter High School



Multi-county Focus Group with Runbeck



IRC Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class Tour

OFFICE HIGHLIGHTS



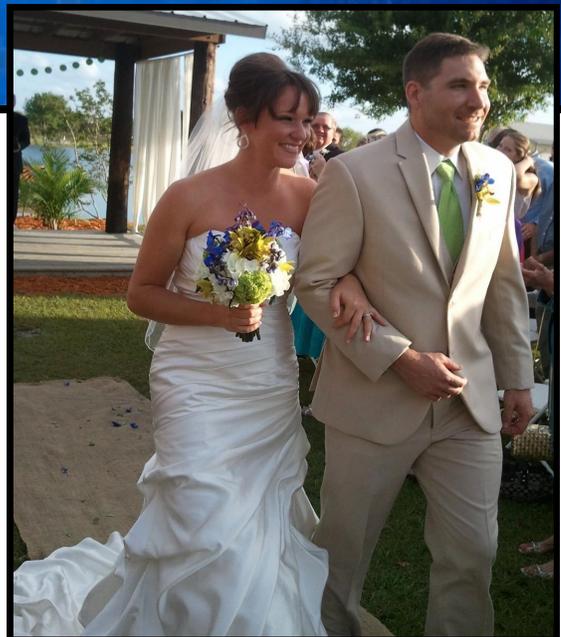
Leslie Swan's son Trent graduated from the University of Miami School of Law



Anne Kroh's daughter Katie graduated from Virginia Tech



Mrs. Gruber, formerly Marge Diehl, & Mr. Scott Gruber



Mrs. Nelson, formerly Stephanie Sonberg, & Mr. Frederick Nelson

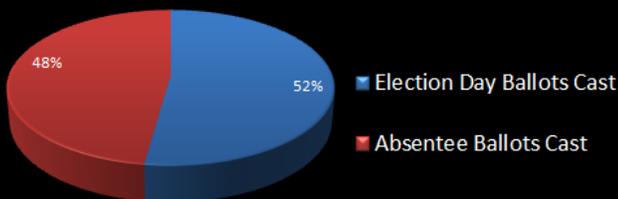
the newlyweds

Did You Know?

Voting trends have changed over the last eight years and will no doubt continue to evolve. Here is a brief overview of how voting trends have changed since the 2004 Presidential General Election. Since 2004, we have added Early Voting as a means to cast a ballot and Election Day voting has decreased by 19%.

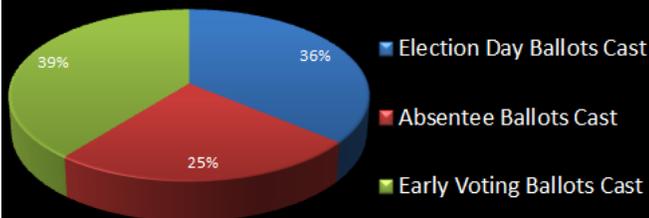
2004 Presidential General Election Voter Trends

** No early voting in 2004**



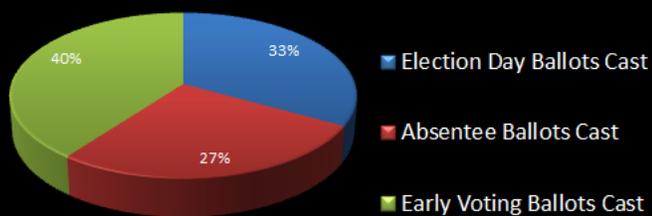
Total Ballots Cast 61,707 or 75.58 % Turnout

2008 Presidential General Election Voter Trends



Total Ballots Cast 71,145 or 79 % Turnout

2012 Presidential General Election Voter Trends



Total Ballots Cast 72,117 or 77.07 % Turnout



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CALENDAR

- May 9 Indian River Charter High School Awards Night
- May 10 IRCHS Home Base Voter Registration Drive
- May 22 Sebastian River High School Student Government Association Elections
- May 30 Runbeck Ballot-on-Demand Printer Focus Group
- June 12 Victory Store Voter Registration Drive
- June 9-13 FSASE Summer Conference
- June 17 Safety Briefing by IRC Sheriff's Office
- July 13-20 Election Center Professional Education Program Summer Session
- July 17 Restoration of Civil Rights Workshop
- August 12-15 Election Center 29th Annual National Conf.
- August 14 Victory Store Voter Registration Drive