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 **Message From Your Supervisor**



Indian River County Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan took time in July to attend city council and county commission meetings to notify voters of expired vote-by-mail ballot requests.

We're ready for Nov. 7 Municipal Elections

Leslie R. Swan

The Elections Office staff is set to go for the Nov. 7 Municipal Elections.

The cities of Sebastian and Vero Beach all have city council seats up for election. Voters must reside within the city limits to be eligible to vote for their city council representatives. Voters can opt to vote-by-mail or in-person on Election Day. There is no early voting for the Nov. 7 Municipal Elections.

Due to recent legislation, all vote-by-mail ballot requests expired on Dec. 31, 2022. Any voter who would like to receive a mail ballot for the municipal elections must submit a new request. The easiest way to request a mail ballot is to visit the Supervisor of Elections office website at VoteIndianRiver.gov or by calling the Elections Office at 772-226-4700. The deadline to request a ballot to be mailed is 5 p.m. Oct. 26.

Voters who choose to vote on Election Day must vote at their assigned polling location. A voter can review their voter information card to find their Election Day polling place or they can visit the Elections Office website and click on "Find My Polling Location."

Voting for local elected officials matters. These offices have a major impact on your community and daily life. Remember, the registration deadline is Oct. 10 to be eligible to vote in the Nov. 7 Municipal Elections.

| Municipality | # of council seats up for election | # of registered voters as of September 2023 |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| City of Sebastian | 3 | 19,434 |
| City of Vero Beach | 2 | 10,832 |

New addition



Leslie and Michael Swan's daughter and son-in-law Lauren and Brandon Hays welcomed Hartley to the family at 5:28 a.m. Aug. 13. He weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz. and was 21.5 inches long. He has a brother, Bennett.

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IT Manager David Cruz tests the new Electronic Voter Identification (EViD) machines ahead of the 2023 Municipal Elections.

New EViDs, printers to make voting easier on Election Day

Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan is rolling out some new technology for in-person voting on Election Day.

The Elections Office has upgraded its electronic pollbooks, also known as EViDs, to the new state-of-the-art tablet pollbook. There is no complicated setup process for this EViD; the election worker simply removes the lid from the EViD's storage case and the device can be operated from within that case.

Along with the new EViDs, the Elections Office also acquired Ballot on Demand (BOD) printers to accompany each EViD.

No more picking-and-pulling ballots for election workers. The BOD printers will automatically print the voter's correct ballot style after checking in using the EViD. Printing ballots on demand will make processing voters more efficient on Election Day.



The Supervisor of Elections Office is rolling out some new technology for in-person voting on Election Day: new Electronic Voter Identification (EViD) machines, left, and Ballot on Demand printers.

PRECINCT MAPS AVAILABLE

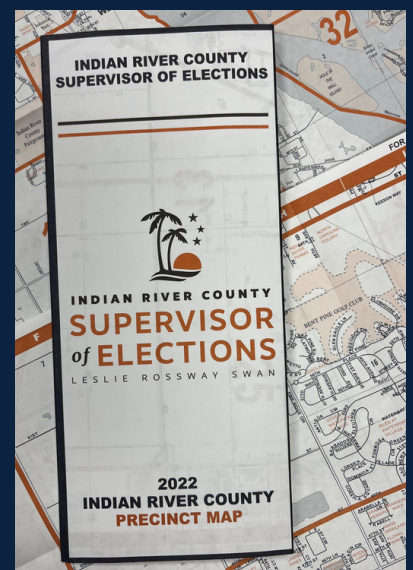
Hot  off the Press!

Indian River County's voting precincts were redrawn in 2022 based off 2020 Census data.

Maps depicting the new precinct boundary lines are now available online and in print.

An interactive digital Dolph Map is online: voteindianriver.gov.

Printed precinct maps are available at our office from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The first map is free; additional maps are \$5 each.





Elections staff helps stuff 625 backpacks

By **Stephanie Nelson**
and **Katherine Bauman**

Indian River County Supervisor of Elections staff members Anita Wheeler and Mariangelys Baldi spent a Friday morning in August helping stuff backpacks and making posters for the Gifford Youth Achievement Center's 25th annual Back-to-School Bash.

They joined students from Indian River State College's TRIO Upward Bound program, staff from Disney's Vero Beach Resort and players and coaches from three baseball teams with the Jackie Robinson Training Complex at GYAC to sort, pack and inventory the backpacks. In a few short hours, the work was complete and hundreds of backpacks were ready for distribution.

The collection of school supplies, which began in July, culminated on Aug. 4 with this packing party.

The giveaway event took place on Aug. 5 in GYAC's parking lot for mobile distribution of backpacks filled with notebooks, paper, pens, pencils and folders. Also included in each backpack, the Elections Office provided parents an informational pamphlet about the voting process.

In addition to the supplies, families were greeted by cheering children who held up signs with words of encouragement for students.

GYAC was grateful to partner with the Elections Office and several other organizations and receive help from more than 60 volunteers. With support from the community, GYAC was able to distribute 625 backpacks to families in need. Thanks to this amazing community, Indian River County students were better prepared to start the school year.



Gifford Youth Achievement Center's Stephanie Nelson, left, Freddie Woolfork and Elections Specialist Mariangelys Baldi hold posters made at the Aug. 4 backpack packing party.



Above: Stephanie Nelson, left, with Supervisor of Elections staff Mariangelys Baldi and Anita Wheeler. At right: Baldi helps stuff backpacks distributed at the Aug. 5 Back-to-School Bash.



It's Time To Renew Your Mail Ballot Request

All mail ballot requests expired on December 31, 2022. If you would like to continue voting by mail for the upcoming 2023 Municipal Elections or any elections to be held in 2024, you must submit a new request to receive a ballot.

Requesting a Mail Ballot is Easy

Visit VoteIndianRiver.gov/Vote-by-mail or call the Elections Office at 772-226-4700

Leslie R. Swan
Indian River County Supervisor of Elections

VoteIndianRiver.gov

 **SOE Elections News**

Baldi joins staff as Elections Specialist

Mariangelys Baldi joined the staff at the Supervisor of Elections office in July 2023 as an Elections Specialist.

Raised in New Jersey, she earned a bachelor's degree from William Paterson University in 2015.

Mariangelys, or Mari for short, and her husband Michael moved to Indian River County in August 2021. "I recently celebrated my second wedding anniversary and am enjoying every moment of being a newlywed," she said.

Mariangelys has a background in case management and service coordination across multiple different industries.



Elections Specialist Mariangelys Baldi with her puppy, Bruno.

She most recently worked at the 19th Judicial Circuit Court.

"I love serving the members of my new community and look forward to learning more about the election process," she said.

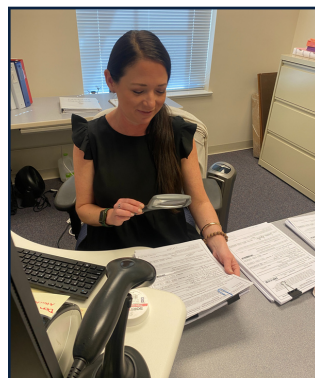
In her free time, Mariangelys said she loves to cook, organize, garden and snuggle with her precious fur babies, Marley and Bruno.

Staff busy verifying petitions

Initiative petitions are starting to ramp up at the Indian River County Supervisor of Elections office.

One requirement for a proposed amendment to be placed on the 2024 General Election ballot is for the sponsoring political committee to obtain 891,523 petition signatures. All petitions must be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections office by Feb. 1, 2024. The sponsors are starting early and keeping us busy.

All petitions are checked and signatures verified by our election staff.



Elections Administration Coordinator Katie Otto looks over some paperwork.

The Indian River County Supervisor of Elections Office has received and verified 11,376 Initiative Petitions for the 2024 election cycle.

CAREER FAIR

Supervisor Leslie Swan and Candidate Coordinator Anita Wheeler participated in the Indian River County School District's Career Fair on May 16 at the Treasure Coast Technical College in Gifford. Eleven students were registered to vote and offered vote-by-mail applications in preparation for the 2023-24 elections.





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Assistant County Administrator Mike Zito, left, Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan, County Administrator John Titkanich and Chief Deputy Maureen Houssell at the Elections Office.

New administrator visits SOE

Indian River County Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan and staff recently welcomed new Indian River County Administrator John Titkanich and Assistant County Administrator Mike Zito to visit the Elections Office. During the meeting, Swan gave a tour of the facilities, discussed budget items in preparation for fiscal year 2024, and reviewed sites used as polling locations.



REGISTERED VOTERS IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

(As of Sept. 28, 2023)

- DEMOCRAT - 27,934
- REPUBLICAN - 56,862
- NPA - 26,528
- OTHER - 3,019
- TOTAL - 114,343

LET'S GET SOCIAL

Be sure to like and follow us on social media to receive frequent updates and accurate information from your trusted source of voting and election information in Indian River County.



#VOTEINDIANRIVER



COVER PHOTOGRAPH

Vote By Mail Coordinator Daisy Zamora, right, and Katie Otto, Elections Administration Coordinator, deliver 4,659 domestic ballots for the 2023 Municipal Election to the U.S. Post Office in Vero Beach on Sept. 28; 1,672 ballots were mailed at the request of Vero Beach voters and 2,987 ballots to Sebastian voters.

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2023 National Voter Registration Day

Members of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Demetria “Dee Dee” Williams, Bessie Weaver and Melissa Hall worked with Indian River County Candidate Coordinator Anita Wheeler on National Voter Registration Day conducted Sept. 19 at Indian River State College’s Mueller Campus in Vero Beach. Wheeler registered 22 students to vote.



Promoting voting

Supervisor Leslie Swan and Candidate Coordinator Anita Wheeler met with Dee Dee Williams, chapter president of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, recently to discuss how the Zeta Phi Betas can help promote voter outreach events and campaigns.

CERA recertification

Indian River County Supervisor Leslie Swan and Chief Deputy Maureen Houssell attended recertification classes for CERA: Certified Elections Registration Administrator during a conference in August in Orlando.

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2023 FSE Summer Conference

Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan and Chief Deputy Maureen Houssell attended the Florida Supervisors of Elections Summer Conference in May. Supervisors discussed the 2024 election cycle and the changes Senate Bill 7050 brought to Florida’s Election Law.



UP Center Job Fair

Voter Services Manager Katherine Bauman registered people to vote at the United Against Poverty job fair on June 1. Five attendees registered with Katherine, making sure they’re ready to have their voices heard in upcoming elections.



Taking a tour

Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan and Candidate Coordinator Anita Wheeler toured The Buggy Bunch facility in downtown Vero Beach in July and discussed voter outreach opportunities for moms, dads and children. The Buggy Bunch is dedicated to building relationships and meeting the needs of Indian River County moms and their families.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct. 2, 1 – 4 p.m., EViD Operator Training
- Oct. 3, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., EViD Operator Training
- Oct. 4, 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Clerk and Assistant Clerk Training; 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., Deputy Training
- Oct. 5, 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Clerk and Assistant Clerk Training; 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., Deputy Training
- Oct. 10, 5 p.m., Book closing for 2023 Municipal Election
- Oct. 11, 9 – 11 a.m., Field Rep Training
- Oct. 12, 10 a.m. & 4 p.m., Election Day at Buggy Bunch Outreach Event; 4 p.m., Vote By Mail Viewing
- Oct. 13, 8 a.m., Logic and Accuracy Test of Voting Equipment; Vote By Mail ballot processing
- Oct. 17, noon – 1 p.m., Chamber of Commerce Lunch & Learn presentation by Supervisor Leslie Swan
- Oct. 25, 9 – 11 a.m., Field Tech Training
- Oct. 26, 5 p.m., Deadline to request Vote By Mail ballots to be mailed
- Oct. 27, 9 a.m., Vote By Mail ballot processing
- Oct. 28, 5 p.m., Deadline to send Vote By Mail Ballots
- Nov. 1, 9 – 11 a.m., EViD Lab-open to all Election Workers
- Nov. 3, 9 a.m., Canvassing Board Meeting, Vote By Mail ballot processing
- Nov. 7, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., Polls open for Election Day; 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m., Vote By Mail ballot processing
- Nov. 8, 10 a.m., Processing Ballots
- Nov. 9, 5 p.m., Canvassing Board Meeting, Canvass Cure Affidavits & Provisional Ballots

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Inaugural Community Council forum

Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan attended the 2023 Inaugural Community Council forum hosted by the Indian River County Taxpayers' Association Sept. 22 at the Intergenerational Recreation Center, or IG Center. The future of Indian River County was the topic of the discussion.

Swan visits Oceanside Rotary

Supervisor Leslie Swan gave a presentation Sept. 27 to the Vero Beach Oceanside Rotary Club and in exchange received a Certificate of Appreciation for enhancing education and wellness in the community. Swan is pictured here with Tricia Kawi, club president.



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov. 10, 8:30 a.m., Recount (if necessary)
- Nov. 15, noon, Post Election Audit
- Nov. 16, 10 a.m. - noon, Masters Academy Tour
- Nov. 22, 6:45 a.m., Supervisor Leslie Swan Guest Speaker at Sunrise Rotary Club
- Nov. 23, Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving
- Nov. 24, Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving
- Dec. 4, 11 a.m., Indian River Home School Students Tour
- Dec. 19, 11 a.m., Supervisor Swan to speak at Treasure Coast Social Tea Luncheon
- Dec. 22, Office Closed in Observance of Christmas
- Dec. 25, Office Closed in Observance of Christmas
- Jan. 1, Office Closed in Observance of New Year's Day

Farewell celebration

Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan and Tax Collector Carole Jean Jordan wished County Attorney Dylan Reingold, center, much success in his future endeavors at his farewell celebration earlier this year. After 10 years as the county's chief legal counsel, Reingold stepped down to pursue his lifelong dream: climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa.





Staff Milestones



Voter Services Manager Katherine Bauman celebrated her three-year anniversary with the Elections Office on Aug. 6.



Candidate Coordinator Anita Wheeler celebrated her three-year anniversary with the Elections Office on Sept. 13.

New additions

Election Worker Coordinator Jenny Obergfell and her husband Garrett welcomed daughter Emery Ann to the world at 7:58 p.m. April 27, weighing in at 6 lbs., 5 ounces and 19 inches long.



Emery Ann Obergfell

Vote By Mail Coordinator Daisy Zamora and her husband Liove welcomed son Arlan to their family on May 4. He arrived three weeks early, weighing 5 lbs., 4 ounces and 19 inches long. He has a 3-year-old big brother, Ander.



Arlan Zamora