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A Message From Supervisor Swan



“The Election is over, so now what?” This is a question that we hear quite often, and people are always intrigued by our answer. Many people have this notion that once the Presidential Election is over the Elections Office shuts down. That is certainly not the case.

As with any business or organization, it is vital to step back and analyze the way we do our job. So, for the next few months before the November 5th Municipal General Elections, we will be busy working on list maintenance, poll worker training, security contingency plans, voter outreach, continuing education, a budget review and supply audit.

We will continue our voter outreach and education efforts throughout the community with our annual Young Reader’s Election, Student Elections, and monthly visits to the Victory Store. We are also preparing for our second facility tour of the year. The Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership Class will be visiting the Elections Office to learn first-hand what goes on behind the scenes of an election.

With the new fiscal year approaching, we must carefully review our budget and develop ways to become more efficient. We audit our election materials and supplies in order to plan for the upcoming fiscal year and recycle as much as we can for future use.

We will be fine-tuning our poll worker training based on feedback from voters and poll workers during the 2012 Presidential Election and making changes in accordance with any legislative updates that pass during the 2013 Legislative Session.

As technology advances and Florida law changes, continuing education plays a huge role in our success. We must stay on the cutting edge of these changes, learn best practices from others and remain flexible at all times in order to run smooth elections.

Since we are always striving to streamline and improve our procedures, we will be busy evaluating each department’s processes and modifying them where necessary. If we plan to expect the unexpected, we will always be prepared.

Indian River County Registered Voters as of April 1, 2013

Republicans: 44,775

Democrats: 27,396 Other: 23,099

VOTE!

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Citrus Votes on Favorite Book



2013 Sherrif's BBQ



Democracy Days @ VBHS



General Municipal Election Training



2013 GME Set-up



United Methodist Pre-K Tour

IRC's 2013 FSASE Scholarship Finalist

We could not be more pleased to announce Indian River County's Finalist for the 2013 FSASE Scholarship. Congratulations to **Jordan Lulich**! Jordan's application will be submitted to the FSASE scholarship chair in Tallahassee for a chance to win a \$1200 scholarship. Jordan is an inspiration to young men and women aspiring to make a difference in society. He will be graduating in June from Indian River Charter High School with enough credits to enter Florida State University as a Junior. His extensive resume paints a clear picture of Jordan's hard work and determination to succeed. Jordan plans to pursue a law degree, but aside from a college degree, he hopes to develop lifelong friendships, a better understanding of who he is as a person, and discover what area of law he is most passionate about. We wish Jordan the best of luck as we send off his application to compete with other finalists from around the state of Florida.



Cost-Saving Implementation

During the Hospital District Special Election and the General Municipal Elections in February and March, the Elections Office successfully tested a new method for connecting our EVIDs (Electronic Voter Identification machines) to the voter registration database. Previously, machines were connected via a telephone line, whereas now we use Verizon's Air Cards to wirelessly connect the EVIDs to our voter registration database.

We started our test using only two polling locations. After the first successful attempt, we decided to expand our test to three sites for the March municipal elections. Our staff was able to continuously monitor the wireless connection throughout the day and complete address changes for voters at the polling locations. This new procedure has the potential to produce a yearly savings of \$3,335.10 .

We no longer need to maintain phone lines for each polling location after the election is over. Opening and closing the polls is more streamlined- the EVIDs do not need to be set up in a specific location since we no longer use phone lines, which eliminates the need to tape down the phone lines. In addition, if an emergency ever occurred, poll workers could quickly relocate and continue operations at an alternate location.

Address Point System Pays Off

In March of 2013, the Indian River County Supervisor of Elections office contracted with our vendor to run the National Change of Address List and compare it to our voter list. This process allows us to update addresses so that postage costs are not wasted when mailing information to outdated addresses. The cost was \$190.00

Due to our redistricting efforts and the implementation of the Address Point System now in use, there were no address updates that we were not already aware of for the first time. Within the last 12 months, 4,831 registered voters in IRC submitted an address change with the post office, and our voter rolls (as of March 2013) already reflected the most current address!

EVID Roundtable

Last month, our staff traveled to Ocala, FL to participate in a roundtable discussion with other Supervisors and staff from across the state. The EVID Roundtable is an annual VR Systems user meeting established to share best practices and procedures for optimizing the use of our Electronic Voter Identification machines, used to check in voters at the polls. Discussions were geared toward technical support, poll worker trainers, early voting coordinators, and voting history. Supervisor Leslie Swan was in attendance, fulfilling her continuing education credit hour requirement as a Certified Elections Registration Administrator.

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Did You Know?

Pursuant to Florida Statute 101.015(4)(b) each Supervisor of Elections shall establish written procedures to assure accuracy and security in his or her county, including procedures related to early voting. Such procedures shall be reviewed in each odd-numbered year by the Department of State. Furthermore, each supervisor shall submit any revisions to the security procedures to the Department of State at least 45 days before early voting commences in an election in which they are to take effect. We just completed our review and have already submitted our changes to the State for approval. Our staff embraced the opportunity to make improvements to the existing procedures and review safeguards that are in place in other departments.

Trivia

Based on recommendations from Secretary of State Ken Detzner, the Florida Legislature has been encouraged to focus on what aspects of the elections process in hopes of increasing accessibility & efficiency in Florida Elections?

- A: Extend Early Voting Hours & Sites
- B: Restrict Ballot Length
- C: Earlier Absentee Ballot Mailing
- D: All of the above

Answer: D

VOTER OUTREACH

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| Mar. 13 Victory Store Voter Registration | Apr. 12 Glendale Elementary SSYR Voting |
| Mar. 14 Election Certification | Apr. 12 Rosewood Magnet SSYR Voting |
| Mar. 18 FSASE Scholarship Deadline | Apr. 15 St. Helen's SSYR Voting |
| Mar. 18 Post-Election Manual Audit | Apr. 16 St. Edward's School Election |
| Mar. 20 Drug Abuse Summit | Apr. 18 Facility Tour: Chamber Lead Class |
| Mar. 22 Citrus Elementary SSRA Voting | Apr. 19 Fellsmere Elementary Voting |
| Mar. 28 Continuing Education Webinar | Apr. 19 FLC Florida Teens Read Voting |
| Apr. 3 VBHS Voter Registration Drive | Apr. 22 Pelican Island Elementary Voting |
| Apr. 4 Sebastian Middle SSYR Voting | Apr. 23 St. Edward's School Election |
| Apr. 4 Palm Beach County SOE Staff Visit | Apr. 24 Beachland Elementary Voting |
| Apr. 5 Dodgertown Elementary SSYR Voting | Apr. 26 Liberty Magnet SSYR Voting |
| Apr. 8 Highland Elementary SSYR Voting | Apr. 26 Treasure Coast Elementary Voting |
| Apr. 10 Victory Store Voter Registration | May 1 VBHS Voter Registration Drive |
| Apr. 11 VB Elementary SSYR Voting | May 8 Victory Store Voter Registration |