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**Indian River County**

**Registered Voters**

Republican	43,467
Democrat	27,221
Other	20,340



**THREE WAYS TO VOTE . . .**

**VOTE BY ABSENTEE**

You may request an absentee ballot be sent to your home. How? You can visit our website [voteindianriver.com](http://voteindianriver.com) to request an absentee or simply call our office, 772-226-3440.

Absentee ballots must be back in our office by 7:00 p.m. on election night.



**VOTE EARLY**

Our Office will be the **only** early voting site open for November 2011 Municipal General Election. Remember to bring an ID (not expired) that contains your photo and signature.

Early voting will be offered October 29, 2011 through November 5, 2011.

Monday - Saturday - 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**VOTE ON ELECTION DAY**

You must vote in the polling location on election day that you have been assigned. The location is determined by your residence address. If you are unsure about where you vote on election day, you can visit our website [voteindianriver.com](http://voteindianriver.com) to request an absentee or simply call our office, 772-226-3440. Again, don't forget to bring an ID (not expired) that contains your photo and signature.



**POLL WORKERS** who have been assigned to work or are standing by to be called to work are requested to vote early or by absentee. You may be working outside of your 'home precinct' on election day.

**Municipal General Election**

**November 8, 2011**

**Polls Open**

**7 a.m. until 7 p.m.**

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POLL WORKER POST

SUMMER 2011

**2011 FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SESSION BRINGS ELECTION LAW CHANGES**

**HOUSE BILL 1355**

The 2011 legislative session recently ended the second week in May and among the bills passed was one that affects election laws and procedures. Although the 158 page bill contains many provisions relating to elections administration, there are several changes that will directly affect voters this upcoming 2012 election season.

The date for the Presidential Preference Primary Election will be decided by an appointed committee and will be determined sometime before October 1, 2011. The timeframe will fall between the beginning of January and the beginning of March. The Legislative session also changed the Primary Election date to take

place on August 14<sup>th</sup>, which was moved up from 10 weeks to 12 weeks prior to the general election.

The bill reduces early voting to an 8-day period, beginning from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> day before an election. Early voting will begin on a Saturday and end the following Saturday prior to an election. Also of note is a new provision which requires Florida voters who attempt to change their address from another county into Indian River County on Election Day, to vote a provisional ballot. There is an exemption in place for active uniformed service members or their family.

With respect to voting by absentee ballot, an absentee ballot request will



be honored for up to two election cycles. Another significant change requires third-party voter registration organizations to register with the Division of Elections before engaging in any voter registration activities. It also requires such groups to submit voter registration applications within 48 hours of receipt.

To read the entire bill, please visit the Supervisor of Elections website at:

[www.voteindianriver.com](http://www.voteindianriver.com)

**We CAN make a difference. . .one CAN at a time!**

The Elections Office staff is partnering with Harvest Food and Outreach Center.

This organization serves Indian River County's residents by offering multiple programs for low-income families battling hunger.

One program that is offered is their Cost Share Grocery Program where families may buy groceries for 30 cents on the dollar. Food items for this program are made possible by grants and significant local in-kind donations.

Another program is one

where families who cannot afford groceries are given food.

One way that we can assist families that need help is by donating food items.



We are asking our poll workers and friends to **GIVE A CAN FOR A CAUSE.** Protein items such as peanut butter, canned tuna or canned chicken are always lacking when volunteers are

making baskets, so we ask that you bring a protein item.

There are four elections between November 2011 and November 2012. If one person donates one can per election, that's four cans! If all assigned poll workers give four cans, that's approximately 1200 cans. Just think how many families could benefit from your generosity.

Anyone may drop off donations at our office, 4375 43rd Ave, Vero Beach, Mon-Fri, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.



## Road Rally

The Indian River County Supervisor of Elections Office was proud to participate as one of the stops for Sun Up Center's second annual "Vero Road Rally Magnifique" (VRRM) event. VRRM was a scenic driving tour on public roads where a group of people competed in a very casual, family-type outing for points to win prizes. The event consisted of 52 cars traveling 52 miles around the county making stops and finding answers to questions given to them by event organizers.



Staff at the elections office decorated the front entry of the building as well as the

parking lot with red, white and blue to welcome those who entered the event. We enjoyed seeing the types of cars, buggies and trucks that were entered. We were joined by John and Ruth McDonald who brought their 1967 Lincoln Continental.

The McDonalds handed out stickers to the participants symbolizing that they had indeed made the stop by our office.

This is the main fundraiser for Sun Up Center and all money raised will go to the daily operations of the facility. This organization provides residential and work opportunities for developmentally disabled adults in a community

environment. They also offer a variety of educational, social and recreational opportunities: Independent living skills, work skills, health and fitness, computer, community activities, social development, acrylic painting, arts and crafts, cooking, bowling and coffee house.



If you would like more information about the Sun Up Center, it is located at 2455 5th Street SW, Vero Beach, FL 32962 or you may call them at 772-770-6626.

## Florida Redistricting Public Meetings

The Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate will host more than two-dozen public meetings on redistricting throughout the state of Florida.

Public meetings will serve as an opportunity for citizen input. This summer's public meeting schedule

for redistricting has been updated and finalized at: [www.floridaredistricting.org](http://www.floridaredistricting.org).

Anyone interested may attend. There are two meetings scheduled in close proximity to Indian River County and they are as follows:

- **Melbourne** – (Thursday) July 28, 2011, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Brevard County Commission Chamber, 2725 Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL 32940
- **Stuart** – (Monday) August 15, 2011, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. – Blake Library, 2351 SE Monterey Rd, Stuart, FL 34996

## Meet Stephanie Sonberg

Stephanie grew up in St. Petersburg, FL, the youngest of 4 children (she has 3 brothers).

She moved to Vero Beach in 2009 after attending the University of Florida, where she majored in Tourism and Hospitality Management.

Stephanie's responsibilities in our office will include the preparation of Canvassing Board documents,

legal notices, and election certification documents, media relations including preparing press releases, advertising and coordinating media schedules.

She will also assist with programming voting equipment and poll worker training.

Stephanie is also learning the basics within each department of the office.



Welcome  
Stephanie Sonberg!

## 1,976 Students Vote for their Favorite Book

The Supervisor of Elections office joined with our local schools to conduct a voting program for students to vote for their favorite book from lists provided by the Sunshine State Young Reader's Award Program (SSYRA), Florida Reading Association Program and Florida Teens Read Program.

This year we had 551 students in grades 3-5 participate in the SSYRA voting. Several schools opted to include students in grades K-2 to participate in the voting program. The younger students, 1009, voted for their favorite book from the Florida Reading Association's book list. Middle school students, grades 6-8, had 398 participate in the vot-

ing program, as well as 18 students from the Freshman Learning Center.



The following schools participated in the program: Beachland Elementary, Citrus Elementary, Dodgertown Elementary, Fellsmere Elementary, Glendale Elementary, Highlands Elementary, Liberty Magnet, Pelican Island Elementary, St. Helen's Catholic School,

Sebastian Elementary, St. Edward's Lower School, Rosewood Magnet, Treasure Coast Elementary, Gifford Middle, Sebastian Middle, Storm Grove Middle, Sebastian Junior Charter, and the Freshman Learning Center. In total, over 1,976 children voted!!

Once the polls were closed, the results were known immediately for that school. The Supervisor of Elections office provided the students with "I Voted" stickers.

During the month of May, many of the schools who participated in this program entered a team of students in the county's Book Battle competition.

## VBHS Birthday Cake

Jessica Wood, Guidance Counselor at Vero Beach High School, knows the importance of registering young people to vote. Mrs. Wood sought the help of the Elections office to host an innovative monthly voter registration program. Vero Beach High School and the Supervisor of Elections office have recently completed a year-long partnership hosting monthly voter registration drives.

Each month, VBHS provides a large birthday cake decorated in patriotic colors and an American flag. The cake is available during

all lunch periods in the cafeteria and all students whose birthdays fall within a designated month are treated to a piece of cake.

Supervisor of Elections, Leslie Swan, said "The cake attracts a great deal of attention and gets the students excited about the voter registration process." Students who are 18-years old are eligible to register, but in addition, anyone who is 16 or 17-years old can pre-register to vote and automatically receive their voter information card once they turn 18. Hundreds of Vero Beach High School students

have registered to vote this year. Supervisor of Elections, Leslie Swan, has plans to meet with the other high schools in Indian River County to expand this successful program.

