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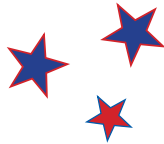
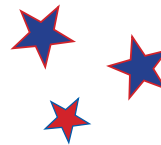
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Happy New Year to everyone! The 2012 election cycle begins this month with the January 31, 2012 Presidential Preference Primary (PPP). In keeping with Florida Statutes regarding the Closed Primary status of our state, the PPP will be a partisan election for registered Republicans only. There are no democratic candidates, minor party candidates or amendments on the ballot for this election. However, preparations for a portion of the electorate are no less arduous than for any election. The same systematic approach with checks and balances is still applied, and just for good measure, everything is then edited and checked again.

If you plan to early vote, please note that the newly condensed 8-day early voting period begins January 21st and ends January 28th. Check pascovotes.com for early voting locations, hours and wait times, or call 800-851-8754 for more information.

I would like to make everyone aware that our 2012 Voter's Guide is now available on-line at pascovotes.com. Whether you're a first-time voter, a new voter to the state of Florida, or a seasoned voter, this guide contains information to help you become an effective and empowered voter.

In closing, and as we begin a new year, I would like to reaffirm my office's commitment to excellence in our service to the public. If you have any concerns, or we can be of service, do not hesitate to contact us. Sincerely,

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Registration Statistics

Republican	115,814
Democrat	106,055
Other	75,371
TOTAL	297,240

As of January 5, 2012

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(727) 847-8162



Election Information...

Early Voting When and Where

Early Voting begins Saturday, January 21, 2012 through Saturday, January 28, 2012. Voters **must** present photo and signature ID when voting or vote a provisional ballot. Voting locations are open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the New Port Richey and Dade City Supervisor of Elections' offices and four local libraries.

DADE CITY

East Pasco Government Center
14236 6th Street

LAND O' LAKES

Land O' Lakes Branch Library
2818 Collier Parkway

NEW PORT RICHEY

West Pasco Government Center
8731 Citizens Drive, Ste. 110

ZEPHYRHILLS/

WESLEY CHAPEL

New River Branch Library
34043 State Road 54

HUDSON

Hudson Regional Library
8012 Library Road

HOLIDAY

South Holiday Branch Library
4649 Mile Stretch Drive

NOTE: Early voting is no longer available at the Wesley Chapel location due to the closing of that office.



DoubleClick Democracy
An Online Service of Kids Voting USA®

2012 Florida
Presidential Preference Primary
Mock Election - January 23-31, 2012

Our office, in partnership with Kids Voting Tampa Bay (KVTB) and the District School Board of Pasco County, will host the 2012 Presidential Preference Primary Mock Election from January 23 – 31, 2012, in high schools and middle schools countywide. Approximately 34,000 students, grades 6-12, will have opportunity to cast their ballot using the DoubleClick Democracy online voting system. Results of the mock election will be posted on www.pascovotes.com at 7:00 p.m. election night, January 31, 2012. Kids Voting Tampa Bay is the local chapter of a nonpartisan, non-profit organization and serves students grades K-12 throughout Tampa Bay. Visit <http://kidsvotingtampabay.com> for more information on this excellent educational program.

Mass Mailing of Vote-By-Mail Ballots for Presidential Preference Primary

Over 5,900 vote-by-mail ballots were mailed to voters who had requests already on file. Ballots are still available upon request by calling the elections' office, by submitting the request in writing or by using the on-line request form at www.pascovotes.com. Voters who prefer to vote-by-mail may specify that their request remain on file for two election cycles.



Vote-by-mail ballots cannot be forwarded, but can be mailed to a temporary mailing address if outside of Pasco County. Voters are encouraged to ensure their address and signature are up-to-date when requesting vote-by-mail ballots.

Voted ballots must be returned to the elections' office no later than 7:00 p.m. election day, January 31, 2012. Voted ballots may also be hand delivered to any of the three Supervisor of Elections' Offices in Pasco County, or at an early voting site during the early voting period January 21 - 28, 2012. Voted ballots may not be turned in at the polls on election day.

Election Information...



Our Bellwether Reputation

*"As Pasco goes, so does the state of Florida; and as Florida goes, so does the nation."
- Jeb Bush, former Governor of Florida*

The word bellwether derives its original meaning from Old English as a term to describe the lead ram of a flock, or wether, which wore a bell so its shepherd could easily find him. More recently, the term is translated to mean an "indicator or predictor."

Vermont is dubbed a bellwether state in national primary elections. It is thought that election results in Vermont set a trend likely to be followed nationwide by a majority of like individuals or groups. As far as Florida elections are concerned, Pasco County has a reputation of being the bellwether.

Our reputation as a swing county comes not only from our historically quick election night results, but also because Pasco's election results often mirror statewide results within a few percentage points. Pasco offers a good statistical sampling of Democrats, Republicans, and Independent voters, and because of these factors we are seen as a representative cross-section of Florida voters in general. This is one reason why you may encounter exit pollers at the precincts on election day. Please know that they are statutorily entitled to be there, and for any concerns or problems, please ask to speak to the Precinct Supervisor.

Pollworker Information...

Pollworker Honors



In this edition we would like to recognize **Marilyn Turner**. Marilyn has been serving as a pollworker in Pasco County since 1978 and is beginning her 34th year of service. Marilyn has the most tenure of any pollworker on our files. She took time recently to share some of her thoughts on her experience:

Why did you originally sign up to be a pollworker? *I wanted to do my civic duty and to serve. I have always felt it was important and that it was my constitutional right and privilege.*

What different positions have you worked? *I started as an inspector for Supervisor Mary Morgan. My precinct was at the Aripeka Library and we were using the Shoup lever voting machines. The room we used was tiny and we made our coffee in a closet and kept our food in coolers. Under Supervisor Browning I was made a clerk, and I now serve under Supervisor Corley as a Precinct Supervisor. I have also done temporary work at the elections' office.*

What is your most memorable election and why? *The hanging chads always come to mind, but more importantly, I like to remember how the process rebounded from that experience. To me, it's further testimony to the resilience of democracy.*

What changes in the election process have impacted the pollworkers the most and why? *The introduction of the iVotronic voting machines revolutionized voting as we knew it and made the process much easier. They are still my favorite voting machines, but now we have the scanners which are also working well.*

What would you say to High School or College students that would encourage them to become a pollworker? *It is important to honor our constitutional rights by being involved with the elections and to give back to our country. There is no better way to gain an understanding of the process than to be involved.*

Pollworker Training and Assignments

The January Pollworker Training Calendar has been completed, and all prospective workers have been notified. The January sessions are "task-specific" trainings and are statutorily required prior to each election.

Because the January PPP is a partisan election for registered Republicans only, the size of the pollworker workforce is considerably smaller. Many adjustments in the assignments were necessary, including the appointment of many workers to alternate positions. The training of alternates is as important as for any election, and in no way is a reflection on your value as a pollworker.

The fall training schedule will be published once it has been finalized. If you are aware now that you will be unavailable to work in the August Primary or the November General Elections, please contact your pollworker coordinator as soon as possible.

Judicial Election Information FAQs



OR UPDATE YOUR RECORD FOR THE 2012 ELECTION CYCLE

Voters who are currently registered in the state of Florida but have relocated to Pasco County and did not update their address prior to election day will be statutorily required to vote a provisional ballot. This condition was added this year as a result of HB 1355.

Maintaining your voter registration is your insurance of a trouble-free voting experience without delays! Your signature is required for all name, party or written address change requests. It is your authorization for us to make the change. Check our 2012 Voter's Guide on www.pascovotes.com for further information.

A new educational resource is available to voters which provides information regarding the election and/or retention of judicial candidates.

It has been provided as a public service by the Florida Bar's Judicial Independence and Judicial Administration and Evaluation Committees and is available on our website, www.pascovotes.com, via this link: <http://www.pascovotes.com/judElec.asp>, or by selecting the "Elections" tab in the left-hand column of our home page and then the "About Judicial Elections" option from the drop-down menu.

The information is provided as Frequently Asked Questions and a questions and answers format. We often receive questions regarding judicial races, and we are pleased to provide this resource.

Legislative mandates to know...

- Vote-by-mail ballot requests can be honored through two general election cycles.
- The early voting period has been reduced from 14 to eight days with the option of 6-12 hours per day.
- The primary election date was changed from 10 weeks prior to the general election to 12 weeks prior. However, the Rules Subcommittee on Ethics and Elections has scheduled a hearing for January 11, 2012 for the purpose of possibly changing the primary date to 11 weeks prior to the general election. Currently, the primary is scheduled for August 14, 2012, but could change to August 21, 2012 based on the results of the hearing.

Usted Habla Espanol?

The Supervisor of Elections office is looking for bilingual individuals to work in polling places serving concentrations of Spanish speaking people. If you speak Spanish, and would be interested in translating for voters in Pasco County, please call Xenia at 800-851-8754.

Quotes of the Quarter

An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.
Benjamin Franklin

Truth is what stands the test of experience.
Albert Einstein

The more freedom we enjoy, the greater the responsibility we bear, toward others as well as ourselves.
Oscar Arias Sanchez

www.quotationspage.com

2012 Election Dates

Presidential Preference	01/31/12
Municipal	04/10/12
Primary	08/14/12*
General	11/06/12

* This date subject to change