

Pollworker Points...

January 2005

POLLWORKER ORIENTATIONS

Individuals interested in becoming a pollworker must attend an orientation session before becoming an active pollworker. Orientations are held monthly and all interested parties are encouraged to attend the "one-time" event.

The orientation schedule for January is as follows:

NEW PORT RICHEY

January 19, 2005

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

LANDO' LAKES

January 27, 2005

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

DADE CITY

January 28, 2005

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

The orientation schedule for February is as follows:

DADE CITY

February 15, 2005

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

LANDO' LAKES

February 16, 2005

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

NEW PORT RICHEY

February 17, 2005

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

If you know of anyone interested in becoming a pollworker, have them contact Xenia or Joyce at their earliest convenience. Remember: If you have attended an orientation or have worked as a pollworker, you do not need to attend another orientation session.

2004 Elections are a Success!

Pasco County's Election Workers rose to the occasion

Congratulations! Your tireless efforts during the 2004 election cycle served Pasco Voters well. Pasco County's key to success is directly related to the dedication and perseverance of its pollworkers! It was obvious that you prepared and performed well.

All three elections in 2004 were successful in Pasco County. You all did a great job dealing with the long lines, voter concerns, an abundance of pollwatchers, and provisional ballots (we only had 84 county-wide). There are, however, a few areas in which we need to improve in order to increase efficiency and service during future elections. The following is a summary of the areas in need of attention:

1. **The return of supplies...**Please follow the directions given regarding the return of items, including where they are to be returned. ALL completed forms are to be returned in the completed affirmations envelope which in turn is placed in the green bag and returned to the collection site on Election Night. DO NOT place completed affirmations in the supply envelopes with the blank forms.
2. **Affirmations should be completed in their entirety.** If an affirmation is sent to you without being completed, take the initiative and complete the form. All address changes and/or forms indicating a voter is not in the register but is eligible to vote should have a confirmation code.
3. **Utilize the phone bank.**
4. **The payroll sheet should be signed by all pollworkers and returned in its envelope in the green bag.**
5. **Zero tapes!**
6. **All precinct registers should be returned in the green bag.** Some registers were in the wrong place, others were not there at all.
7. **Pay close attention to bookclosing and registration dates.** Voters who register after the books close for a specific election are not eligible to vote in that election.
8. **Demo units should be repacked according to VSS instructions.** Power cords, PEBs, and other items are being packed on top of the demo unit screen, and thus damaging the screens.

POLLWORKER RECRUITMENT

Pasco County needs your help

Our pollworker coordinators are in the process of conducting a file maintenance program. Upon completion, our office could be looking at pollworker vacancies around the county. Since the Supervisor of Elections office recruits pollworkers year round, even in non-election years, we would like to take this opportunity to utilize our best resource, YOU!

Experienced pollworkers have the background and ability to provide prospective workers with an in-depth look into the qualifications and expectations of Pasco County pollworkers. Therefore, we would like to ask for your help in recruiting individuals like yourselves, dedicated and committed to civic contributions.

If you belong to a church or synagogue, a civic association, a lodge, a community service organization, or have friends and neighbors willing to contribute to our success, we would appreciate your "getting the word out" about the service opportunities available in the Pasco County Supervisor of Elections' office.

If you are one of our business partners, perhaps you could mention our program to other business professionals or industry leaders. We are always looking for members of the community willing to incorporate their skills into the enhancement of the election process.

For more information or to schedule a meeting, contact Xenia at (352) 521-4302 and (813) 929-1288 or Joyce at (727) 847-8162.



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Election Dates

Municipal Elections

April 12, 2005
April 11, 2006

First Primary Election

September 5, 2006

Second Primary Election

October 3, 2006

General Election

November 7, 2006

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FILE MAINTENANCE

The pollworker coordinators will begin a file maintenance program after the first of the year. The program will consist of the removal of workers who have not worked or been alternates during the past two years along with updating address and telephone information.

It has come to our attention that a lot of our pollworkers have listed cell phone numbers as their contact number. Since your telephone number plays a vital role in our ability to stay in contact with you, please notify our office when your cell phone, home phone or work number changes. The same request applies to your address. Please keep us apprised of any address changes you may have so that we are able to keep our files as up-to-date as possible.

Also, if you are going to be out of town for an extended period of time, please contact your pollworker coordinator. In the event that we are preparing for an upcoming election, it is very important that your coordinator know if and when you will be returning to Pasco before precinct assignments are made.

Since we are in the process of updating our file, now is the time to let your coordinator know if you would like to train for a different position for the 2006 election cycle. Perhaps you would like to be a Voting System Supervisor. There could be a vacancy in your area. How would you like to be a Voter Registration Technician? We anticipate the addition of more laptop precincts in 2006 which will increase the number of workers and alternates needed that are computer savvy.

If you are interested in changing your position, you should contact Xenia or Joyce as soon as possible.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who volunteered their time and effort during the past year. Please know that your willingness to assist with petition verification, registration drives, literature zone reps, voting equipment demonstrations, school elections, training sign-ins, early voting sessions, absentee ballot preparation and canvassing proved to be invaluable and was greatly appreciated.

Due to the number of commitments in 2004, we found ourselves shorthanded on more than one occasion, yet our volunteers stepped up to the plate and we were able to continue the promotion of voter awareness and public education throughout the year. It's apparent that the demand for volunteers will continue to grow proportionally to the county's population.

With that in mind, we would like to expand our volunteer base. We are in need of energetic volunteers to assist with public education by demonstrating the voting equipment and conducting voter registration drives throughout the county. Volunteers are also needed to assist with our school elections and grade-level education program. This is a great way to give back to your community and promote voter awareness at the same time. Interested parties should contact Louise at 1-800-851-8754.