

Pollworker Points...

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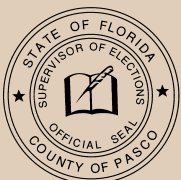
Elections 2002



You've Got the Touch

Volunteers Thank You!

The Supervisor of Elections and his staff wish to thank all of you who have given of your time and energy to help us "Get the Word Out." We have given over 350 demonstrations and shown approximately 15,000 people our new voting equipment. We could have never done this without your help. Many of you have gained additional knowledge and confidence because of your efforts. Thank you again. Our outreach coordinators Stephanie, Sandy, and Louise, would like to thank you all for making their jobs much easier. **YOU'VE GOT THE TOUCH!**



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Everyone in the Supervisor of Elections' office has spent the past eighteen months preparing for a smooth transition to our new iVotronic Voting System. But we need your help to make it work. Everything about elections, as we knew them, has changed. We must forget "how we used to do it" and prepare for a new and exciting way to provide voters a positive voting experience. Well trained pollworkers are essential to our success. These pollworker training dates are being published now to assist you in planning for the 2002 election cycle. This **does not**

mean that you have been selected to work. Pollworker selection is scheduled to begin this month. You will be notified by mail late in July if you are scheduled to attend training. **Attendance at your training session is mandatory in order to work.** If you are available to serve on an election board this year, please keep these dates in mind and arrange your schedule accordingly. Allow enough time to be there for the entire session. Anyone who arrives more than 15 minutes after training has started or leaves before dismissal will not be allowed to work. Note that training hours for most pollworker positions have been increased to comply with Florida Statutes. ■

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Training Dates for Elections 2002

WEST PASCO

Precinct Supervisors

School Board Meeting Room
August 24th and October 26th
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Voter Registration Technicians

Supervisor of Elections' Conference Room
September 3rd and October 29th
6:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Clerks and Assistant Clerks

River Ridge Middle/High School
September 3rd and October 29th
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Poll Deputies

River Ridge Middle/High School
September 4th and October 30th
1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Inspectors

River Ridge Middle/High School
Northwest Inspectors
September 3rd and October 29th
3:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Southwest Inspectors
September 4th and October 30th
3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

EAST AND CENTRAL PASCO

Precinct Supervisors

School Board Meeting Room
August 24th and October 26th
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Voter Registration Technicians

Election Support Center
September 4th and October 30th
6:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Clerks and Assistant Clerks

Wesley Chapel High School
September 5th and October 31st
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Voting System Supervisors

This position will be trained in small group classes over several days. You will only be required to attend one three (3) hour session in June and one two (2) hour session in August and another two (2) hour session in October. The dates and times shown are for all the classes. You will be assigned specific sessions to attend.

WEST- Pasco Emergency Operations Center

June 19 -21 -- 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
August 26-27, October 21-22
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

EAST - Election Support Center

June 18th -- 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
August 28th and October 23rd
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

CENTRAL - School Board Meeting Room

June 17th -- 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
August 29th and October 24th
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Many of you may be away from home when pollworker confirmation cards are scheduled to be mailed the last week in July. The notices must be returned to us within two weeks to confirm your attendance at training school and availability to work. Please call the office if you want to work and there is a possibility your mail will not reach you in time to return your card. No confirmation from you will mean replacement with an alternate.

2002 Election Dates

Primary Election
September 10th

General Election
November 5th

Pollworker Selection Process

Pollworkers from the 2000 election series will be given first consideration. Date of application, work history and political party affiliation also come into play. When possible, each election board is balanced with equal numbers of workers from opposing political parties. Alternate workers are assigned for each position at the polling place. Your opportunity to work increases if you have indicated that you are willing to work outside your home precinct.

If you are selected to work you will be mailed a notice the last week in July. The notice is a two-part post card. The top half of the card lists the election date, your work precinct, the address of the polling place, and your position. The date, time and location of your training session is also included. If you are chosen to train as an alternate, there will be no work precinct or polling place address listed.

The bottom half of the card lists the election dates. There are boxes to check, indicating whether or not you are available for each election. This half of the card must be checked, signed and returned to our office by the two-week deadline. ■

DEPUTY ALERT

With redistricting in progress, we may have up to 50 new precincts. We need a Poll Deputy for each new location. If you would like to be considered to serve as a deputy (or know someone who would) please give Eleanor or Joyce a call.

Our deputies are deputized by Sheriff Bob White and therefore must complete a questionnaire/application for a background check. We have this paperwork in our office and would be happy to send it out to any potential deputy. WE NEED YOU! ■

New Requirements at the Polling Place

The new iVotronic voting equipment has brought about many changes at the polling place. The most significant change is for inspectors, who will rotate between three jobs:

Demonstrator: Must have a working knowledge of the iVotronic and the ability to explain it to voters.

Registration Book Inspector: Will verify voter eligibility and issue a ballot authority slip.

Voting Booth Attendant: Will activate the ballot on the iVotronic and answer any questions the voter has about using the equipment. There will be one pollworker assisting voters for every three voting booths. It will be necessary to stand for extended periods of time during a busy election.

With all of the new roles now required of our inspectors, there will be no time to become bored or feel stagnant. There will be sufficient time for all inspectors to work standing as well as sitting. The clerk will keep this rotation moving throughout the day.

Poll deputies will be expected to greet voters as they approach the polling place. It is their responsibility to remind voters to have their identification ready before they go inside.

All pollworkers must be able to bend, stoop and lift approximately 30 pounds. The new voting booths weigh close to 40 pounds and require two people to lift them. ■

Pollworkers Needed

We are currently in the process of recruiting additional pollworkers for the fall elections. Due to redistricting, many additional workers are still needed. You can help...do you realize that if every one of you referred just one person, our rolls would double? Many of you have called us with referrals and for that we thank you!

We would also like to put an article in your homeowner's newsletter, church bulletin, or hang a poster on your community bulletin board. If you can offer your newsletter or any other suggestions in this area, please call Eleanor or Joyce and they will get the information right out to you. ■

New Pollworker Orientations

We have begun the process of personal orientations. Each NEW pollworker is now required to attend an orientation session. It may be an individual meeting or a small group session. If you have not received an invitation to an orientation session, please call Eleanor or Joyce to schedule your interview. Remember, this orientation process is only for the following new pollworkers:

1. You have NEVER attended an orientation session.
2. You have NEVER worked as a pollworker in Pasco County.
3. You have NEVER attended ANY of our training sessions.

Call and schedule your session today. ■

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