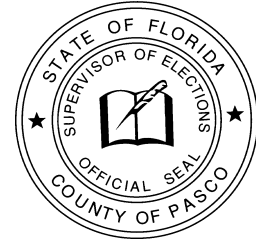


# OTE NOTES

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## The iVotronic Debuts!

Registered voters in four of Pasco County's six municipalities will make history when they go to the polls on April 9, 2002. They will be the first voters in Pasco

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County to cast their ballots on the innovative iVotronic voting system.

The touch screen elections will be the first time in 25 years that Pasco County residents do not make their selections on a punch card. Supervisor Kurt S. Browning believes the municipal elections will be another opportunity for registered voters to acquaint themselves with the new voting system. Nearly 18,000 registered voters reside within the city limits of the four mu-

nicipalities holding elections.

Residents of the City of New Port Richey will decide between four candidates running for Mayor and three candidates vying for Councilperson, Seat 1. There are five candidates running for the three Councilperson seats available in the City of Port Richey.

The City of Zephyrhills will choose between two candidates for Councilperson, Seat 2 and three candidates for Councilperson, Seat 4. The Town of St. Leo will also hold an election for Town Commissioner, Seat 3. Two candidates are competing for the seat. ■



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## Countywide Demonstrations In Full Swing

In an ongoing effort to educate Pasco County voters, the Supervisor of Elections is scheduling public demonstrations throughout the county. The elections office plans to have representatives demonstrating iVotronic voting equipment in an area near you before the September primary election.

The elections office expects to reach large numbers of voters at events like the Land O'Lakes Business Expo, Law Week and the Public Library Blitz. However, we urge local businesses, civic organizations, clubs, and committees to invite our office to attend their regularly scheduled events in an effort to reach as many residents as possible.

The elections office will send the equipment and the volunteers needed to accommodate each site's wants and needs. We will also provide voter registration applications, volunteer applications, and election-related literature at every demonstration. All you need to do is supply the people. To date, the elections office has demonstrated the iVotronic voting system to approximately 7,500 individuals at more than 150 sites.

If you or your organization are interested in scheduling a touch screen voting demonstration, please contact Stephanie at (352) 521-4302, Louise at (813) 929-1288, or Sandy at (727) 847-8162. A current list of scheduled demonstrations is available on our website, [pascovotes.com](http://pascovotes.com). ■

You've Got The Touch

**VOTE**

For more information, visit our website at [www.pascovotes.com](http://www.pascovotes.com).

To see more photos of the new iVotronic Voting System demonstrations in Pasco County visit our website, [pascovotes.com](http://pascovotes.com)

# Electronic Voting

## How Secure?

The Pasco County Supervisor of Elections' team is working diligently to provide Pasco County voters with the assurance of security when they cast their ballot in upcoming elections. The elections team will not be satisfied until Pasco County residents are confident in the ability of their new voting system.

Key staff members have developed security procedures that are currently being implemented to protect the accuracy and integrity of each election. The procedures have focused considerable attention toward the electronic end of touch screen voting by concentrating on iVotronic security, network security, and data protection.

The iVotronic security system provides a complete and extensive audit trail. The iVotronic terminals store data in a proprietary format in three redundant memory locations. Personalized Electronic Ballots (PEB's) are precinct specific and can only be programmed by authorized elections specialists. PEB's are in the custody of pollworkers at all times at the polling place.

The tabulation network is a stand-alone system. The network server and workstations require log-on user names and passwords. Authorized personnel with valid user names and passwords are the only ones able to initiate tabulation software applications. Tabulation software applications record audit logs for each system. The dial-up access to the tabulation system is restricted and password protected.

Data protection involves archiving data from iVotronic terminals on a removable storage medium and the review of all event and audit logs. The elections' office Information Technology Department (ITD) also conducts a 10-day Logic and Accuracy Test. After the test is completed, the ITD forwards election parameters and election processing software to the Division of Elections.

Additional security procedures are also in place for each elections office, for the Election Support Center (ESC), for absentee voting, and for polling place security. ■



**Many public officials joined Supervisor of Elections, Kurt S. Browning at Chasco Middle School during the countywide public school education blitz on March 15, 2002.**



**Wesley Chapel Community Festival attendees, including Ronald McDonald, tried their hand at touch screen voting. Check out [pascovotes.com](http://pascovotes.com) for a list of upcoming demonstrations.**

## Information Technology Department Speaks Out...

The new touch screen voting system has brought the Pasco County Supervisor of Elections' office into the 21st century. This has created many challenges for the Elections Information Technology Department (ITD).

ITD Supervisor, Shirley Laughery, feels the department is up to the task. "We have been working hard to learn the ins and outs of the tabulation system and we are excited about the future of touch screen technology in Pasco County."

The ITD believes we are heading toward a paperless voting system but they know that we are still responsible for the security and accuracy of each ballot. Laughery states, "We know you may not be able to put your hands on a piece of paper, but we want voters

to be confident that their ballot is counted as cast."

The installation of the new voting system has been a learning experience for the technology department. They have not only had

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to understand the new technology but know it well enough to vouch for its capabilities and accuracy. They must also become experts in preventative maintenance and troubleshooting.

One of the goals of the elections' ITD is to provide accurate election results as quickly as possible. The elections office will

have each polling place send election results to a central network via modem communication packs.

In the past, paper ballots had to be reconciled at the polling place, packed, and transported by pollworkers to a regional elections site for inspection and tabulation. The ITD believes the time it takes to receive election results will decrease significantly with the use of the modem packs.

The ITD staff will no longer be separated on Election Day since the tabulation computer network will now function in one location. Therefore, they will be on hand to monitor the receipt of all election results through the tabulation network.

The diligence and growing expertise of the elections' ITD is one more reason to look forward to the fall election cycle. ■

## GIVE US A HAND...GET INVOLVED!

### 800 Additional Workers Needed

The elections office is recruiting energetic, self-motivated residents of Pasco County who are committed to community service and public awareness.

With your help, voters are guaranteed a positive experience at the polls.

A variety of positions are available in an area near you. All positions are paid. No experience is necessary to apply. However, individuals employed for election duties will be required to attend paid training sessions.

Business professionals are also being called upon

to provide diverse levels of expertise at the polls. The level of cooperation from area businesses and organizations will play a major role in the success of the 2002 election cycle.

The Supervisor of Elections office is looking forward to Pasco County residents being part of the solution. Organizations or individuals interested in joining the elections team should contact Eleanor at (352) 521-4302 and (813) 929-1288, or Joyce at (727) 847-8162. ■



*The 2002 Pasco County Fair provided an opportunity for voters to receive a "hands-on" demonstration of the new touch screen voting system.*



## \$ FOR SALE \$

Would you like a piece of history? The following voting equipment is for sale. With the purchase of the new iVotronic touch screen voting system, the following voting equipment is no longer necessary. If you would like to purchase a ballot box, transfer case, or a demonstrator unit, please contact our office so arrangements can be made. The cost of each item is \$5.00. ■



Ballot Box



Demonstrator



Transfer Case

## Quote of the Quarter...

"To avoid criticism, do nothing, say nothing, be nothing." -- Elbert Hubbard

"The public is the only critic whose opinion is worth anything at all." -- Mark Twain

Source: [www.cyber-nation.com/victory/quotations](http://www.cyber-nation.com/victory/quotations)

## Annual Contest Doubles as Education Forum

The Annual High School Voter Registration Contest will be held at the public high schools on Wednesday, April 24, 2002, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The drive, designed to promote voter awareness and youth participation, will double as an iVotronic exhibition this year. The Supervisor of Elections will use the competition as a means of demonstrating Pasco County's new touch screen voting system.

The nine participating schools will have iVotronic machines on hand to acquaint the students and faculty with touch screen voting. Residents of the community are encouraged to register to vote or make changes to their voter registration record at their local high school during the drive.

The school collecting the highest percentage of applications will win the contest. Wesley Chapel High School is the reigning champion. ■

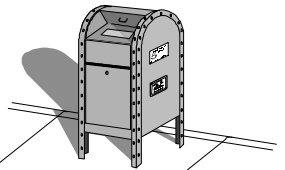
## Calendar of Events

<b>April 5th</b>	<b>Land O' Lakes Business Expo</b> Land O' Lakes Recreation Complex 3023 Collier Parkway 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
<b>April 6th</b>	<b>Land O' Lakes Business Expo</b> Land O' Lakes Recreation Complex 3023 Collier Parkway 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
<b>April 9th</b>	<b>Municipal Elections</b>
<b>April 24th</b>	<b>Annual High School Registration Contest</b>
<b>May 1st - 3rd</b>	<b>Law Week</b> Gulfview Square Mall US Highway 19 Port Richey Time to be announced
<b>May 18th</b>	<b>Library Demonstration Blitz</b> Pasco County Public Libraries (Excludes City of Zephyrhills Library) 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- President George Washington was the only president who did not belong to a political party.
- President Abraham Lincoln was the first US president to receive a patent. He patented a floating dry-dock.
- President Theodore Roosevelt was the first American to win the Nobel Peace Prize.
- President Harry S. Truman was the only president who didn't have a dog at the White House.

SOURCE: [www.umkc.edu/imc/prestriv.htm](http://www.umkc.edu/imc/prestriv.htm)



*Do you know anyone who would like to be put on our mailing list? Please let us know so they can start receiving VOTENOTES.*

## REGISTRATION STATISTICS

Republican	91,603	40.6%
Democrat	88,762	39.3%
Other	45,523	20.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>225,888</b>	

(As of March 26, 2002)

## ELECTION DATES

Municipal Elections April 9, 2002

Primary Election September 10, 2002

General Election November 5, 2002

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