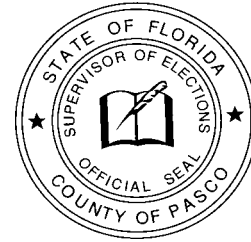


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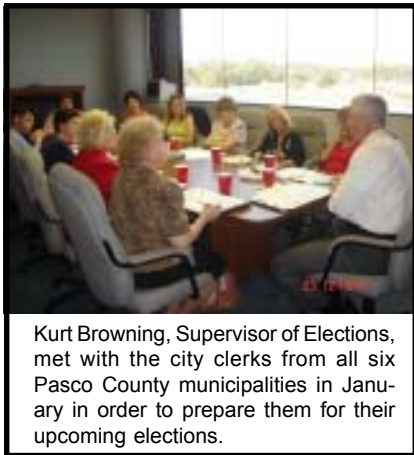
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2006 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Five out of Six Pasco County Municipal Governments held elections...

The Pasco County Supervisor of Elections conducted municipal elections for five of the six Pasco County municipalities on Tuesday, April 11, 2006.



Kurt Browning, Supervisor of Elections, met with the city clerks from all six Pasco County municipalities in January in order to prepare them for their upcoming elections.

The City of Dade City had two commission seats on its ballot with two candidates vying for each seat. With an 18.59 percent turnout, Scott Black was re-elected to his post while newcomer Camille Hernandez won the other seat.

Voters in the City of New Port Richey had two races on their ballot. Two candidates ran for Mayor while four vied for the city's two open council seats. A total of 1,085 ballots were cast for an 11.89 percent turnout. Dan Tipton, Tom Finn, and Matthew McCaffery respectively won the mayor's race and filled the council seats.

The City of Port Richey had three council seats on the ballot. Six candidates competed for the council openings. Over 40 percent of the city's registered voters cast ballots in the municipal election, electing Nancy Britton, Dale Massad and Steven O'Neill to the City Council. Port Richey experienced its highest voter turnout since 51.97 percent of the city's voters turned out for the 1997 Municipal Election.

The Town of St. Leo had three town commissioner seats available. Three candidates ran for Seat One, two candidates ran for Seat Three, and two candidates ran for Seat Five. With 48.82 percent of the town's voters casting ballots, all three incumbents retained their commission seats.

Voters in the City of Zephyrhills had one council seat race on their ballot with two candidates vying for the seat. The city's voters also had 16 charter amendments on their ballot. The City of Zephyrhills experienced the lowest municipal turnout with only 7.28 percent of its voters casting ballots in the April 11th election.

For cumulative and precinct-by-precinct election results, visit pascovotes.com. ■



Phone bank operators were available to assist Precinct Election Officials with questions or issues arising at the individual municipal precincts on election day.



Election night workers reviewed polling place forms and checked-in supplies as they were returned to the Election Support Center in Dade City by the Precinct Election Officials.

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Statewide Voter Registration System

As of January 1, 2006, Pasco County voter registration rolls became part of the statewide Florida Voter Registration System (FVRS).

Voters registering at the Department of Motor Vehicles when renewing or obtaining their driver license are entered directly into the statewide system by that agency. Other Florida counties receiving registration applications for voters who reside in Pasco County now register those voters on the statewide system. Registration applications are still received in our office and are processed by the staff here, but this is in contrast to when all Pasco County voter registration applications were funneled through this office.

The system allows each county the capability of viewing scanned copies of original applications and signatures of their registered voters, and the ability to communicate statewide when making additions or corrections to voters' records.

The magnitude of this project proved challenging for both software writers and users alike, but has experienced relatively few glitches. At the close of the first quarter in operation, Kurt Browning, Supervisor of Elections, and key staff attended a meeting in Orlando to discuss the system thus far and formulate improvements. The Division of Elections, voter registration software vendors and supervisors of elections from throughout the state attended. ■

PRECINCT SUPERVISOR WORKSHOP

Introduces new policies and procedures



Kurt Browning, Pasco County Supervisor of Elections, led two precinct supervisor workshops in late March. The workshops were used to inform Pasco's poll managers with new

state laws, as well as introduce the new policies and procedures the elections' office will be implementing during the 2006 election cycle. Supervisor Browning took this opportunity to stress the importance uniformity and accountability play in a successful election. ■

"WORD OF THE QUARTER"

Amelioration – n: the act of relieving ills and changing for the better. Source: www.dictionary.com

GET OUT THE VOTE

Monthly campaigns begin



Pasco County has once again committed to the statewide "Get Out the Vote" campaign for 2006. The initiative, endorsed by the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections, was publicly launched February 21, 2006 at a press conference in Hillsborough County. Local and major media markets attended as county supervisors, including Pasco County's Supervisor, Kurt Browning, unveiled upcoming activities designed to create voter awareness, provide education, and urge voter participation.

Each month of the 2006 election year, beginning March through November, different segments of the population will be targeted by providing convenient voter registration and voter awareness campaigns. In March, designated "Register at Work" month, registration drives were held at major Pasco County businesses including area hospitals, county government offices and Post Offices.

In April, "Register at School" month, elections office volunteers staffed registration drives and voting equipment demos in all County High Schools with registration and educational materials available in the media centers throughout the month. Posters designed to appeal to high school students were placed throughout the campuses.

Other monthly campaigns include May, "Register at Your Local Merchant"; June, "Register at Your House of Worship"; and July, "Register On-Line." The remainder of the campaign will focus on informing voters of new legislation which mandates showing photo and signature ID at the polls or the option of voting a provisional ballot, the importance of providing updated signature and address information to the supervisor's office, and the availability of voting early at one of our seven sites or through absentee ballot. ■

CANDIDATE WORKSHOP

First one offered to municipal candidates

Kurt Browning, Supervisor of Elections, conducted a Municipal Candidate Workshop on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 at the



Land O' Lakes Community Center. The workshop was the first one offered to municipal candidates and was well received with over 25 people attending the two hour workshop that fo-

cused on campaign finance and general election administration. ■

BEST DOGGONE SHOW ON EARTH



Performing circus dogs are the only action in Higgins Hall Monday before the gates opened.

For the fourth year, the Pasco County Supervisor of Elections won first place for “Best Exhibit Depicting Theme” at the county fair held February 20th through the 26th. The 59th annual fair theme, “Pasco County Fair – It’s Doggone Fun” challenged the elections staff to associate dogs with voting. The result was a circus dog show dubbed “Kurt S. Browning ... The Best Doggone Show on Earth.”



Volunteers Ann Grieshop and Charles Liston stand behind the EVID system ticket booth.

Volunteers donning striped vests and skimmers were on hand to register voters, pass out elections-related literature and roasted peanuts, and hold a mock election on the iVotronic touch screen voting machine. Participants voted on their favorite dog in movies, comics and literature. Fair election results can be viewed on our website www.pascovotes.com.



Volunteer Carol Reynolds demonstrates the iVotronic touchscreen voting machine to a fair booth visitor.



Volunteer Patricia Free and staff member Rachel Deocteau prepare cups of roasted peanuts for visitors and passers-by.

EViD, an electronic voter identification system, was demonstrated. It validates voter registration information by swiping a driver license, and if eligible, prints a voter authority slip. Dubbed at the fair booth as “Your Ticket to Easy Voting,” it is some of the latest technology designed to facilitate the voting process. EViD will be used at early voting sites throughout Pasco County in the 2006 fall election cycle.

As our county continues to grow, voter outreach and education have become an increasing responsibility of the supervisor’s office. The office maintains a pool of volunteers who willingly donate their time at scheduled community events. If you are interested in volunteering your services and have time to spare, please call the office and ask to speak to Rachel. ■



Volunteers Marjorie Arnade and Lorraine Mentor pause for a photo opportunity.



Staff member Tina Norris brought her children by the booth to vote for their favorite dog.



Volunteer Gary Kemp was on hand to assist Rock-It the Robot cast his vote for his favorite dog.

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quote of the quarter

“You will get what you deserve and you will deserve what you get if you do not participate and move out and try to bring about an amelioration of the human condition in this country.” ~*Shirley Chisholm, Congressperson*

ELECTION DATES

Primary
September 5, 2006
General
November 7, 2006

For more information, visit our website
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REGISTRATION STATISTICS

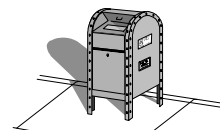
Republican	110,792	40.3%
Democrat	100,535	36.6%
Other	63,442	23.1%
Total	274,769	

(As of May 4, 2006)

DID YOU KNOW?

- The phrase “cool as a cucumber” originates in Florida. On a hot Florida day, the pulp of a cucumber can be up to 10 degrees cooler than the surrounding air.
- The world’s first commercial airline flight occurred in Florida in 1914 between Tampa and St. Petersburg.
- Gatorade was named for the University of Florida Gators football team, where the drink was first developed.

<http://www.visitflorida.org/index.cfm?fla=web&webpageid=465>



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

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 (352) 521-4302, (813) 929-1288 and (813) 929-1392 or Joyce at (727) 847-8162. ■