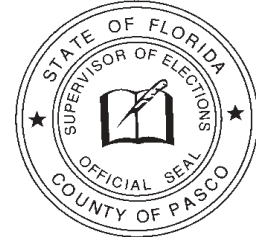


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Pasco County Shines

Amid another election controversy, Pasco County's Supervisor of Elections' Office shines through. Mr. Browning and his staff applaud the hard work and dedication of the county's pollworkers and volunteers and the big part they play in the success of the elections' process.



We would like to voice our appreciation to all of you who attended the many hours of orientation and training and for your tireless effort during the 'extra' long Election Day in September. In advance, we would also like to thank you for your commitment to making the November General Election an even bigger success.

Voter turnout in the General Election is expected to be considerably higher than the 27 percent recorded in Primary. This as a lengthy ballot, a more intense making poll- attentiveness a major priority.

"Thank you for your commitment..."

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Pasco County voters should also be aware of their responsibilities in making election day 'stress-free.' Electors should remember to keep their records up-to-date, take photo and signature identification to the polls and become as informed as possible on both candidates and issues appearing on their ballot.

The elections office website offers information and links designed to promote voter education and awareness. A number of brochures, pamphlets, newsletters, public service announcements as well as the elections office are available for residents without internet access.

Voting is a constitutional right that should not be taken lightly. Responsible voters and well-trained election day workers will be our key to success! ■

General Election Up Next

With the September Primary behind us, all eyes have turned toward the General Election. The elections office wants to let the voters know what to expect when they go to the polls this November. Voter awareness and patience will contribute to the success of this election.

Pasco County electors will be voting a lengthy ballot. Each ballot will be a minimum of 13 screen pages with certain special district areas and municipalities having as many as 14 screens to scroll through. The number of pages will increase to 16 and 17 pages respectively when you include the three ballot review pages. A major contributor to the ballot's length is the ten proposed constitutional amendments appearing on the ballot.

In an effort to prepare voters for the ballot, the Pasco County Elections' Office will be mailing every registered elector a "voter specific" sample ballot approximately two weeks prior to the election. Voters are encouraged to review their sample ballot, mark their choices, and take the sample with them to use as a guide while voting.

The sample ballot should NOT be left at the polling place nor should it be used to replace an authorized absentee ballot. Electors wishing to vote by absentee can order one by calling the elections office or by going online to www.pascovotes.com.

Voters are also encouraged to visit our website for precinct, absentee, candidate, and amendment information. Links to alternative websites are also available for voter awareness and education purposes. Mr. Browning is hopeful that anyone who receives information from the elections office will pass on the information to family, friends, neighbors and community organizations that may be affected by the news. ■

What is a Logic and Accuracy Test?

Prior to every election, Pasco County conducts several logic and accuracy tests (L & A) to verify the accuracy of the tabulation hardware and software. Florida Statutes are very specific about the timeframe and scope of these tests.



Pasco County has always endeavored not only to meet the requirements but also to exceed them. Our L & A tests simulate election day conditions as closely as possible.

Since we procured the new touch screen system, we test both touchscreen and optical scan ballots. Touchscreen L & A testing poses a unique challenge due to the fact that a "test deck" cannot be prepared in advance. Every test ballot must be voted individually on an iVotronic unit.



Voting teams carefully cast predetermined ballots in a specific pattern to produce expected results. We test every aspect of Election Day tabulation including printing a results tape, modeming results, and accumulating all the results into the tabulation network to produce reports. Optical scan equipment is tested using a pre-coded "test deck" of paper ballots.

The canvassing board scrutinizes the results produced with a list of expected results. After the L & A has been completed, the equipment is cleared of all test votes and made ready to be distributed to the polling places for Election Day. ■



I want to thank all the Special Deputies who helped make Pasco County's September Primary Election a success. As we have seen in these past two Florida elections, the eyes of the world are upon our state to assess how well we carry out this bedrock process of democracy. I am confident that you will help to repeat our local success during the General Election in November.

The key to this success is your input about the previous election. Any poll deputies who have any law enforcement concerns may contact my office. Any other important observances about the last election are urged to please contact the Supervisor of Elections' Office. There is always room for improvement and the process starts with you, who are on the front line of the election process.

Anyone interested in becoming a poll deputy may contact the Supervisor of Elections' Office in New Port Richey at (727) 847-8162, or in Dade City at (352) 521-4302.

Again, thank you for your efforts in the last election. You can be proud of your service which reflects well upon not only Pasco County, but the State of Florida and the entire country as well.



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Need a sample ballot? Want to view September 10, 2002, Primary Election results? Need an interactive demonstration of the new iVotronic? Visit our website, pascovotes.com

POLLWORKERS RISE TO THE OCCASION

In an unprecedented move by Governor Jeb Bush, Florida polls remained open for an additional two hours during the September Primary Election. Upon receipt of Executive Order 02-248, election officials around the state began notifying their pollworkers of the extended hours. Pasco County was no exception.

Around 3:00 p.m. on September 10th, phone bank operators began calling precinct clerks to let them know about the executive order and the procedures they were to follow. Mr. Browning was grateful for the way more than 1,500 workers rallied behind the clerks when a long day was made even longer.

Pasco County pollworkers manned their posts from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Once they were able to close the polls, the workers did so quickly and efficiently. This allowed Pasco County to be among the first counties to report totals from all precincts.

Preparation and hard work from both elections' office staff and community volunteers who canvassed absentee ballots, enabled Pasco County to be the first county to report vote totals on election night.

Mr. Browning and his staff would like to thank everyone for the important role they played in making Pasco County's Primary Election a success. ■

WANT TO BE A PAID VOLUNTEER?

The Supervisor of Elections' Office needs you! We currently have a high demand for deputies and inspectors for Central and East Pasco precincts. There are deputy positions available in West Pasco as well. Deputies are required to complete a clearance form and be screened through the sheriff's office in order to be eligible to work on election day.

Since all workers are required to attend orientation and training sessions in order to provide quality service on election day, it is imperative that we fill these positions quickly. All persons interested in staffing these positions should call our office immediately for possible placement. ■

VOICE OF THE VOTER

"I had a most pleasant experience voting."

New Port Richey, FL

"...Pasco – Organization, Training, Dedication, and above all, Attention to Detail!" Wesley Chapel, FL

"...voting in the primary was stress-free..." Hudson, FL

"The voting yesterday... was a simple, easy, convenient, no-hassle event." Zephyrhills, FL

"Nice job yesterday. We have a great county."

New Port Richey, FL

"...our training really prepared us for doing our jobs."

Hudson, FL

"Kudos for a job well done! The new machines are wonderful..." Spring Hill, FL

Redistricting and Growth

Contributes to Facility Changes

The reapportionment process conducted by the Florida Legislature changed the federal and state district lines, which help to comprise precinct boundaries. Many of the precinct changes Supervisor of Elections Kurt Browning had to make were dictated by the legislature. However, they were not the only reason voting districts were split or redrawn.

Residents of Pasco County are aware of the development and continual growth that affect our county each and every day. They may be unaware of the influence these aspects have on our voting districts.

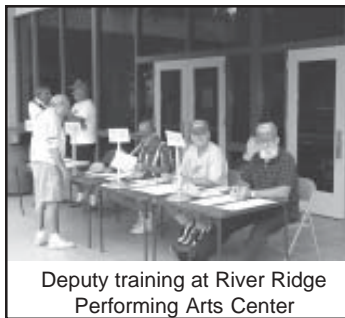
In the General Election of 2000, it became apparent that several of Pasco's 132 precincts were becoming too large for their facilities. Mr. Browning and his staff set out to find additional polling locations that could be used to accommodate current voter population as well as adapt to expected growth. There were also some polling locations that opted not to renew their contracts with the elections office.

Taking into account these factors, 111 of the current 151 precincts were affected by some form of change. It is the elections office's view that the changes were necessary to promote a more positive experience for Pasco County voters.

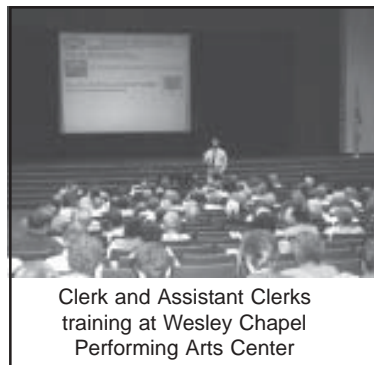
Voters should be aware that Mr. Browning will be reviewing and reassessing the precinct lines in 2003. Any necessary modifications will be completed well in advance of the 2004 election cycle. ■

Pollworker Training

From updating voter files to supplies and equipment to procedures and security, an immense amount of preparation goes into each election. Pollworker recruitment and training are among the most important tasks facing the elections



Deputy training at River Ridge Performing Arts Center



Clerk and Assistant Clerks training at Wesley Chapel Performing Arts Center

office. Mr. Browning and his staff work diligently to bring in-depth, state-of-the-art training sessions to nearly 2000 people. The sessions are designed to equip these individuals with the skills necessary to provide a successful election day. ■

PRESS CONFERENCE



Bay Area media joined Kurt Browning at a press conference at the East Pasco Government Center in August. The press conference was used to launch the next phase of Pasco County's voter education campaign. ■



SEASONAL RESIDENTS

Registered voters who did not receive their new voter identification card and were 'temporarily away' during the months of June, July, August and September should call the Supervisor of Elections office as soon as possible.

Since they were non-forwardable, over 10,000 voter ID cards were returned to the elections' office. All mail pieces returned by the Post Office with the yellow, temporarily away sticker have been retained in the Dade City office and can be re-mailed once the resident has removed the temporary forwarding order.

In addition to the temporarily away cards, over 25,000 ID cards were returned to the elections' office for a variety of reasons. If you did not receive your voter identification card, please call 1-800-851-8754. ■

Calendar of Events

October 1st In-office Absentee Voting Available
All offices

**October 5th Countywide Registration Drives
Voting System Demonstrations**
Local K-Marts, Wal-Marts, Pasco
County Libraries, West Pasco
Walgreens, Zephyrhills City Library

October 7th Voter Registration Books Close
The books close for the
November 5, 2002, General
Election

November 5th General Election
Polls open from
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m

REGISTRATION STATISTICS

Republican	92,205	40.2%
Democrat	89,418	39.1%
Other	47,516	20.7%
Total	229,139	

(As of September 26, 2002)

ELECTION DATE

General Election
November 5, 2002

DID YOU KNOW?

One hundred years ago:

- Only eight percent of the homes had a telephone.
- There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S. and only 144 miles of paved roads.
- The average wage in the U.S. was 22 cents per hour.
- Only 14 percent of the homes in the U.S. had a bathtub.

SOURCE: www.corsinet.com



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

Quote of the Quarter...

"I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is to try to please everyone."

-- Bill Cosby

**For more information,
visit our website at
www.pascovotes.com.**

Constitutional Amendments

Log onto pascovotes.com for information on the proposed Constitutional Amendments for the November 2002 General Election Ballot. Click on **Ballot Issues** under **2002 Elections** for detailed information.

NOTE: The 1st District Court of Appeal declined to certify a discretionary appeal on Amendment No. 5 to the Supreme Court, denied the stay and ordered that the ballot title and summary be stricken from the general election ballot. For this reason Amendment No. 5 was removed from the ballot. Therefore, the amendments on the ballot will simply skip Amendment No. 5 and go from Amendment No. 4 to Amendment No. 6. ■

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