

WINTER 2020



# LEE COUNTY

# ELECTIONS

## A MESSAGE FROM TOMMY...

In this exciting year, you will have the chance to exercise the power of your vote in three major elections to elect those who will represent you in local, county, state, and federal positions.

2020's top priorities for your Lee County Supervisor of Elections are to provide fair, accurate, and secure elections for the citizens of Lee County and:

- A positive voting experience;
- Elections security;
- Provide superior election services to:
  - o Register to vote.
  - o Make updates to your voter records.
  - o Choose your preferred method of voting.



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The March 17 Presidential Preference Primary (PPP) is a partisan Republican and Democratic Primary ONLY, therefore, only voters who are registered Republican or Democrat are eligible to vote for presidential candidates.

The last day to register to vote and change your party affiliation for the PPP is **Tuesday, February 18.**

**Click here** to check your voter registration status to make sure you are registered and registered with the correct party affiliation.

If you have not requested your vote-by-mail ballot, I strongly suggest you do it now. It is the most convenient way to vote and we pay the return postage. The last day to request your vote-by-mail ballot is **5 p.m. Saturday, March 7.**

In this age of deliberate sharing of misinformation, I encourage you to bring your questions and concerns to the experts for the facts. Call **239-533-8683**, visit our website **lee.vote** and stay connected with us on social media to ensure you have the information to be election ready!

I wish you a happy and healthy 2020!

*Tommy Doyle*

# POLL WORKER APPRECIATION DAY

On November 7, 2019, the Honorable Tommy Doyle, Lee County Supervisor of Elections, hosted a Poll Worker Appreciation Day Celebration at the Suncoast Credit Union Arena at Florida Southwestern University.

The Celebration was a tribute to the dedicated and loyal poll workers whose contributions help in our mission to provide superior election services to the voters of Lee County during Early Voting and on Election Day.

Special guests included past Lee County Supervisors of Elections, Philinda Young and Sharon Harrington, and Lee County Commissioner, Brian Hamman, who represented the Board of County Commissioners.

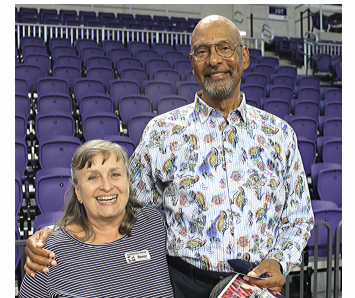
An exclusive video from Florida Secretary of State, Laurel Lee, was featured during the celebration, acknowledging the incredible service that our poll workers provide.



Lee County poll workers at the Suncoast Credit Union Arena at FSW.



Lee County Supervisor of Elections, Tommy Doyle, his wife, Donna Doyle, and Lee Elections staff.



Philinda Young, Tommy Doyle, and Sharon Harrington.



Tommy Doyle, and Brian Hamman



Lee County Poll Workers

# ELECTION CENTER HAPPENINGS

## BALLOT PROGRAMMING FOR ELECTIONS

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It takes an incredible amount of teamwork to orchestrate an election. Each department strives to fit their part seamlessly into the framework of laws provided by the federal, state, and local government that guide us through the elections process.

Ballot programming is an essential part of that process because a ballot is the tool used to cast a vote.

This process begins with ensuring the voter's information contains their current address to determine voter placement within the appropriate precinct boundaries by our Geographic Information System Specialist, Sharilynn Domain.

It is imperative that ballots contain all the necessary information: **candidates, amendments, and referendums**

that fall within each district of our county.

Where you live determines what is on your ballot. District lines such as fire districts, county commission and precinct boundaries all play a role in a voter's ballot style.

As soon as our staff receives this information, they are able to move forward with ballot programming.



Elections Staff: from left to right, Adam Smith, Alix Aponte, and Jim Barone



Cybersecurity continues to be a top priority at Lee Elections. All Supervisors of Elections across the state of Florida work in partnership with Florida Secretary of State, Laurel Lee, FBI, Department of Homeland Security, MS-ISAC, and EI-ISAC, to ensure the highest security measures are in place to protect voter information and the integrity of elections in Lee County.

*Click here* to view our Cybersecurity video featuring Lee Elections' Network Security Specialist, Russ Bryan.

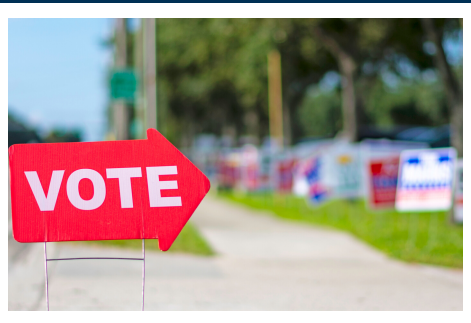
# ELECTION CENTER HAPPENINGS

## POLLING LOCATION SELECTION

The selection of polling locations for Early Voting and Election Day is a critical step when preparing for any election. Each Supervisor of Elections must follow Florida and Federal laws during the selection process to ensure optimal safety and accessibility for voters and poll workers.

The facility must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and be accessible for all voters to enter and exit the same route. Parking must be sufficient to support voter traffic. The area must be of sufficient size to support our setup and voter traffic, and must have sufficient lighting and electrical outlets to power equipment.

Not all locations can become polling locations or are available for use. A polling place with non-compliant elements that cannot be remedied with permanent or temporary measures cannot be used.



Last year was an excellent year for physical security upgrades at Lee Elections. Our Elections Center branch office had additional security cameras installed throughout the perimeters and inside the facility. We now have a Lee County Deputy on-site at every one of our branch offices to increase security measures.

*Click here* to view a video of our I.T. Director, Stephen Brittain, highlighting our Election Center's physical security.



# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

In our mission to deliver superior election services, our Community Education Services Department continues stay active and engage with eligible voters throughout the community.

We have the privilege of providing election services at various meetings, special events, naturalization ceremonies, and schools.

Below are a few highlights from 2019.



## GOODWILL FESTIVAL OF TREES

Once again, we had the honor of providing election services at The 13th Annual Goodwill Festival of Trees; a fundraising event for the SWFL Goodwill Foundation. We conducted the festival's election, where attendees voted for Best All Around Tree, Most Traditional Tree, and Most Creative Tree.

This also provided us with the opportunity to interact with our constituents during the holiday season. The festival took place in December of 2019 at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in Fort Myers.

Calusa Harbour -  
Home for the Holidays



Winner for Best All Around Tree  
& Most Traditional Tree



LCEC -  
A Toast to the Holidays



Winner for Most  
Creative Tree

# PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION GUIDE

**TUESDAY,  
MARCH 17, 2020**

## Presidential Preference Primary Election

- Federal, Countywide

## Regular Election

- Town of Fort Myers Beach

## Special Election

- City of Bonita Springs
  - City Council (*Districts 2 & 4 only*)
  - Referendums (*Citywide*)

## DEADLINES

- **TUESDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2020**  
Deadline to Register to Vote or  
Change Party Affiliation.
- **SATURDAY MARCH 7, 2020, BY 5:00 PM**  
Deadline to Request your Vote-by-Mail Ballot.

## FLORIDA IS A CLOSED PRIMARY STATE

In a Primary Election, voters not registered with a major political party may not have any candidates to vote for, and may only be able to vote on non-partisan candidates or issues that may appear on their ballot.

Voters who wish to register to vote or change their party affiliation, [click here](#).

## EARLY VOTING

### DATES/TIMES/LOCATIONS

### PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION

*WHEN: 03/07/20 - 03/14/20*

**10:00 AM - 6:00 PM DAILY**

**Bonita Springs Elections Office**  
25987 S. Tamiami Trl., #105  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

**Cape Coral Elections Office**  
1039 SE 9th Ave.  
Cape Coral, FL 33990

**Cape Coral-Lee County Library**  
921 SW 39th Ter.  
Cape Coral, FL 33914

**East County Regional Library**  
881 Gunnery Rd. N  
Lehigh Acres, FL 33971

**Estero Recreation Center**  
9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd.  
Estero, FL 33928

**Lee County Elections Center**  
13180 S. Cleveland Ave.  
Fort Myers, FL 33907

**North Fort Myers Recreation Center**  
2000 N. Recreation Park Way  
North Fort Myers, FL 33903

**Northwest Regional Library**  
519 Chiquita Blvd. N  
Cape Coral, FL 33993

**Riverside Community Center**  
3061 E. Riverside Dr.  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

**Veterans Park Recreation Center**  
55 S. Homestead Rd.  
Lehigh Acres, FL 33936

# BE ELECTION READY 2020

We want you to be informed, prepared, and election ready for all three elections! Below is the **Election Ready Checklist** to get you started.



**REGISTER TO VOTE**

VOTER REGISTRATION IS UP-TO-DATE WITH:



NAME



ADDRESS



SIGNATURE



PARTY AFFILIATION



**VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT REQUEST**

I HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:



MY PRECINCT NUMBER



MY POLLING LOCATION



MY SAMPLE BALLOT

**MAIN OFFICE**  
**MELVIN MORGAN**  
**CONSTITUTIONAL COMPLEX**  
2480 THOMPSON ST, 3RD FLOOR,  
FORT MYERS, FL 33901

**BONITA SPRINGS BRANCH OFFICE**  
**AT BONITA COMMONS**  
25987 S TAMIAMI TRAIL, #105  
BONITA SPRINGS, FL 34134

**LEE.VOTE**

**LEE COUNTY ELECTIONS CENTER**  
**SOUTH FORT MYERS**  
**BRANCH OFFICE**  
13180 S CLEVELAND AVE,  
FORT MYERS, FL 33907

**CAPE CORAL BRANCH OFFICE**  
**LEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER**  
1039 SE 9TH AVE  
CAPE CORAL, FL 33990

**(239) 533-8683**



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