

WINTER 2021



LEE COUNTY ELECTIONS

A MESSAGE FROM TOMMY...

I want to extend my gratitude and appreciation to all who participated in the historic November 3, 2020, General Election. Nearly 400,000 Lee County voters chose to be part of the process of electing the leaders of our community, our state, and our nation.

Together we reached a historically high voter turnout of 81 percent. Whether you chose to Vote by Mail, Early Vote, or vote on Election Day, we wanted to make sure that you had a superior voting experience. This was accomplished with the help of all who were involved in the process.

To all of the Lee County Elections staff, thank you, for all your efforts and the overtime hours you worked to ensure the election went smoothly. A special thanks to all the Early Voting and Election Day poll workers who were on the front lines servicing the voters during a pandemic. To the temporary election support staff who came in to help with the vote-by-mail process to help make it smoother.



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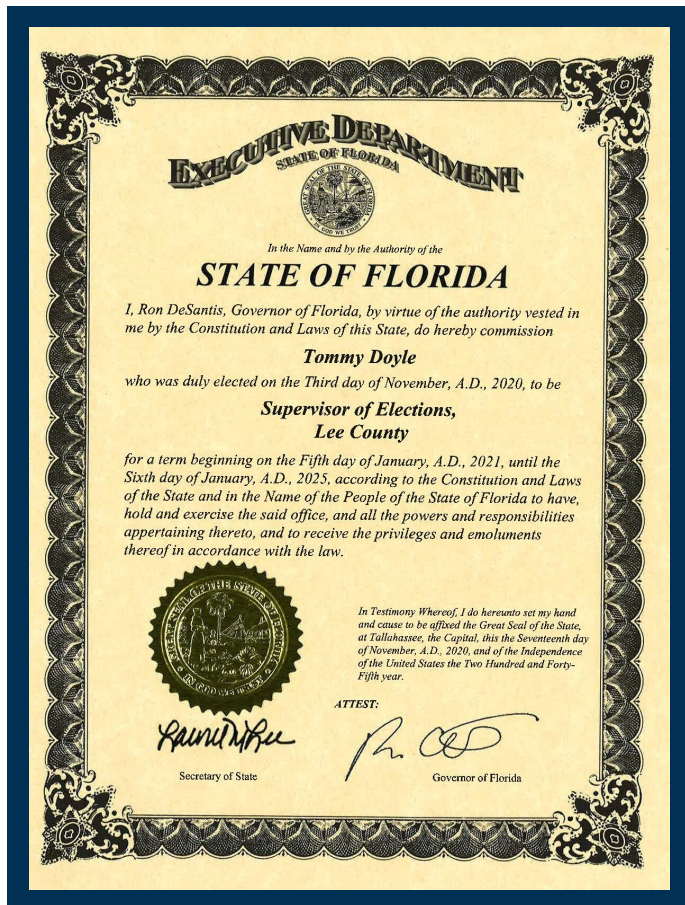
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We must thank the candidates for their courage to run for office and the local news agencies for their support and help in providing voters with essential election information.

Moreover, of course, the voters of Lee County, for your patience, understanding, and trust in my team and me. I am proud to serve as your supervisor of elections! Thanks to all who helped to make this election a success.

I wish you a Happy New Year filled with good health and good cheer!



Thank you to the voters of Lee County for your continued trust in me as your Supervisor of Elections. My commitment to provide superior election services remains a priority for me and my team. I look forward to serving you for another four years.

- Tommy Doyle

Supervisor Doyle ran unopposed in 2020 and was re-elected to serve as Lee County Supervisor of Elections.

NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION STATISTICS

2020 was undeniably a unique year. In the realm of elections, there were record-breaking numbers. Lee County had over 43,000 new registered voters; approximately 11,000 more new registrations compared to the 2016 presidential election! We also saw a significant increase in Vote-by-Mail and Early Voting for the 2020 General Election.

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ACTIVE ELIGIBLE VOTERS

489,192

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST

397,426

PERCENT TURNOUT

81.24%

Total Ballots by Type

Type	Percent of Ballots Cast
Mail	56.42%
Early Voting	28.47%
Election Day	14.89%
Provisional	0.23%

VOTE-BY-MAIL

224,626

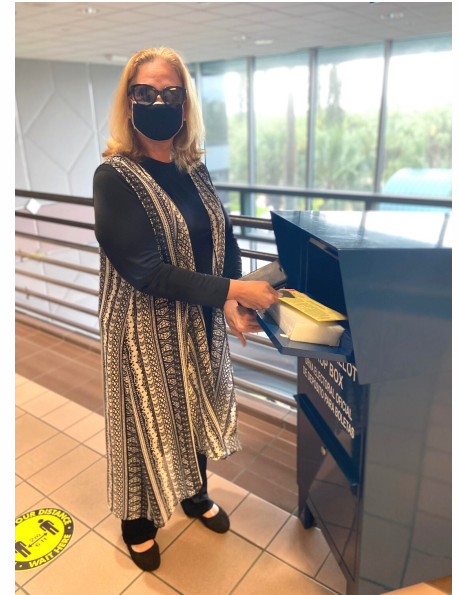
LEE COUNTY VOTERS
VOTED BY MAIL IN THE
2020 GENERAL ELECTION
COMPARED TO
158,302 IN THE
2016 GENERAL ELECTION

EARLY VOTING

113,279

LEE COUNTY VOTERS
VOTED EARLY IN THE
2020 GENERAL ELECTION
COMPARED TO
101,031 IN THE
2016 GENERAL ELECTION

VOTER FAVORITE: VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT DROP-BOXES!



Vote-by-Mail drop-boxes became a popular method of returning ballots in the November General Election! In addition to in-office drop-boxes, Supervisor Doyle also made sure each of our four office locations provided voters with convenient drive-thru service.

Out of **224,211** Vote-by-Mail ballots cast in the General Election, **95,063** were returned using drop-boxes. Our busiest drop-off location was our South Fort Myers Branch Office with

34,617 ballots returned, followed by our Cape Coral location with **12,514** ballots returned. With numbers this high, our office expects the drop-box trend to continue into future elections.

ELECTION SUPPORT STAFF

Each election cycle we have seasonal election support staff assist with the task of processing a high volume of Vote-by-Mail ballots.

We have had many people come and go over the years; however, there are a few individuals who continue to come back to help us with this massive undertaking.



Ruthie Brown

Ruthie began working as a Poll Worker in 2004 before making the transition to our Election Support Staff for the Vote-by-Mail Department. She describes each election as a "wonderful learning experience" and says she is happy to be a part of a hardworking team. We welcome her smile and the positive outlook she brings every election!



Joan and Tom Strzycki

This dynamic duo has been helping our office process Vote-by-Mail ballots since 2016. Why do they keep coming back? Joan and Tom find working under Tommy Doyle to be a great experience and appreciate the positive work environment. We look forward to seeing them come back for future elections!



Marcia Scarborough

Eighteen years ago, Marcia started with our office as a Poll Worker like many of our long-term Election Support Staff members. In 2008 she made the transition to the Vote-by-Mail Department and works with our office during elections to help assist voters. Marcia says that in her experience, 2020 was by far the most demanding year for Vote-by-Mail. We are grateful for all the years Marcia has dedicated to serving Lee County voters!

COMMUNITY CORNER

2020 challenged our Community Services team to provide services in new ways and they continue to pursue these methods in 2021.

To ensure the well-being of our staff and others, education services remain virtual, while voter registration materials are available for delivery to schools and organizations.

To collaborate with our office, contact Community Services Director Juan Diez at jdiez@lee.vote.



Community Education Services Department: Juan Diez, Lucinda Jeffery, and Tony Ryan

A photograph of a woman and a man holding a large check. The check is from Lee County Elections, dated December 8, 2020. It is payable to Cypress Lake High School for \$500.00. The memo line reads "2020 Arts Contest Winner". The background shows a brick wall with a sign that says "ART GALLERY".

Our Community Educations Services team was finally able to deliver the 2019-2020 Arts Vote Contest prize to the winner, Cypress Lake High! The delivery was postponed due to the pandemic.

This year's 2020-2021 Arts Vote Contest began this past December and ends in April. We look forward to all the entries from the talented students who choose to participate!

The 2019-2020 High School Voter Registration Challenge prizes were delivered to winning schools in January by our Community Services team.

Participating schools were challenged to register or pre-register as many students as possible. Winning schools were awarded first, second, and third-place trophies.

The 2020-2021 High School Voter Registration Challenge kicked off in September 2020 and ends February 26, 2021.



2019-2020 High School Voter Registration Challenge Winners receiving their trophies. Left: 1st place, North Fort Myers High School; top right: 2nd place, Lehigh Senior High School; bottom right: 3rd place, Mariner High School.



NEW HIRE SPOTLIGHT!



We are happy to introduce Ramon Chevalier as our new Voter Registration Coordinator!

Ramon was born in Chicago, Illinois, and was raised in New York City before moving to the great state of Florida in 1997.

Ramon says his best moments are spending time with his wife of 24 years, Evelyn, and their two children, Elyssa and John. Their favorite activities as a family are bike riding through nature trails and watching movies. Ramon also enjoys drone piloting with his son and aerial photography.

Ramon has an extensive background in customer service and says this gives him a major advantage when assisting voters! We are glad to have Ramon on our team to help us provide voters with superior election services.

Please join us in welcoming Voter Relations Coordinator, Steven Lundy. Steve is a Lee County native - born and raised in Fort Myers, Florida! Prior to joining our elections team he worked for Sears Holding Corp. for 15 years.

Steve is a single parent raising two beautiful daughters, Sapphire and Stella. The global pandemic brought some tough times for Steve and his family; however, he says these unforeseen circumstances gave him the opportunity to spend quality time with his girls. His oldest started giving him bass guitar lessons and his youngest is now teaching him to play chess for the first time in his adult life.

Despite the tough moments, Steve's daughters give him the motivation and hope to keep going. In the end, these difficult times created a tighter bond and brought his family closer together.

We are excited to have Steve on our team and thank him for sharing his story with us!



**MARCH 2, 2021
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

**CITY OF SANIBEL
REGULAR ELECTION**

The Lee County Supervisor of Elections, in addition to conducting federal, state, county and special district elections, also conducts elections for municipalities sometimes called a city, town or village. Municipal elections are held to select officeholders such as mayor and council persons, or to submit public measures to municipal voters.

**VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT
DROP BOX AVAILABILITY**

If you would like to drop off your Vote-by-Mail ballot in person, you may do so at any office of the Lee County Supervisor of Elections, Monday - Friday, from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

DEADLINES

Voter Registration Deadline
Monday, February 1, 2021

**Deadline to Request a Vote-by-Mail
Ballot to be Mailed**
5:00 p.m., Saturday,
February 20, 2021

**RETURNING A
VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT**

Vote-by-Mail ballots may be returned by mail or hand-delivered.

You or someone you choose may return your ballot to any office of the Lee County Supervisor of Elections, no later than 7:00 P.M. on Election Day.

YOU MAY NOT RETURN YOUR VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT TO YOUR POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY.

**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 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

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