

SPRING 2022



LEE COUNTY ELECTIONS

A MESSAGE FROM TOMMY...

2022 is a significant mid-term election year, beginning with the August 23 Primary Election and the November 8 General Election. This year you will have the opportunity to elect people who will impact you on the county, state, and federal levels. Additionally, regular municipal elections for Bonita Springs, Cape Coral, Fort Myers, and the Town of Fort Myers Beach will occur during the Primary and General Elections.

I want to highlight a few topics that generate questions from voters before or during an election as you read on.

Florida is a Closed Primary State

In primary elections, registered voters can only vote for their registered party's candidates in a partisan contest on the ballot. In a primary election, a registered voter, regardless of party affiliation, can vote on a nonpartisan contest or issue for which they are eligible to vote.

Universal Primary Contest

Voters without a party affiliation may only vote for partisan candidates in a primary election if the candidates running for office all have the same party affiliation, and the winner in the Primary Election will not face any opposition in the General Election. This is referred to as a Universal Primary Contest.

Registering to Vote without a Party Affiliation

When voters do not indicate a party affiliation when they register to vote, they are registered with no party affiliation.



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Although the Primary and General Elections are several months away, I encourage you to check your voter registration status using our QR code in this newsletter, visit our website, or call the office to ensure you are #ElectionReady2022!

Voting Options in Florida

Increasingly, misinformation, disinformation, and malinformation, about voting by mail are shared on many platforms. Florida's election laws provide for strict Vote-by-Mail procedures to protect the integrity of elections. Election fraud in Florida is extremely rare in all forms of voting, including voting by mail.

The statutory guidelines in Florida require transparency in the Vote-by-Mail process. They include numerous public meetings of the County Canvassing Board that oversees the testing of voting machines, tabulating equipment, review of ballots, and tabulation.

While voting by mail is the most convenient way to vote, voters continue to have the additional options of voting in person during Early Voting at an Early Voting site or on Election Day at their assigned polling place.

As your trusted source for election information, I remain committed to providing you with facts that strengthen confidence in the security of Lee County and Florida elections. I encourage you to contact our office with your questions and concerns.

[Click here](#) for the information on 2022 offices up for election and retention.

Tommy Doyle


	Election Date	Deadline to Register to Vote Or Change Party Affiliation
	Primary Election Tuesday, August 23, 2022	Monday July 25, 2022
	General Election Tuesday, November 8, 2022	Tuesday October 11, 2022

OFFICE UPDATES

In January, our office began mailing Temporary Voter Registration Receipts instead of new Voter Information Cards for all **new registrations and voter record updates**. This change in mailings is due to our office's ongoing redistricting process.

Redistricting of congressional, state and local boundaries may affect the precinct in which a voter resides. Lee Elections uses our state and county government's new and verified district boundaries to modify precinct lines, meet redistricting requirements, and ensure we place voters in their proper voting districts. **After completing redistricting, we will mail all active voters an official Voter Information Card before the Primary Election of August 23, 2022.**

Temporary Voter Registration Receipt

 TOMMY DOYLE, SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS LEE COUNTY ELECTIONS		MELVIN MORGAN CONSTITUTIONAL COMPLEX P.O. BOX 2545, FORT MYERS, FL 33902-2545 PHONE: (239) 533-8683 FAX: (239) 533-6310 WWW.LEE.VOTE	
Temporary Voter Registration Receipt Voter Registration Information		Recibo de Registro del Elector Temporal Información de Registro del Elector	
Voter Name:	Voter Name	Nombre del Elector:	Nombre del Elector
FVRS #:	000000000	Núm. FVRS:	000000000
Registration Date:	00-00-0000	Fecha de inscripción:	00-00-0000
Date of Birth:	00-00-0000	Fecha de nacimiento:	00-00-0000
Party:	XXX	Partido:	XXX
Date Printed:	00-00-0000	Fecha impresa:	00-00-0000
Residence Address:	0000 Residence Street Address City State ZipCode	Dirección de residencia:	0000 Dirección de residencia Ciudad Estado Código postal
Please call the office or visit our website if you need to update your voter information.		Por favor llame a la oficina o visite nuestro sitio web si necesita actualizar su información de elector.	

Our office is debuting a QR code!
Scanning the code gives you easy access to:

- Register to Vote;
- Request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot;
- Check your Vote-by-Mail Ballot Status;
- Update your Voter Registration Information;
- Find your Election Day Polling Locations;
- View your Sample Ballot (*when available*);
- Subscribe to our Newsletter;
- Find Elected Officials, Parties, Committees, and Candidates.



OFFICE UPDATES

We recently redesigned our Vote-by-Mail Department's administrative space to accommodate staff and the many temporary election workers who will assist with the Vote-by-Mail Ballot processing during the 2022 primary and general elections.

As Lee County grows, our office must make space to ensure we meet the demands of the increased number of registered voters and Vote-by-Mail Ballot requests.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Our Community Education Services Department has new #ElectionReady Banners to maximize engagement with Lee County voters and eligible voters. Included in the design of our new banner is the office's QR code for easy access to our website. The banners are distributed throughout various locations in the county.

Partnerships include:

- Universities and colleges
- Government Agencies
- Lee County Libraries



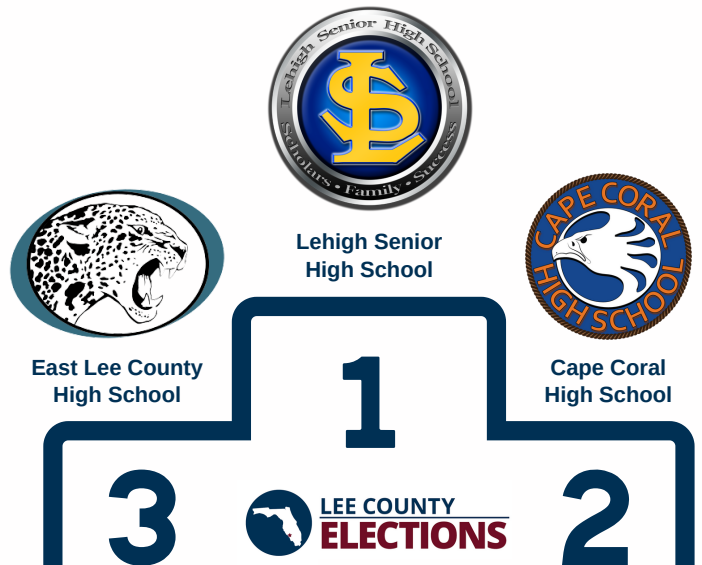
COMMUNITY SERVICES

Congratulations to the winners of the 2021-2022 High School Voter Registration Challenge!

Nine out of the fifteen high schools invited by Lee Elections participated in the challenge, and team members from our Community Education Services Department pre-registered and registered 691 new voters ages 16 and older!

The objective was to register the highest percentage of eligible students to vote and educate them about the elections process.

Lee County Supervisor of Elections, Tommy Doyle, is grateful to the principals, teachers, and school administrators for their partnership with our office and for their help to encourage students to participate in and become more knowledgeable of the electoral process.



	Winners	High School
1	1 st Place	Lehigh Senior**
2	2 nd Place	Cape Coral**
3	3 rd Place	East Lee**
4		Dunbar
5		Cypress Lake
6		Estero
7		Ida S. Baker
8		North Fort Myers
9		Island Coast
TOTAL		



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Congratulations to the 2021-2022 "Arts Vote" Contest Winners!



1st place

"Best Artwork":

Paige Berry (Cypress Lake High School)

2nd place

"Most Original Artwork":

Zachary Yoshida (Cypress Lake High School)

3rd place

"Most Creative Artwork"

Page Steiner (North Fort Myers High School)



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Lee Elections' "Arts Vote" Contest gives students at participating high schools the opportunity to unleash their creativity and talent to the fullest to promote civic engagement, voting, and patriotism. The contest began on October 25, 2021, and ended on March 18, 2022. Supervisor of Elections Tommy Doyle and staff selected the winning pieces from thirty-one entries; twenty-two from North Fort Myers High School, eight from Cypress Lake High School, and one from Lehigh Senior High School.



Be a Poll Worker

To be a Poll Worker in Lee County, you must:

- Be a registered voter in Lee County;
- Read, write, and speak the English language;
- Have an email address;
- Be able to lift 15-30 lbs;
- Be able to sit or stand for extended periods of time;
- Complete a mandatory online training class and attend a hands-on training class at the Lee County Elections Center before each election;
- Have dependable transportation;
- Serve the public in a courteous, patient, and efficient manner;
- Be nonpartisan on Election Day;
- Be able to work a minimum of 14 hours;
- Abide by a no smoking policy at the polls;

Lee Elections is always looking for civic-minded individuals to work on Election Day. Poll workers are paid for their service.

If you are interested in joining our team, please visit our website for more information and submit your online application today at www.lee.vote!

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