

### A MESSAGE FROM TOMMY...

Preparations for the August 23 Primary Election are underway, and voters should be aware of the changes in the upcoming election cycle that may affect them.

In 2022, due to census redistricting and reapportionment in Florida, Lee County Elections began and completed the process of adjusting voting precinct boundaries based on finalized redistricting maps adopted by the Florida Legislature and local governing bodies. This process is known as reprecincting.

The Supervisor of Elections' role in decennial census redistricting includes redrawing voting precinct boundaries, ensuring voters are placed in their proper voting districts, assigning new precincts and voting locations, and notifying voters of the changes before the August 23, 2022, Primary Election.

In modifying precinct boundary lines to meet redistricting requirements, and based on statistical voting data in Lee County, we decreased the number of voting precincts from 127 to 99.

Voting trends in our county indicate that since 2016, voters have consistently opted to utilize Early Voting or Vote-by-Mail. In 2020, 80% of Lee County voters cast their ballots before Election Day.





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Making a fiscally responsible decision to decrease the number of precincts ensures that we can adequately staff voting locations that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

As a result of these changes, we began mailing new Voter Information Cards to all active Lee County voters this month. The Voter Information Cards include the voter's personal information, voting districts, precinct number, Election Day voting location, and party affiliation.

I encourage you to be an informed voter. Visit www.lee.vote to check your voter registration status, Vote-by-Mail Ballot status, request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot, view your Sample Ballot when it becomes available, or find your Election Day voting location. Save time by marking your Sample Ballot ahead of time and bringing it with you when voting in person at an early Voting site or on Election Day.

Election integrity and the security of your vote are priorities in all elections conducted by this office. As your Supervisor of Elections and trusted source for voter and election information, please do not hesitate to contact us with your questions or concerns.

Our government depends on informed citizens exercising their fundamental right to vote. This year's elections allow you to use the power of your vote to elect those whose decisions will affect our community, state, and nation. Make your voice heard in 2022!

Tommy Doyle

### **OFFICE UPDATES**

Every department in our office is actively engaged in carrying out duties to ensure a successful and well-ordered election.

The Qualifying Department was extremely busy managing candidates during the qualifying period that ended at noon on Friday, June 17, 2022. A total of 185 candidates qualified through our office to run for the Primary Election. This includes those who qualified to run for the unexpected vacancy of County Commission, District 5, due to the recent passing of Commissioner Frank Mann.

Ballot layout and programming began at the conclusion of candidate qualifying. As with everything election-related, this process must be completed according to the guidelines established in the Florida Election Code. With ballot programming completed, voters can now view their custom sample ballots on our website, www.lee.vote.







Our Elections Center is buzzing with activity. The Poll Worker Department is busy conducting poll worker training classes to ensure each person will be equipped with the knowledge to fill their positions. Volunteering to work an election is an excellent way to be a part of and learn about the elections process.

### REMEMBERING FRANK MANN

The Honorable Frank Mann was Lee County Commissioner in District 5 for over 15 years. Lee County Elections has many fond memories from the times he served on the County Canvassing Board during elections.

We will miss his good humor and dedication to the elections process!



Photo Source: Lee County Government

A Special Election for the vacancy in County Commission District 5 will be conducted in conjunction with the August 23 Primary and November 8 General Elections.

### **OFFICE UPDATES**



On July 8, our office sent a total of 562 primary election ballots to Lee County Uniformed and Overseas Citizens residing in all parts of the globe. Florida law requires Supervisors of Elections to send Vote-by-Mail Ballots to absent military and overseas citizens no later than 45 days before each election.

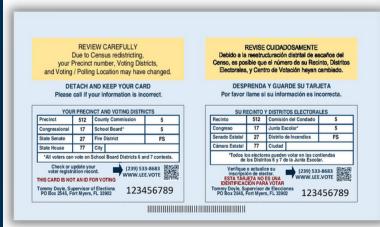
Our office has ballots going to the UK, Canada, Spain, Germany, Czech Republic, Denmark, Italy, New Zealand, Japan, Croatia, and more!

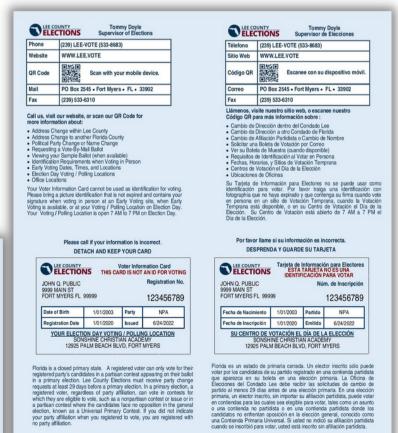
Our office sent domestic Vote-by-Mail Ballots to voters with a request on file on July 19. If you have not requested your Vote-by-Mail Ballot, we encourage you to do it today. Voting by mail is a safe, secure, and accurate method of voting and an insurance policy in the event you cannot vote in person, especially as we move into hurricane season.

### **NEW VOTER INFORMATION CARDS**

New Voter Information Cards were mailed to approximately 508,000 active Lee County voters from June 30 through July 8, 2022. Due to redistricting, Voter Cards are also being forwarded to voters who are temporarily away.

Voters can contact our office at (239) 533-8683 for questions or concerns about their Voter Information Card.





### **FSE SUMMER CONFERENCE**

Every year, Florida's Supervisors of Elections meet for the statewide Florida Supervisors of Elections Association (FSE) Summer Conference. This past May, Supervisor of Elections Tommy Doyle attended with several team members.

Florida's newly appointed Secretary of State, Cord Byrd, spoke at the event and swore in board members and new FSE president, Mark Earley from Leon County.









### **SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

Stephanie Porvaznik of Florida Gulf Coast University is the recipient of the Joe Oldmixon College Scholarship awarded by the Florida Supervisors of Elections Scholarship Foundation.

Porvaznik, a junior in college and a Political Science major, received the scholarship for her academic achievements, civic engagement, and leadership roles in the community. Earlier this year, she interned with the Florida Senate in Tallahassee and most recently completed an internship at U.S. Congressman Byron Donalds' Lee County District Office.

We are proud to have another Lee County student receive the Florida Supervisors of Elections Scholarship Award for the second year in a row. We wish Stephanie the best in her future endeavors.

### STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to Carol Meyer on her recent retirement!

Carol served the citizens of Lee County for 24 years. She started in the Tax Collector's Office and then joined Lee Elections in 2003 in what was then the Absentee Department.

Under Carol's management as Vote-by-Mail Director, the department grew to meet the ever-increasing demands for voting by mail. She met many challenges head-on throughout her career and navigated her way through them to ensure her department met its responsibilities to the voters of Lee County.

She helped redesign the physical layout of her office to include more employees and the temporary support staff necessary to help expedite the requests for and the return of Vote-by-Mail Ballots. Carol and her team streamlined the process that now runs like a well-oiled machine!

She fondly remembers a group of retired ladies she dubbed her Golden Girls. "They would drop everything to come in to help with anything we needed to be done. It was great not having to train someone for each election. Once they hit their 80s, they finally called it quits. I really miss them as they were the hardest working and caring people you would ever want to know."

Carol has loved working with her Vote-by-Mail team and will miss them the most because they "are like family to me. I am so very proud of them and the great work they do. It was a privilege and an honor to have worked at the Elections office. I want to thank Tommy and Bernie for making my last years here so special, and I truly appreciate all they do."

Join us in congratulating Trish Tripi as our new Vote-by-Mail Director!

Trish has been an instrumental member of the Lee County Elections Office for over 16 years. She began her journey as Voter Registration Coordinator, then Vote-by-Mail Coordinator and Administrative Assistant, before taking on the role of Vote-by-Mail Director.

Over the years, Trish has processed thousands of ballots, assisted hundreds of voters, worked innumerable hours, and at the close of every election, feels a great sense of pride in being a part of the election process. Whether working with her Vote-by-Mail team or staff in other departments or branches, she is "proud to be part of a team that works so seamlessly together to ensure every election runs smoothly and successfully." We are happy to see Trish in her new role and know that the Vote-by-Mail Department will continue to thrive under her leadership!







# AUGUST 23, 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION GUIDE

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2022

### **Primary Election**

- Federal, State, County
  - City of Cape Coral
  - City of Fort Myers

### **DEADLINES**

# Deadline to Register to Vote or Change Party Affiliation

Monday, July 25, 2022

### Deadline to Request Vote-by-Mail Ballot to be Mailed

5:00 p.m., Saturday, August 13, 2022

# Deadline to Return Vote-by-Mail Ballot to the Lee County Supervisor of Elections

- Before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day
- A Vote-by-Mail ballot received after 7:00 p.m. on August 23, 2022, is ineligible to be counted.

### FLORIDA IS A CLOSED PRIMARY STATE

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.

If you wish to register to vote or change party affiliation, please visit www.lee.vote or call (239) 533-8683.

### PRIMARY ELECTION

## EARLY VOTING DATES/TIMES/LOCATIONS

WHEN: 08/13/22 - 08/20/22 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

#### Dr. Carrie D. Robinson Center

2990 Edison Ave, Fort Myers, FL 33916

### **East County Regional Library**

881 Gunnery Rd N, Lehigh Acres, FL 33971

### **Estero Recreation Center**

9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd, Estero, FL 33928

### **Fort Myers Regional Library**

#### **Voting Room Address:**

1651 Lee St, Fort Myers, FL 33901 **Library Address:** 

2450 First St, Fort Myers, FL 33901

#### **Lakes Regional Library**

15290 Bass Rd, Fort Myers, FL 33919

### **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

#### **Veterans Park Recreation Center**

55 Homestead Rd S, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936

# Scan, or click on this QR Code with your mobile device 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 Location;
- View your Sample Ballot;
- Subscribe to our Newsletter;
- Find Elected Officials, Parties, Committees, and Candidates.



# ELECTION READY CHECKLIST

✓ Register to Vote

Request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot

The following information is current with Lee Elections:

✓ Name

✓ Address

✓ Signature

✓ Party Affiliation

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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