

FALL 2023



LEE COUNTY ELECTIONS

A MESSAGE FROM TOMMY...

As we near the end of 2023, it's a great time to start thinking about our plans for the new year. Have you thought about how you'll vote in the upcoming 2024 elections?

The Presidential Preference Primary (PPP) will take place on March 19, 2024, which is just five months away. While the elections office is putting in great effort to make the voting process smooth and efficient, it's your responsibility to ensure your voice is heard by being election-ready!

To make sure you receive accurate election materials, it's important to have your voter information up-to-date. You can check your status and update your address, name, signature, and party affiliation at www.lee.vote. Having your most current signature on file with the office is vital if you vote by mail.

You have the right to decide which method of voting is best for you, whether it's Vote-by-Mail, Early Voting, or voting at the polls on Election Day. Each one requires responsibility on your part as an engaged voter.

I encourage you to request your Vote-by-Mail ballot now. Not only is this the most convenient way to vote, but it can also be your backup plan if you cannot vote in person.



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Early Voting is also a great option as it provides more flexibility. Unlike Election Day, you are not restricted to voting at your designated precinct. Instead, you can choose to vote at any of the twelve Early Voting locations, which will be open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Did you know that Florida is a closed primary state? To be eligible to vote for a partisan candidate in the March 19, 2024, PPP and the August 20, 2024, Primary Election, you must be registered with one of Florida's two major political parties: Democrat or Republican. You can change your party affiliation with our office up to 29 days before an election.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. Your vote matters, and I'm here to help make sure you're prepared for the 2024 elections!

— *Tommy Doyle*

EMPLOYEE IN-SERVICE WORKSHOP!

The office hosted an In-service Workshop on October 9. All of our dedicated staff members attended, making it a day filled with much enthusiasm and learning.

We had opening and closing remarks from Supervisor Tommy Doyle and presentations from Chief Deputy Bernie Feliciano addressing legislative changes!

We also had three wonderful guest speakers share their insights and wisdom - Florida Legislator Spencer Roach, Lee County Commissioner Brian Hamman, and motivational speaker Lou Heckler.

Our office staff left with a wealth of knowledge, ready to serve our community and prepared for the upcoming 2024 election cycle.



VOTE-BY-MAIL

VOTE-BY-MAIL REQUEST EXPIRED!	SOLICITUD DE VOTACIÓN POR CORREO ¡EXPIRADA!
Your Lee County voter registration record indicates your request to receive Vote-by-Mail Ballots has EXPIRED.	Su registro de inscripción como elector en el Condado de Lee indica que su solicitud para recibir Boletas de Votación por Correo ha EXPIRADO.
Voting by mail is the most convenient way to vote and postage is prepaid when returning your ballot by mail.	La votación por correo es la forma más conveniente para votar, y el franqueo es prepago al devolver su boleta por correo.
To renew your request for the 2024 federal, state, and local elections, please visit our website, call the office, or scan our QR Code.	Para renovar su solicitud para las elecciones federales, estatales, y locales del 2024, visite nuestro sitio web, llame a la oficina, o escanee nuestro Código QR.
(239) 533-8683	WWW.LEE.VOTE

Our office is actively working to ensure voters are aware they must submit a new Vote-by-Mail request if they plan to vote by mail in 2024.

On August 31, we mailed approximately 150,000 notices to registered voters informing them their Vote-by-Mail requests had expired. The notice was sent to registered voters who had requested a Vote-by-Mail Ballot for the 2022 General Election but had not yet submitted a request for the 2024 election cycle.

We encourage you to act now and submit your request before the new year to ensure you get your ballot in a timely manner.

Submit your request online, by phone (239) 533-8683, by mail, e-mail, fax, or in person at any one of our branch office locations. New requests are valid through December 2024.

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY



On September 19, our office had an incredible celebration for National Voter Registration Day! We partnered with 11 Lee County libraries to provide essential voter services to our community.

We are grateful for the libraries and all the wonderful individuals who engaged with us! We look forward to celebrating again during next year's 2024 election cycle!

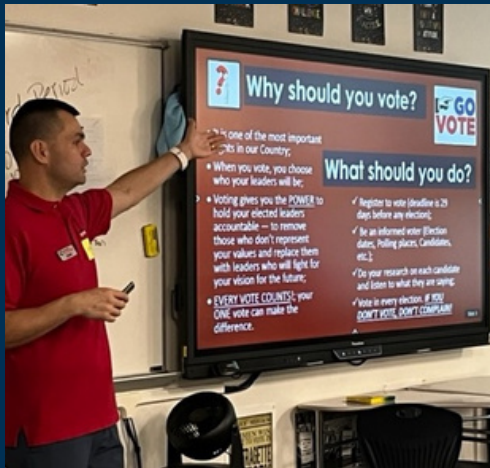
View highlights from National Voter Registration Day on our YouTube channel.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERVICES



Lee Elections' Community Education Services Department (CESD) has an ongoing High School Voter Registration Drive. This event is considered one of the Department's highlights of the year!

Invitations were sent to all Lee County High Schools, and the challenge for the schools is to register the highest number of eligible voters between August 28, 2023, and January 30, 2024.



We're also hosting a parallel challenge for Charter High Schools to join the fun!

Our office aims to educate students about the significance of voter participation and ensure they are election-ready. CESD members find it fulfilling to interact with the students and help them become responsible voters.

We also began our annual Arts Vote Contest. Our office sent an invitation to all 15 Lee County High Schools.

There are so many talented students in our county. We always look forward to this contest because of the amazing and inspiring artwork we receive from participating schools!

The contest runs from October 23, 2023 through March 29, 2024.

UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVITY!

Join the 2023-2024
Arts Vote Contest
STARTS October 23, 2023 - ENDS March 29, 2024

2022-2023 "MOST ORIGINAL NETWORK" by ALEX GALANIS (NORTH FORT MYERS HIGH SCHOOL)

2022-2023 "MOST NETWORK" by ALAYNA GALANIS (CYPRESS LAKE HIGH SCHOOL)

2022-2023 "MOST CREATIVE NETWORK" by BAILEY ALLENWORTH (CYPRESS LAKE HIGH SCHOOL)

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Honorable Tommy Doyle, Supervisor of Elections
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HAPPY RETIREMENT!

On September 23, 2023, Supervisor Tommy Doyle, along with staff, family, and friends, gathered to celebrate the retirement of Lee Carr, the Chief Deputy of Operations.

Lee Carr served the voters of Lee County in various roles since 1989. She played a significant role in facilitating the transition from the punch-card voting system to the iVotronic touchscreen system in 2001 and then in 2008 to the optical scanners still in use today.



One of Lee's most notable achievements was securing the current site of the Election Center. She had envisioned a building that was large enough to accommodate all the voting machines, polling equipment, and classrooms for poll workers' training. One that could also serve as a branch office, an Early Voting site, and an Election Day polling place.

She was honored as a visionary, a mentor to her employees, and a good friend. We wish her a happy, healthy, and fun-filled retirement!

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