



COLLIER COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS MELISSA R. BLAZIER

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES & DEADLINES

2024 Primary Election

Voter Registration Deadline: July 22

Early Voting: August 10-17

Election Day: August 20

2024 General Election

Voter Registration Deadline: October 7

Early Voting: October 21-November 2

Election Day: November 5

Early voting dates are subject to change.

**JOIN OUR
ELECTIONS TEAM!**

Visit www.CollierVotes.gov/HELP
to learn how you can
help during elections!



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SUPERVISOR'S MESSAGE

Stay Connected with the SOE!

As we approach the August Primary Election, our office is getting election ready!

This month, the Florida Division of Elections released the latest version of the Florida Voter Registration Application, as well as a new Statewide Vote-by-Mail Ballot Request Form. The new request form is only for written requests or if voters are having a ballot sent to a new address that is not already on file with our office. The updates to these two forms have no bearing on currently registered voters, nor does it affect Vote-by-Mail requests that are already on file for 2024.



We are actively looking for engaged members of our community to serve as election workers. For the August Primary Election, we will need anywhere between 500-600 workers and for the November General Election, we plan to recruit upwards of 700 workers both for early voting and on Election Day. If you are interested in joining our Elections Team, please visit www.CollierVotes.gov/HELP to learn more, apply and schedule a New Election Worker Orientation.

Don't forget, the Collier County Supervisor of Elections office is THE trusted source for election information in our community. I encourage you to stay connected with us by following us on social media and by subscribing to our monthly newsletter. Already a subscriber? Forward this email to a friend or family member to help them be an informed voter!



It was a pleasure to be a guest speaker at The Vine Breakfast Meet and Greet this month to talk about the upcoming elections!

OUT & ABOUT

Get Election Ready!

This month, our outreach team put a SPRING in their step and attended several community events to help voters get Election Ready!

Some of the events we attended included Wake Up Naples hosted by the Greater Naples Chamber, an open house hosted by the Collier Mosquito Control District, and the annual Earth Day celebration at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

At each event, members of our outreach team engage with voters by answering election-related questions, helping them register to vote, updating their voter information (address, party affiliation, signature, etc.), and submitting their Vote-by-Mail ballot requests.

Visit our Activities & Events calendar at www.CollierVotes.gov to see where we will be in May!



DID YOU KNOW?

MYTH BUSTER

MYTH In primary elections, non-party affiliated voters can vote in Democratic and Republican contests.

BUSTED Florida is a Closed Primary state. If a voter wants to vote in partisan primary contests, they must be a registered voter in the party for which the primary is being held. However, all registered voters, regardless of party affiliation, can vote on issues and nonpartisan candidates, such as school board, in primary elections.

Get more Myth Busters - follow us on social media!

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Did you know that there have been changes to the way a voter can request a Vote-by-Mail ballot?

This past month, the state released a Statewide Vote-by-Mail Ballot Request Form (DS-DE 160). Voters who wish to submit a Vote-by-Mail ballot request in writing, must do so using this form. Other Vote-By-Mail ballot request forms will no longer be acceptable. The new statewide form can be found in our website's Forms Library at www.CollierVotes.gov/FORMS and at our main and satellite offices.

The publication of this new form does not have an effect on existing Vote-by-Mail requests and voters can still request their ballot online at www.CollierVotes.gov/RequestBallot or by calling (239) 252-VOTE (8683). Do you plan to vote by mail in the upcoming elections? We encourage you to verify your voter information, including the address where we will be sending your ballot for the August Primary Election.

Make your request today at www.CollierVotes.gov/RequestBallot or call (239) 252-VOTE (8683).

TEXTMYGOV

The Collier County Supervisor of Elections office is thrilled to offer another tool to keep voters up-to-date on important election-related information. TextMyGov is a new text messaging service that offers voters the opportunity to receive important election-related alerts directly to their mobile device. The service also uses keyword technology to answer frequently asked questions about elections and voting in Collier County. With TextMyGov, voters can:

Ask Questions: A voter can text a one-word response or phrase to the number (239) 920-7799 if they need help finding election information or resources. For example, if a voter texts the word 'mail' or the phrase "How do I vote by mail," they will receive an automated response with a link to our website with information on how they can submit an online request.

Receive Text Alerts: Voters who opt-in to receive notifications from our office will receive important election-related information, as well as reminders for upcoming deadlines and voting dates and times.

To opt-in to the text message service, text **COLLIERVOTES** to **91896**. Message and data rates may apply dependent on the user's mobile plan.

Keeping Collier County's
Voters Informed
with **TextMyGov**

Text **COLLIERVOTES**
to **91896** to receive election-related
updates delivered directly to your phone.



VOTE IN HONOR OF A VETERAN



National Military Appreciation Month is just around the corner, and our office is ready to shine the light on our heroes who have served to ensure our rights and freedoms are always protected.

The Supervisor of Elections is proud to have our Vote in Honor of a Veteran program as a way to salute our veterans and encourage voter participation. We are currently accepting nominations to honor military men and women who have served or who are currently serving in the U.S. Military. Those who wish to nominate a veteran or would like to share their own story of their service, can submit a biography form and photo that will be exhibited on the Supervisor of Elections' virtual Honor Wall, social media, and at local voter outreach events.

Through this program we hope to personalize the voting experience for our residents and show our appreciation to those who have given so much to us so that we may continue to live in freedom and exercise our right to vote.

Visit www.CollierVotes.gov/VETERANS to nominate a veteran or current service member and to view those already inducted into the program.