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SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

SUPERVISOR'S MESSAGE

New location, same great service!

We did it! The Collier County Supervisor of Elections is officially headquartered at our new location on Enterprise Avenue! Thank you to the Collier County Board of County Commissioners, our voters, and election workers who supported us during the relocation of our facilities. I also want to thank my wonderful staff who helped orchestrate our move. As of May 16, 2016 our new address is: **3750 Enterprise Avenue, Naples FL 34104**. Canvassing board meetings, election worker trainings, and voting will now take place at this new location.

With the August Primary Election right around the corner, the call to partake in one of our most salient constitutional rights is upon us once again. This election will echo the people's voice for state and local offices, and we are making sure that not only are we "Election Ready," but that our voters have all the information they need on how, when, and where to vote.

As a reminder, Florida is a CLOSED PRIMARY STATE and voters can only vote within their party affiliation in partisan contests. If you are unsure of your party affiliation or have questions about the upcoming election, please visit www.CollierVotes.com.

Our Training Department hosted a series of New Election Worker Orientations this summer and we are excited to see some new faces join our elections team! Our Voter Education Department is in full force registering new residents and educating voters about the upcoming elections. As you can see, we are committed to involving the community in any way we can. If you have an event you would like us to attend, please contact us at: (239)252-VOTE!

Catch up with our entire staff in this edition of News & Views!

OUT & ABOUT



Working WITH the media

Outreach and communications about voting is always a priority for our office, especially during a busy election cycle. We have some of the most talented and dedicated media personalities in Southwest Florida and want to take the time to thank our wonderful newscasters, radio personalities, reporters and columnists who help us educate Collier County voters about the importance of voting!

We look forward to working with you all as we continue with this very busy election cycle!



Top: Customer Service Supervisor, Aixa Capizzi, Jennifer and the Agarrando el Toro por los Cuernos TV team / Bottom: Jennifer and Dave Elliott from 98.9 WGUF

VOTER EDUCATION

Voter Outreach



HEATHER WYSOCKI
VOTER EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Our office visits schools across Collier County each spring to provide students the chance to vote on their favorite books. This program is organized by the Florida Reading Association and the Florida Association for Media in Education and it encourages students to read. During the program, students read from a selection of books in exchange for earning rewards such as field trips, new books and a chance to use real election equipment to vote for their favorite story.

We were excited to visit a record 26 elementary and middle schools this year! We helped a total of 5,152 students vote for their favorite book.

Moving forward, the Collier County Supervisor of Elections office will host voter outreach tables throughout Collier, which includes candidate meet-and-greets and forums. We attend these events to provide a non-partisan resource for current and future voters.

We encourage you to stop by our table to learn about Early Voting, requesting a Vote-By-Mail ballot, and a number of other topics that will ensure you are ready to cast your ballot in the August 30 Primary Election.

To find out where we will be, visit our community calendar at www.CollierVotes.com.

VOTE-BY-MAIL UPDATES



JESSICA CHRONISTER
VOTE-BY-MAIL
SUPERVISOR

Beat the heat and Vote-by-Mail!

Did you know you can request a Vote-by-Mail ballot on our website? Visit www.CollierVotes.com and click on the "Vote-by-Mail" tab at the top of our website.

Once you enter your voter information you can view important information pertaining to your voter record including your party affiliation, which elections you have already requested a ballot for delivery, and the address where your ballot will be mailed.

After reviewing this information, you can make any necessary edits to your ballot requests to reflect where you actually want your ballot to be mailed. It's fast, it's easy and it's the most convenient way to cast your vote!

So no matter where you plan to spend your summer, make sure that ordering your Vote-by-Mail ballot is at the top of your checklist and BE Election Ready!

CANDIDATE QUALIFYING

Finding a cure for ballot fatigue



DAVE CARPENTER
QUALIFYING OFFICER

Ballot fatigue is more than just the feeling an election worker gets nearing the end of Election Day. It refers to the situation voters sometimes face when confronted with a long ballot.

Ballot fatigue can result in voters skipping races and referenda near the end of the ballot or just picking names at random. Most often this occurs during presidential elections when voters show up at the precinct simply wanting to cast a vote for their presidential pick in the and are confronted with a dizzying array of contests which they are unprepared to make decisions on.

Our office sends sample ballots to all voters and we urge them to review and mark them before heading to the polls. We also encourage voters to bring the sample with them to use as a guide when they are voting.

In 2012, the Florida ballot began with 12 pairs of candidates for President and Vice President, as well as space for a write-in candidate, and it ended in a series of full text amendments written in complex verbiage. The 2012 ballot, and the lines it helped create, ultimately led to a few changes regarding the organization and language on the ballot. As a result, the state has put limitations on the length of its amendments and our own Supervisor of Elections has strived to keep local referenda off the November ballot in an effort to keep the ballot length manageable.

The long term solution to ballot fatigue will most likely be to allow the electorate to vote on fewer offices or move more contests to the Primary Election ballot. This fall, in the Primary and General Elections, Collier voters will decide 61 county seats, 22 judicial seats, five federal offices, four municipal offices, four state offices, four state constitutional amendments, and four local referenda.

Don't forget to bring your sample ballot - or better yet, Vote-by-Mail!



JULIO VIGIL
ELECTION SERVICES
DIRECTOR

ELECTION SERVICES

Early Voting Location Changes

Our office moved to our new home on Enterprise Avenue in May. Originally, our office was spread across three locations; we were headquartered at the Collier Government Complex, our

Training Department was located at the Golden Gate Community Park, and we leased space to store some of our election equipment. As a result of us merging together, we have increased staff brainpower for planning elections and have also cut down on the movement of our equipment, minimizing wear and tear on our machines.

With our move also comes some changes...

Early Voting will continue to be offered at the Collier County Government Complex, but voting will now take place in the Risk Management Building. We will also have an Early Voting location at our main office on Enterprise Avenue.

We are continuing to prep our election equipment for the August 30 Primary and look forward to the many benefits in the process now that we are in our new facilities!



AIXA CAPIZZI
CUSTOMER SERVICE
SUPERVISOR

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Your vote - your voice!

Are you Election Ready? Our Customer Service team is here to serve you with all of your voting needs. Whether you need assistance with voter registration, address changes,

party affiliation updates, or Vote-by-Mail ballot requests, we are devoted to ensure your experience with the Collier County Supervisor of Elections is a positive one. Stop by and see us at our new location: 3750 Enterprise Avenue, Naples FL.

As American citizens, voting is our constitutional right and a key element to our nation's democracy. Your vote is your voice; let it be heard in 2016 and BE Election Ready!

TRAINING NEWS

Training for the Primary



ROGER MUNZ
TRAINING DIRECTOR

The August 30 Primary is right around the corner and the Training Department looks forward to seeing many of our election workers returning to work during the Primary. We hosted a series of New Election Worker Orientations over the summer and invited engaged citizens to learn more about the electoral process. From these orientations, we anticipate several *new* election workers will be getting their feet wet during the August Primary, preparing them for the General Election in November.

These new workers will be required to complete online training, as will returning workers who were not available for the Presidential Preference Primary in March. Online training will be deployed in mid-July and for those returning this year, we will be sending out the hands-on training schedule soon.

Don't forget, our offices have moved to: **3750 Enterprise Avenue, Naples FL 34104**. There will not be any classes occurring in our old training facility in Golden Gate, so please make note of that when scheduling your hands-on training.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our new location and bringing you up to speed on new legislative changes and adjusted procedures for the remainder of the election cycle.



RENZO RAMIREZ
NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR

NEW STAFF

Renzo Ramirez is the newest edition to the Supervisor of Elections office. Renzo was born and raised in Lima, Peru and received his citizenship in the United States at the age of 18. Renzo has lived in Naples for 15 years. Prior to joining the elections office, he owned a local IT consultant company and also worked for Family Health Centers of SWFL.

Renzo has an Associate's degree in computer information and is currently working towards earning his Bachelor's degree in cyber security and forensics at Hodges University. Renzo enjoys spending time with his wife, Cecilia, and his son, Zachary. In his free time, Renzo enjoys sports and is an avid Miami Heat and Dolphins fan.

"My goals are to organize and secure the infrastructure of our network. I look forward to working with everyone as we continue this very busy election cycle!"



SPOTLIGHT: JACOB KOCSSES

Congratulations and best wishes to Jacob Kocszes who recently enlisted with the US Marine Corps. “Jake” departed for his 12 weeks of training at Parris Island on May 1. He has been an election worker with our office since 2012 and is the son of our Election Services Manager, William Kocszes. Jake comes from a family of Marine veterans including his two paternal grandparents and his brother, Zachary. Joining the Marine Corps has always been a goal of Jake’s. He was a member of his high school’s ROTC and is an Eagle Scout. Thank you, Jake, for all of your dedication to elections and continued service to our country!

Pictured from left: Jake’s parents, William and Karen Kocszes, Jake and his Marine Corps recruitment officer

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

Primary: August 30, 2016

Early Voting: August 20-27 10:00 am-6:00 pm

Book closing: August 1

General: November 8, 2016

Early Voting: October 24-November 5 9:00 am-6:00 pm

Book closing: October 11

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Jennifer J. Edwards
Supervisor of Elections

