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 **Message From Your Supervisor**



Indian River County Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan helps open Vote By Mail ballots during an Oct. 27 opening at the Elections Office prior to the Nov. 7 Municipal Elections.

SOE to offer early voting by appointment

Leslie R. Swan

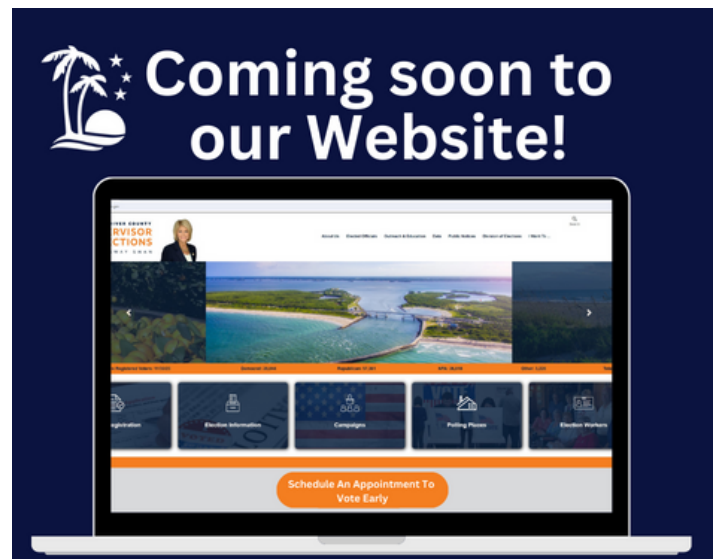
It is going to be a big year for elections in 2024. The team at the Elections Office is dedicated to ensuring voters have a pleasant and efficient voting experience.

Beginning with the March 19 Presidential Preference Primary Election, the Supervisor of Elections is offering voters the convenience of scheduling an appointment to cast their vote during the early voting period. This program, No Wait Inside (NWI), allows voters to schedule an appointment to vote during the early voting days and hours of operation, virtually eliminating wait times spent standing in line to vote.

The No Wait Inside program allows voters to schedule an appointment online up to 30 days in advance, cancel the appointment at any time, receive text notifications about their upcoming appointment, and skip the line during their appointment window to vote quickly.

Appointments are available in 15-minute intervals. Voters may select the time most convenient for them. When the voter arrives at the polling place at their scheduled appointment time, they are immediately ushered to a check-in station. A limited number of appointments are available daily.

During the roll out of the No Wait Inside program, the Supervisor of Elections' early voting site at 4375 43rd Ave. will be the only location where voters can schedule an appointment to vote.



The No Wait Inside program will allow voters to schedule an appointment online up to 30 days in advance, cancel the appointment at any time, receive text notifications about their upcoming appointment.

Beginning 30 days prior to the start of early voting, anyone interested in making an appointment to vote can visit www.voteindianriver.gov and select the "Schedule An Appointment To Vote Early" icon on the homepage.

"Having the option to schedule an appointment to vote will be a convenience to those voters who work full-time and also the elderly who may find it difficult to stand in line," said Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan. "Appointment voting provides another opportunity to make your voice heard by voting."

 **SOE Elections News**

Swan, Houssell attend training exercise in Palm Beach Co.

‘Proper training helps individuals stay calm’

Supervisor Leslie Swan and Chief Deputy Maureen Houssell traveled to the Palm Beach County Elections Office on Oct. 11 to attend an Elections Tabletop Exercise.

The purpose of the exercise was to identify best practices and areas for improvement in incident planning, identification, and response to cyber and physical security threats that could affect elections infrastructure.

Attendees were divided into groups and were presented three different emergency scenarios. The group members discussed ways to handle emergency incidents and partner agencies available to assist.

In attendance were representatives from the Department of Homeland Security, FBI, law enforcement, county



Palm Beach County Elections Tabletop Exercise
October 11, 2023

Chief Deputy Maureen Houssell, below left, and Supervisor Leslie Swan at the Palm Beach County Elections Office in October for the Elections Tabletop Exercise.



emergency operations personnel, communications vendors, and elections staff from various counties.

“During an emergency, people often experience fear and panic,” said Supervisor Swan. “Proper training helps individuals stay calm and make rational decisions, reducing chaos and improving overall safety.”

Chamber’s Lunch and Learn features Swan

On Oct. 17, Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan was the guest speaker for the Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce’s Lunch and Learn series.

Supervisor Swan recounted the numerous technological changes implemented during her 19-year tenure working at the Elections Office. She also spoke about recent changes in election law contained in Senate Bill 90 and Senate Bill 7050.



REGISTERED VOTERS IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

(As of Dec. 21, 2023)

- DEMOCRAT - 28,037
- REPUBLICAN - 57,525
- NPA - 26,624
- OTHER - 3,275
- TOTAL - 115,461**

LET'S GET SOCIAL

Be sure to like and follow us on social media to receive frequent updates and accurate information from your trusted source of voting and election information in Indian River County.



#VOTEINDIANRIVER



COVER PHOTOGRAPH

Two Buggy Bunch children hold their “Voter Information Cards” after casting their ballots on “Election Day at The Buggy Bunch.” On Oct. 12, The Buggy Bunch and Indian River County Supervisor of Elections staff came together to provide an engaging event for families.



‘Election Day at The Buggy Bunch’

Children vote on their favorite activity, and learn valuable lessons

By Brittany Hengst
TBB Administrative Assistant

On Oct. 12, The Buggy Bunch and Indian River County Supervisor of Elections staff came together to provide an engaging, educational event for families that helped raise awareness and instill the importance of voting.

The event was called “Election Day at The Buggy Bunch,” and those who signed up in advance came with excitement to vote on their favorite activity at The Buggy Bunch (TBB), and to do it in the same way mommies and daddies do – with a real ballot.

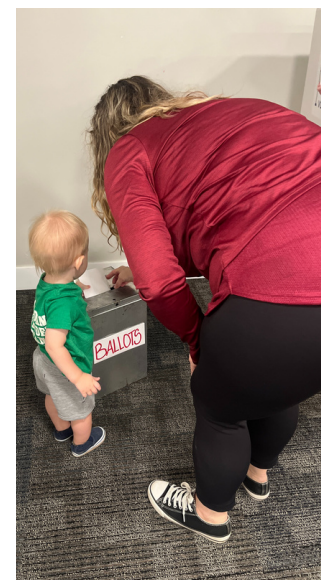
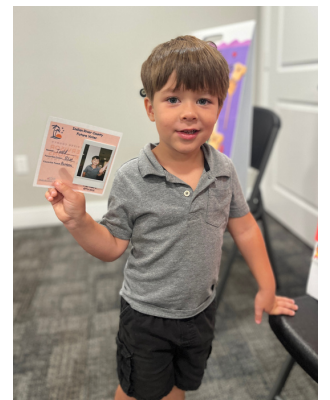
Anita Wheeler, Candidate Coordinator at the Elections Office, prepared a fun and creative experience that had the children giddy from start to finish.

Upon arrival, families were guided to a room set up much like the Indian River County Main Library during early voting, where the children posed for a Polaroid picture that was used to create their “Voter Information Card.” While their pictures were developing, Anita had the kids sit in a circle to answer questions that highlighted how wonderfully different people are and how every single voice matters.

With much anticipation, the children continued on to the craft tables to create their voter card that was so cutely named, “Indian River County Future Voter.” It contained the Polaroid photo, their name, favorite color and favorite food. When finished, they each showed their voter card in exchange for a ballot and were led to a voting booth to discreetly cast their ballot. The “favorite activity” items in the running were the play kitchen, the slide, the Paw Patrol Tower and the Cozy Coupe.



Anita Wheeler, Candidate Coordinator at the Indian River County Supervisor of Elections Office, announces the winner of the election at The Buggy Bunch on Oct. 12.



Above, left: Elections Specialist Mariangelys Baldi, left, shows a young voter where to get a ballot. Top, right: Indian River County Future Voter Todd holds up his “Voter Information Card.” Bottom, right: A Buggy Bunch mother helps her child cast their ballot.

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 **Community Outreach**

Single vote makes a difference in Buggy Bunch election

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Voted ballots were dropped into a sealed box with only a small opening for their ballot to fit through.

Upon exiting the voting room, everyone was given an “I voted” sticker and headed for the Learning LOFT, which is The Buggy Bunch’s indoor play space, to wait for the ballots to be counted. It wasn’t long before Anita came out to announce the winner. The most loved item – winning by only a single vote – was the Paw Patrol Tower!

Cheers spread throughout the LOFT, both from the children who voted for that item as well as from the kids who did not.

“It was clear that it did not matter that their friends chose something different from them and they all enjoyed being part of something big. As an adult, sometimes it may feel like these little things aren’t that big of a deal. However, it is larger than life to these young children,” said Brittany Hengst, Administrative Assistant at The Buggy Bunch.



Anita Wheeler, center, asks The Buggy Bunch children and their mothers questions as Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan, background left, looks on.

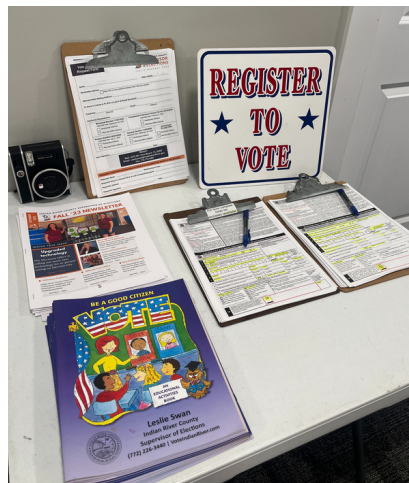
The impact of this event – clearly evident by each child’s response – was beyond what could be seen.

“The atmosphere alone created a situation that helped them to understand that people are different, but in many ways the same,” said Taylor White, a mom who regularly attends events at TBB. “We can have differences and still play together at our favorite indoor play space. We can vote on different things and still treat others with love and respect.”

Had one person not been there to place their vote that day, the results would have been totally different. “One person can make a difference. These are crucial life lessons that will stay with them for years to come and watching these young minds not only adapt, but get excited throughout the experience, was truly a sight to behold,” said Tara Wright, TBB Executive Director.

The Buggy Bunch and the Elections Office staff look forward to the next Election Day event, bringing the experience to even more families and future voters.

The Buggy Bunch is dedicated to building relationships and meeting the needs of Indian River County moms and their families.



Left photo: A Buggy Bunch mother holds her son while her daughter prepares to vote on “Election Day at The Buggy Bunch.”

Center photo: Voter registration materials were made available to parents. Right photo: A Buggy Bunch mother smiles as she looks at her child’s Polaroid photograph.



SOE staff test voting equipment

Indian River County Supervisor of Elections staff conducted a Logic & Accuracy test of the voting equipment on Oct. 12 in advance of the Municipal Elections on Nov. 7.

Members of the City of Vero Beach and Sebastian canvassing boards were on hand to witness the tests. All equipment tested ready for the 2023 Municipal Elections.

Vero Beach Canvassing Board members in attendance were City Clerk Tammy Bursick and City Attorney John Turner. City of Sebastian Canvassing Board members in attendance were City Clerk Jeanette Williams, City Attorney Jennifer Cockcroft, City Manager Brian Benton; and alternates, Records Specialist Cathy Testa and Leisure Services Assistant Ron Paul.

The Elections Office this year upgraded its electronic pollbooks, also known as EVIDs, to the new state-of-the-art tablet pollbook and Ballot on Demand (BOD) printers to accompany each EVID.



Members of the City of Vero Beach and Sebastian canvassing boards listen as Supervisor of Elections Logistics & Equipment Manager Joe Crowley, right, foreground, explains the Logic & Accuracy testing of elections equipment in advance of the Nov. 7 Municipal Elections.



Left photo: Supervisor of Elections IT Manager David Cruz points as he explains the Logic & Accuracy testing of the DS200 ballot tabulating machines on Oct. 12 to members of the Vero Beach and Sebastian canvassing boards. Right photo: Cruz talks about the Clear Audit process on Oct. 12.



Indian River County Sheriff's Office Explorers lend hand



Thank you to the Indian River County Sheriff's Office Explorers for helping with the 2023 Municipal Election on Nov. 7.

After the polls close election night, the Explorers assist in unloading the election workers' vehicles as they bring the results and election supplies back to the Supervisor of Elections office from the polling locations.



CERA recertification important 'continuing education' opportunity

Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan and Chief Deputy Maureen Houssell recently completed their renewal certification as a Certified Elections / Registration Administrator (CERA). Across the country, only 1,400 election professionals have obtained CERA certification.

CERA designations are offered through the National Association of Election Officials. The certification is accredited through Auburn University and covers topics ranging from election planning and management to ethics and election laws.

The mission of the National Association of Election Officials is to promote and support continuous improvement in the administration of elections and voter registration through research, professional education, conferences, networking and consulting.

Swan and Houssell recently traveled to Orlando to attend the 38th Annual National Election Center Conference.



Supervisor of Elections Leslie Swan, right, and Chief Deputy Maureen Houssell at the 38th Annual National Election Center Conference in Orlando.

Attendance at the conference and completion of the Election Reform Policy Developments course were requirements for CERA certification renewal.

"Continuing education in all areas of elections administration leads to enhancement of skills and opportunities to discover new technology, plus networking opportunities," said Supervisor Swan.

Baldis attend Marine Corps Ball

The Marine Corps Ball was presented by the Indian River Detachment Marine Corps League on Nov. 11 in celebration of the 248th Anniversary of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Elections Special Mariangelys Baldi and her husband, veteran Marine Cpl. Michael Baldi attended the annual event on Veterans Day at the Oak Harbor Club in Vero Beach, with other Marines and military branch service members and their spouses.

The ceremony included the Presentation of Colors, the traditional Cake Cutting, POW/MIA Table, and the toast "To The Corps" with Marine Corps Punch. The ceremony ended with a raffle, music and dancing.



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PRECINCT MAPS AVAILABLE

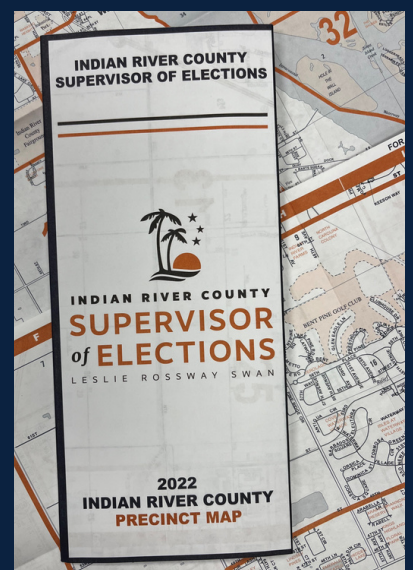
Hot 🔥 off the Press!

Indian River County's voting precincts were redrawn in 2022 based off 2020 Census data.

Maps depicting the new precinct boundary lines are now available online and in print.

An interactive digital Dolph Map is online: voteindianriver.gov.

Printed precinct maps are available at our office from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The first map is free; additional maps are \$5 each.





Election Worker Coordinator Jenny Obergfell, left, reviews with Election Day clerks and assistant clerks manuals covering the new electronic poll books and ballot printers.

Election worker training essential to making sure Election Day is a success

In preparation for each election, the Indian River County Supervisor of Elections Office conducts Election Worker Training and 2023 was no different. Training for the Nov. 7 Municipal Elections got off to a great start in October with 50 EViD Operators completing training on how to process voters on the new electronic poll books and ballot printers on Election Day. Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Deputy and Field Technician training also was a smashing success.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan. 2-19: MVP Program Day Away, Silver Tones Choir, Community Coach
- Jan. 2-5: MVP Program Outreach Congregate Meal Program
- Jan. 8-12: MVP Program Outreach Meals on Wheels
- Jan. 16-19: MVP Program Outreach Go-Line
- Jan. 10: First Methodist Church Pre-School Office Tour
- Jan. 11: First Methodist Church Pre-School Office Tour
- Jan. 13: Supervisor Swan to speak to Democratic Women's Club at 11 a.m. at Bent Pine Golf Club
- Jan. 19: Supervisor Swan to address MOAA Military Officers Across America at 11:30 a.m. at Vero Beach Yacht Club
- Jan. 25: 9 a.m. Candidate Workshop at SOE office
- Jan. 26: Noon Canvassing Board Organizational Meeting at SOE office
- Feb. 1: EViD Operator Training from 1-4 p.m.
- Feb. 2: EViD Operator Training, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- Feb. 2: UOCAVA Ballot Mailing for Presidential Preference Primary
- Feb. 5: EViD Operator Training, 1-4 p.m.
- Feb. 6: EViD Operator Training, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- Feb. 7: EViD Operator Training, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- Feb. 8: EViD Operator Training, 1-4 p.m.; Mailing of Ballots for Presidential Preference Primary
- Feb. 9: EViD Operator Training, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.
- Feb. 12: EViD Operator Training, 1-4 p.m.



SOE Elections News

Election worker training



Logistics & Equipment Manager Joe Crowley, right, reviews with election workers how to turn on the DS200, the poll place ballot scanner and vote tabulator.



Left photo: Chief Deputy Maureen Houssell, right, talks with election workers about the electronic poll books and ballot printers. Right photo: Elections Administration Coordinator Katie Otto, right, reviews contents of the Blue Transfer Carts.



IT Manager David Cruz talks with Field Technicians about the new electronic poll books and ballot printers.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb. 13: EViD Operator Training, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.
- Feb. 14: Clerk/Assistant Clerk/Deputy Training, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Feb. 15: Clerk/Assistant Clerk/Deputy Training, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Feb. 16: Clerk/Assistant Clerk/Deputy Training, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Feb. 19: SOE staff participates in In-Service Training for Tax Collectors staff
- Feb. 20: Book Closing
- Feb. 23: Logic & Accuracy Test, 8 a.m. SOE Office; Canvassing Board Meeting, 9 a.m. at SOE Office
- Feb. 26: Process Vote By Mail ballots, 8:30 a.m. at SOE Office
- Feb. 27: Deadline to Request Supervised Voting
- Feb. 28: Early Voting Worker Training, 9-11 a.m.
- March 19: Election Day for Presidential Preference Primary, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

2024 CANDIDATE WORKSHOPS

If you're interested in learning what it takes to be a candidate for public office, the Indian River County Supervisor of Elections Office is hosting two Candidate Workshops:

When: Thursday, Jan. 25 and Monday, March 4
Time: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. each day
Where: Supervisor of Elections Office, 4375 43rd Ave., Vero Beach

For additional information, contact the Elections Office by calling 772-226-4700.



Students get behind-scenes look at SOE

Students, staff and parents from Master's Academy and Grace Co-Op Homeschool Group visited the Supervisor of Elections Office on separate occasions in November and December. During each Transparency Tour, students learned about the voting process, from voter registration to ballot processing.

Elections staff conducted a demonstration of the voting equipment and students got a behind-the-scenes look at the SOE facility.

The Elections Office strives to ensure all residents are informed about the voting process and office operations through a diverse collection of voter outreach initiatives. "We believe our efforts to educate the community will have a positive effect and instill lifelong voting habits," said Supervisor Leslie Swan. "Our programs are designed for people of all ages and encourage participation in the democratic process."

For more information or to schedule a tour, contact the Elections Office at 772-226-4700.



Vote By Mail Coordinator Daisy Zamora, foreground, talks to Master's Academy students and staff about processing vote-by-mail ballots.



IT Manager David Cruz talks to Master's Academy students and staff about the Clear Audit process.



Above: Logistics & Equipment Manager Joe Crowley reviews with Grace Co-Op students his role at the Elections Office and shows them around the warehouse. At right: Grace Co-Op students listen to Elections Administration Coordinator Katie Otto talk about the candidate and initiative petition process.





SOE staff visits area schools, clubs

Democracy Days is an innovative program aimed at actively engaging children, students and adults in the elections process.

Indian River County Supervisor of Elections staff in November and December visited St. Edward's Middle and Upper schools, Vero Beach and Sebastian River high schools and the Farmin' Around 4-H Club to conduct Democracy Days.

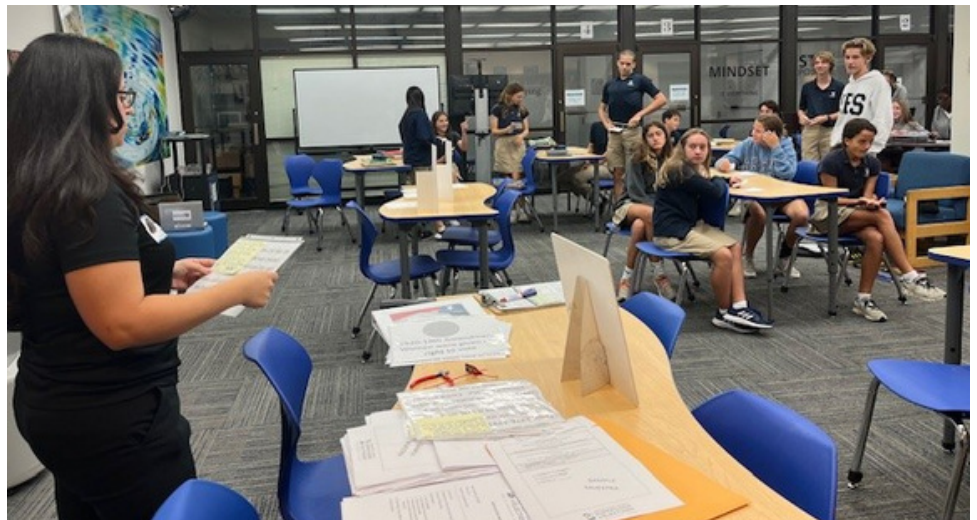
Democracy Days is a 45-minute program, which includes a mock election and voter registration opportunities. A video about the history of voting in America also is available.

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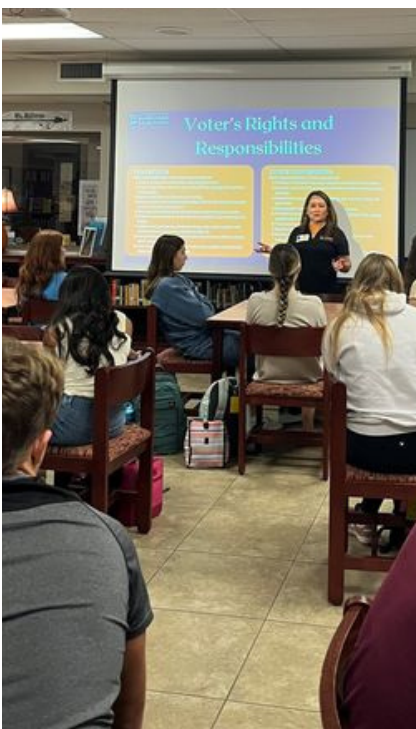
For more information or to schedule a Democracy Days presentation, contact the Elections Office at 772-226-4700.



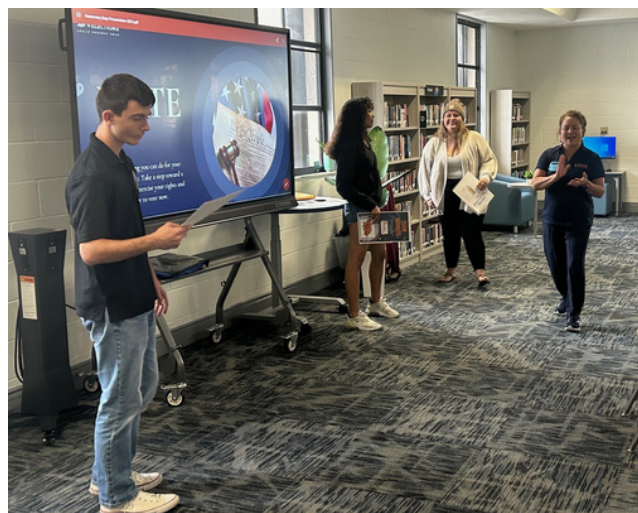
Elections Office Candidate Coordinator Anita Wheeler, fourth from right, spoke at the Farmin' Around 4-H Club meeting on Nov. 21. These future voters learned about the election process and participated in a mock election.



Elections Specialist Mariangelys Baldi, left, takes part in a Democracy Days presentation at St. Edward's School on Nov. 15.



Left photo: Elections Office Candidate Coordinator Anita Wheeler talks to students at Vero Beach High School about Voter's Rights and Responsibilities during a Democracy Days presentation at the school on Nov. 27.



Anita Wheeler, right, encourages students during the Democracy Days election at Sebastian River High School on Dec. 14.



Wreaths mark 2,800 veterans' graves

SOE volunteers Joe and Sue Crowley started project in Indian River County

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, wreath-laying ceremonies are conducted at 4,000-plus locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad. The mission of the Wreaths Across America organization is to remember the fallen, honor those who serve, and to teach our children the value of freedom.

This initiative pays tribute to the sacrifices made by our service men and women by adorning their final resting places with festive wreaths. The ceremony includes remarks from local organizers, along with a solemn wreath-laying ceremony to commemorate the dedication and service of those who served our country.

In 2017, when Joe and Sue Crowley moved to Vero Beach from Massachusetts, they wanted to take part in our local National Wreaths Across America Day. They quickly learned this program did not exist in our county.

In 2018, Joe and Sue approached the local veterans' agent seeking to launch the Wreaths Across America program in Indian River County. They were told that they were welcome to organize the event, but that they were pretty much on their own to see the program through.

Joe and Sue, both retired firefighters, accepted the challenge. A friend, Rick Lewis, overheard the couple's discussion about their plans to spearhead the program in the county and Rick said, "I'm in!"

Rick is a retired City of Vero Beach employee and is very involved in local veteran organizations. With Rick's connections, the three were able to form a small committee and the work began.

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Supervisor of Elections staff and spouses brave the wind and rain to place wreaths on veterans' graves for National Wreaths Across America Day on Dec. 16 at Crestlawn Cemetery in Vero Beach. Pictured are, from left, Andy Houssell, Mike Swan, Maureen Houssell, Joe Crowley, Katie Otto, Supervisor Leslie Swan and Daisy Zamora.



Elections Administration Coordinator Katie Otto places a wreath on a veteran's grave at Crestlawn Cemetery on Dec. 16.

The 2024 National Wreaths Across America Day was observed Dec. 16 in Indian River County. Despite a day of heavy rain and winds, more than 200 volunteers placed 2,800 wreaths at Crestlawn Cemetery in Vero Beach, the Sebastian Municipal Cemetery, and cemeteries in Gifford, Winter Beach and on John's Island. A ceremony was not conducted on Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary this year because it was closed to the public due to bridge repair.


Community Outreach


Supervisor of Elections staff, from left, front row, Mariangelys Baldi, Anita Wheeler, Supervisor Leslie Swan, Katie Otto, Daisy Zamora, Maureen Houssell and Jenny Obergfell with Joe Crowley, standing in back, prepare to place wreaths on veterans' graves for National Wreaths Across America Day on Dec. 16 at Crestlawn Cemetery in Vero Beach.

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Wreaths Across America Location Coordinators work throughout the year with cemetery contacts and local governments to organize and promote the ceremony, coordinate wreath delivery and manage the placement of wreaths. In addition to location coordinators, the assistance of community members, local businesses, civic groups and organizations are relied upon to place wreaths on the day of the event.

Not only is the logistics of the program a daunting task, but funds must be raised to buy the wreaths. The first year, Joe, Sue and Rick raised enough money to place wreaths on two-thirds of veterans' graves at Crestlawn Cemetery and all of Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary in Vero Beach. During the wreath ceremony on Memorial Island, the trio committed to all in attendance that they would cover all veterans' graves at Crestlawn Cemetery the following year.

In 2019, in addition to placing wreaths at Crestlawn Cemetery and Veterans Memorial Island, the trio expanded north to cover Sebastian Municipal Cemetery. Their five-year goal was to raise enough money to place a wreath on every veteran's grave in the county. Even through the 2020 pandemic, the trio achieved their fund-raising goals to continue the program.

Since 2021, these dynamic individuals have raised enough funds to honor every veteran buried in Indian River County. Even the little known Oslo Cemetery on Old Dixie Highway receives wreaths. This county has been extremely generous and online donations appear weekly. Enough money has been raised for nearly 3,000 wreaths each year, which translates to nearly \$30,000.

Upon retirement from the Ludlow Fire Department in Massachusetts, Joe and Sue continued their roles as civil servants by serving at the Elections Office. The couple volunteered to serve as poll workers. Sue serves as a Clerk on Election Day and has assisted the Vote-By-Mail Department. Joe began his service at the Elections Office as a Poll Deputy and then was recruited to work in the warehouse as the Logistics and Equipment Manager. Rick Lewis serves as a Field Technician. Field Technicians receive specialized training to troubleshoot and provide assistance with equipment at the polling place.

It takes special people to coordinate and implement the Wreaths Across America program. Each year, volunteers and donors are encouraged to participate in this initiative. To make a donation, visit WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/fl0500 or to get involved email wreathsirc@gmail.com.

Captured on Camera



Red Kettle Campaign

Elections Office staff participated in The Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign on Dec. 1 in front of the U.S. Post Office on Cardinal Drive in Vero Beach, helping raise \$480.73. Pictured are Katherine Bauman, left, and Maureen Houssell.

New addition

Anita and Keith Wheeler's son and daughter-in-law Cole and Raquel Wheeler welcomed son Colby Austin to the world at 2:39 p.m. Oct. 6, weighing in at 7 lbs., 15 ounces and 22 inches long. Anita Wheeler is Candidate Coordinator.



Colby Wheeler



Supportive of The United Way

United Way of Indian River County representative Sydney Mihailoff, right, speaks to Elections Office staff in November about United Way programs and services offered in the community. "We are very proud to say over the past 31 years, our Elections Office staff has donated over \$35,000 to United Way," said Supervisor Leslie Swan. Staff contributions for 2023 totaled \$2,179.

Sunrise Rotary visit

Supervisor Leslie Swan was up before the sun recently to talk to members of the Vero Beach Sunrise Rotary Club on Nov. 22 about the elections process and the 2024 elections.





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Mid-Winter Conference

Supervisor Leslie Swan attended the Florida Supervisor of Elections Mid-Winter Conference in Pensacola from Dec. 11-14. Secretary of State Cord Byrd spoke to the Supervisors about what to expect for the 2024 Elections. Supervisors also discussed securing the elections and the best practices heading into the 2024 Election cycle.



Surviving the Turkey Trot

Voter Services Manager Katherine Bauman celebrates after crossing the finish line at the 2023 Thanksgiving Day 5K Trot Against Poverty at Riverside Park in Vero Beach. This annual event raises money and awareness for the nonprofit United Against Poverty.

Making Christmas bright



The Supervisor of Elections Office was honored to partner with the Gifford Youth Achievement Center and Gifford Historical Museum for the Gifford Community Toy Giveaway. SOE staff donated \$470 worth of toys for the annual giveaway on Dec. 9.

 **Staff Milestones**

Years of service recognized



Accounting Coordinator Tricia Boyle, CERA, celebrated her 14th year working for the Elections Office on Oct. 10.



Election Worker Coordinator Jenny Obergfell celebrated her three-year anniversary with the Elections Office on Nov. 6.



Elections Administration Coordinator Katie Otto celebrated her four-year anniversary with the Elections Office on Dec. 2.



Logistics, Equipment & Warehouse Manager Joe Crowley celebrated his three-year anniversary with the Elections Office on Aug. 19.