



Newsletter

July 1, 2022

## What Has Been Happening in Sumter County?

US Senate Candidate Val Demmings and Candidate of Governor Nikki Fried had successful visits to packed rooms. There have been rallies for Reproductive Rights and many Democrats traveled to Orlando to call for an end to gun violence. Our Neighborhood Links volunteers have been reaching out to our Democratic neighbors. Democrats have gathering for all meals together at local restaurants. We continue to communicate with voters via texts, emails, phone calls, our website, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and now a newsletter.

## Election Day Polling Places

Sumter County has gone from 26 precincts to 30 precincts. There are new polling places at Everglades Regional Recreation Center, Ezell Regional Recreation Center, and Riverbend Village Recreation Center. Look for a mailing from the Supervisor of Elections. It was to go out at the end of June so you may have it by now. It has your new voter registration card and precinct. They will include a vote by mail enrollment postcard regardless of whether you are enrolled in vote by mail or not, so don't let that throw you.

Go to <https://www.sumterelections.org/Precincts/Precinct-Finder-Where-Do-I-Vote>

**DID YOUR PRECINCT CHANGE?**  
*You better check because Sumter County created 4 new precincts & moved some voters to different precincts*

Go to [elections.sumtercountyfl.gov](https://elections.sumtercountyfl.gov) and click on **Voter Lookup**

Enter your information, check you are not a robot and click **Submit**

Check your precinct and the rest of your information

If you have any questions, please contact the Sumter County Democratic Party at 352-794-1351 or [info@sumterfldemocrats.com](mailto:info@sumterfldemocrats.com)

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## August 23, 2022 Primary

Primary ballots are available. Democratic ballot includes Democratic candidates for statewide including US Senate, Governor, Attorney General, and Commissioner of Agriculture. Sumter County Commissioners, School Board, and other local elections are also on the ballot. Go to <https://www.sumterelections.org/Voters/Review-My-Registration-Status--Voter-Lookup> to see your primary ballot.

Be aware that the only time to vote for local candidates is in the primary. More information to come.

July 25 Registration book closes to vote in primary election

August 13-20 Early Voting

**Voting by Mail** is safe, easy and convenient. It's your voting insurance in case of emergency be they personal or weather related. We now must enroll after every general election as the Republican dominated Florida legislature is trying to make it harder to enroll. To enroll in vote by mail, click on [votevbm.com/Sumter](https://votevbm.com/Sumter) or call 352.569.1540

Not sure if you are enrolled in Vote by Mail? <https://www.sumterelections.org/Voters/Review-My-Registration-Status--Voter-Lookup>

## Volunteer Opportunities

If you are discouraged by the Supreme Court's decisions on women's health, separation of church and state, on guns, and climate change, turn your anger into action by helping us locally at [SumterFLDemocrats.com](https://SumterFLDemocrats.com)

Click on **Get Involved** and then **complete the volunteer form**. If your computer is acting up, give us a call and leave a message at 352.794-1351.

We are looking for more Neighborhood Links, precinct captains, callers, texters and canvassers. If data is your thing, we have lists to pull and data to analyze. The solution to this Republican nonsense is to elect more Democrats and it starts with the next election.

Donations are always welcome.

## Democratic Events

To many Sumter County Democrats, it may feel like only Villagers can attend events. Not necessarily so.

Here are some up and coming events anyone can attend

- ◆ Democrat Breakfast and Lunch
- ◆ Happy Birthday America in Wildwood
- ◆ Writing Postcards – on summer break

Do you live in the Villages and want to know more about the activities of the Villages Democratic Club?

[thevillagesdemocrats.com](http://thevillagesdemocrats.com)

## What to Say When

Claim: “They are trying to indoctrinate our children through math books.”

Many people have wondered why Social Emotional Learning including growth mindset are a part of math books. Including Social Emotional Learning in teaching math helps students overcome the very real problem of math anxiety. Furthermore, in the newly adopted B.E.S.T. standards set for all students K-12, “growth mindset” is referenced in the explanation and clarification to the standard, “Actively participate in effortful learning both individually and collectively.” [https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7576/urlt/Floridas-B.E.S.T.-Standards-for-Mathematics\\_MTRs.pdf](https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7576/urlt/Floridas-B.E.S.T.-Standards-for-Mathematics_MTRs.pdf)

## Potential Fundraising Issue

Residents of The Villages have been receiving an email solicitation for donations claiming to be “The official branch of the Democratic Party in charge of electing Democrats in the Villages”. We have had no dealings with the group called Democratic Municipal Officials and are investigating.

## Calendar

July 3 Happy Birthday America, 6500 Powell Road, Wildwood, 5-10 PM We will have a tent and button making activities for children. Volunteers needed.

July 9 Overseas Primary Vote by Mail ballots mailed

July 13 Bonifay Country Club, 1033 Pinella Plaza, at 11 am, RSVP to Club Hospitality Chair Susan Blalock. [sblalock742@aol.com](mailto:sblalock742@aol.com)

July 21 Domestic Primary Vote by Mail ballots mailed

## Stay Informed

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Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/sumterflyoungdems/>

Twitter <https://twitter.com/SumterFLDems>

Sign up for the newsletter [SumterFLDemocrats.com](http://SumterFLDemocrats.com)

## Sumter County Democrats

The Mission of the Sumter County Democratic Executive Committee is to achieve an inclusive society by electing qualified and responsible candidates who effectively represent the diverse population of Sumter County, Florida.

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