



## Newsletter

August 5, 2022

### What Has Been Happening in Sumter County?

Great news! The proposed Turnpike extension has been put on pause by the Florida Department of Transportation. <https://www.wcjb.com/2022/08/04/northern-turnpike-extension-project-paused-by-fdot/> The Sumter County Democrats have been fighting the extension for many reasons including all proposals had the turnpike going through the African American community of Royal that was started after the Civil War for freed slaves. We have been going door to door, printing flyers, texting, and attending meetings to help advocate for the residents of Sumter County.

Our office in Wildwood has gotten busier. Many people are stopping by to ask about candidates on the August 23 primary ballots and information on voting. We want to make sure your vote counts. Our dedicated volunteers are beginning to reach out to the over 50 people whose ballots have been returned by the post office.

Voter protection efforts are also underway. Poll Watchers (inside the polls) and Poll Observers (outside the polls) have been scheduled for Early Voting and Election Day. Training has taken place on line this year. There are seven Early Voting locations with voting for eight days. On Election Day there are thirty polling places. Thanks, former Chair Kathie Hardy for scheduling all these fabulous volunteers.

### Primary Election August 23

Last week's newsletter had a Frequently Asked Question section about voting and links for information on all candidates. You can view the July 29 newsletter here. <https://sumterfldemocrats.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/July-29-Sumter-Dems-Newsletter-1.pdf> A few other issues have come up since last week.

### Why does my ballot have Governor and Lieutenant Governor listed, but it says vote for one?

The winning candidate for governor chooses a running-mate and the two appear together on the Nov. 8 ballot.

### When I looked at the Supervisor of Elections website to see if my ballot was received, why does it say the ballot was received and counted?

This year, immediately signatures are checked, and ballots are opened and scanned. The totals are not known until after the polls are closed on Election Day. The goal is to have results released at 7PM on August 23.

### Why did I get a piece of paper in my Vote by Mail ballot about candidate Andrew Curtis passing away, but he is not on my ballot?

Andrew Curtis is only on a Republican ballot.

### What other advice do you have for me about voting in the primary?

Be sure to sign and date your Vote by Mail ballot. Make sure you put it in the envelop with your name. Return your ballot quickly, so if there are any problems, you can fix it.

Early Voting is August 13-20 from 9 AM – 6PM. Check locations here. <https://www.sumterelections.org/Ways-to-Vote/Early-Voting>

**HAS YOUR MAIL BALLOT BEEN COUNTED?**

**You Can Check Online**

- Go to [elections.sumtercountyfl.gov](https://elections.sumtercountyfl.gov)
  - Click on **Voter Lookup**
  - Fill-in the boxes to identify yourself**
  - Click **SUBMIT**
- Scroll down to **Current Elections**

**Ballot 1 Status**

1	2	3	4
REQUESTED	SENT	RECEIVED	COUNTED

Ballot 1 Sent by Voter  
Date Received: Thursday, July 21, 2022  
Ballot Description: [REDACTED]

MAILING ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

**Didn't receive your ballot?**  
Contact the Supervisor of Elections (352-569-1540) and verify your mailing address and request a replacement ballot or vote in person at an Early Voting Location or on Election Day.

**Voter Action Required?**  
There was a problem with your signature on the return envelope. Follow the directions to download the Ballot Cure Affidavit, complete it and return it to the Supervisor of Elections.

**Ballot Has Been Counted**  
Your ballot has been counted and will be included in the vote count. If your ballot has been received but not counted, check back in a few days.

**If you have any questions or need any help, please contact us**  
352-794-1331 ~ [info@sumterfldemocrats.com](mailto:info@sumterfldemocrats.com)  
We are here to help you because we want every voter to vote and every vote to be counted

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If you plan to vote on Election Day, do not assume where you voted last election cycle is where you vote now. Thousands of voters have had their Election Day polling places changed. Find your Election Day polling place here. <https://www.sumterelections.org/Precincts/Precinct-Finder-Where-Do-I-Vote>

The Property Owners Association (POA) of the Villages has endorsed County Commissioner Candidates Panos, Bilardello, Bogue, and Myslakowski. Here is a link to their latest bulletin. <https://www.poa4us.org/bulletin/>

The League of Women Voters Tri-County had a virtual forum with the candidates for County Commissioner. Watch the forum here. <https://www.lwvtrifl.org/candidate-forums.html> Scroll to the bottom of the page.

## General Election November 8

Although it seems as if we are only focused on this month's primary, November is only a few months away. Two Democratic candidates without primaries need your help now to be successful in November. Help with a fundraiser, put a sign in your vehicle or in your yard, if allowed, volunteer to talk to your neighbors, or knock on doors across Sumter County.



Candidate for State Representative Ash Marwah District 52 will face the winner of the Republican primary between Rock Daze and John Temple. He has been advocating for the voters of Sumter County. A Civil Engineer by profession, he has been a part of the effort to stop the extension of the turnpike. He has a recommendation on the November referendum concerning the Independent Fire District based upon the unfair tax burden it would put on homeowners. Now Ash is posting about the insurance crisis forced upon Floridians by the State Legislature. Please reach out to Ash Marwah at <https://ashfor52.com/>



Shante Munns, Candidate for Congressional District 11, will face either incumbent Republican Congressman Daniel Webster, Gavriel Soriano, or Laura Loomer in November. Non-Party Affiliate Kevin Porter will also be on the November ballot. As a mental health professional and small business owner, she knows many of the problems in Central Florida. An Orange County native running in a redrawn district, Shanti is getting to know the voters and their needs in Sumter County. Please contact Shante Munns at <https://voteshante.com/>

**DEMOCRATS**

**STAND UP FOR DEMOCRACY**

**U.S. Supreme Court SHAME!!**  
ROE v. WADE: **Women's Healthcare DENIED!**  
GUNS in Public Places: **More DEATHS!**  
EPA Handcuffed: **Our planet DESTROYED!**

**ACT NOW!! DONATE** It's going to get WORSE until **WE ELECT MORE DEMOCRATS.**

Go to [sumterflDemocrats.com](http://sumterflDemocrats.com) and click on Donate or Send Check to Sumter County Democratic Party, P.O. Box 1151, Wildwood FL 34785

**DONATE → ELECT DEMOCRATS**

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## Support Our Efforts

Sumter Democrats are reaching out to voters by mail, text, and knocking on doors. We are printing materials that will keep voters informed. Our office doors are open for voters to find support. Your financial support will help us fund all these voter outreach activities. Together we will build a Florida that works for all of us and SAVE DEMOCRACY! Whatever amount you can afford, it will make a difference! Thank you for your support.

Click below to donate!

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/scshame>

**Pass the word. Marco Rubio is bad  
for Florida and for the nation!**



**DEFEAT  
MARCO RUBIO**

**One of the worst Senators in the U.S.**

- Voted against Trump's Impeachment **TWICE**
- Helped force ultra-conservative Justices onto the Supreme Court
- **REJECTED** major bipartisan Senate compromises:
  - Infrastructure package passed 69 to 30 **Rubio voted NO**
  - Postal Service Reform cleared 79 to 19 **Rubio voted NO**
  - Safer Communities Act against gun violence passed 65 to 33 **Rubio voted NO**
  - CHIPS and Science Act cleared 64 to 33 **Rubio voted NO**

**Rubio thinks he can win a third term in Florida by staying ultra conservative and refusing to compromise with Democrats to help Florida and its people.**

**PROVE RUBIO IS WRONG  
VOTE HIM OUT IN NOVEMBER!**

## Volunteer Opportunities

We need your help! Go to <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, canvassers, and people to help cure ballots. If data is your thing, we have lists to pull and data to analyze.



## Stay Informed

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SumterFLDemocrats>

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

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

Sign up for the newsletter [SumterFLDemocrats.com](https://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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Office Hours:

Monday 1pm-4pm

Wednesday 9am-Noon **New**

Thursday 9am-Noon

Saturday 10am-Noon

## Calendar

All Sumter County residents are welcome at events listed below.

Monday, August 8 Write postcards at our headquarters, 1 to 4PM

Wednesday, August 10 **Democrats Do Lunch**, noon, Glenview County Club, 3194 Glenview Road, The Villages, RSVP to Susan Blalock: [sblalock@742@aol.com](mailto:sblalock@742@aol.com)

August 13-20 Primary Early Voting

August 23 Primary Election Day

October 22 Trivia **Night Fundraiser**, Rohan Recreation Center, The Villages, more details to come

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