

Newsletter

August 12, 2022

It's a Great Time to be a Democrat!

Let's Celebrate!

- ❖ Pause on Turnpike Extension announced by FDOT
- ❖ Decreased gas prices
- ❖ Low unemployment
- ❖ Inflation Reduction Act passed with money to address climate change, caps on Medicare prescription drug costs, extension of Affordable Care Act, and a minimum corporate tax on the richest companies
- ❖ The PACT Act helping veterans injured by toxic exposure including burn pits
- ❖ The Chips and Science Act bringing production of semi-conductors back to the United States
- ❖ Successful counterterrorism mission against the leader of al Qaeda



In conjunction with the Villages Democratic Club, [let's wear blue on the first day of Early Voting Saturday, August 13.](#) Show Sumter County we are proud of what we have accomplished. Be an overachiever and wear a Democratic shirt or button. Show Sumter County we are proud of what we have accomplished. Live in The Villages? Find out more about The Villages Democratic Club and many other Democratic activities in The Villages at <https://thevillagesdemocrats.com/>

What Has Been Happening in Sumter County?

Our fabulous volunteers have been writing postcards to young women and non-Vote by Mail ballot recipients to help get out the vote.



Over a hundred Neighbor Links have contacted close to 3,000 voters in their neighborhoods over the past few months. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Your hard work and dedication are incredible. Trainings for New Links will take place on September 7 and 10. Email info@sumterFLDemocrats.com if you want to be a part of the fun.

Primary Election August 23

Our past few newsletters have had lots of information about primary candidates and voting. Go to <https://sumterfldemocrats.com/> Scroll to the bottom of the page to see other newsletters and a separate document with informational links for all primary candidates.

Be sure to sign and date your Vote by Mail ballot. Make sure you put it in the envelop with your name.

If you signed up for voting by mail but haven't received it yet, please call (352) 569-1540 to see if your mailing address is correct and request a new ballot. You can also vote in person as early voting starts Saturday.

How to Cast Your Vote-By-Mail Ballot:

- You can mail your Voted Ballot so that it is received in the Sumter County Supervisor of Elections Office on or before 7 PM on Election Day; OR
- You can turn your Voted Ballot into one of the designated drop off boxes that will be located at each of the Supervisor of Elections [Early Voting Sites](#) (this can only be done **during Early Voting**); OR
- You can hand deliver your Voted Ballot into the Supervisor of Elections Wildwood Office, no later than 5 PM on Election Day; OR
- You can hand deliver your Voted Ballot into the Supervisor of Elections Bushnell Office, no later than 7 PM on Election Day.

Source: Sumter SOE website

HAS YOUR MAIL BALLOT BEEN COUNTED?

You Can Check Online

- 1 Go to elections.sumtercountyfl.gov
 - Click on Voter Lookup
 - Fill-in the boxes to identify yourself
 - Click **SUBMIT**
- 2 Scroll down to **Current Elections**

Ballot 1 Status

1 2 3 4
REQUESTED SENT RECEIVED COUNTED

Ballot 1 Sent to Voter
Date Mailed: Thursday, July 21, 2023
Ballot Destination:
MAILING ADDRESS

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
352-794-1351 ~ 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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With less than two weeks before Election Day, we discourage you from using the mail to return your ballot and instead bring it to the Supervisor of Elections office or an Early Voting site.

Have an emergency and need a Vote by Mail ballot? Call us at 352-794-1351. There is some paperwork required, but we can help you.

Early and Election Day Voting

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

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> Polls are open 7 AM to 7PM.

What identification do I need to vote?

<https://dos.myflorida.com/elections/for-voters/voting/election-day-voting/>

Why do I see voters at my voting location with campaign hats and shirts? That was not allowed in Illinois.

In Florida, voters, not poll workers or poll watchers, can wear donkey ears, Free Beer Party hats, and other campaign related items, but no one can talk to you about your vote within 150 feet of the polling location door.

What if I get to an Early Voting or Election Day location, and I am having problems voting?

First, try to resolve your issue with the poll workers at the location. If you are still having issues, look for a poll watcher with a name badge. Democrats are wearing shirts with mostly blue. That person cannot actually talk to you, but you can catch their eye. Then they will be listening. They will text our help center called a boiler-room and an outside counterpart who can talk to you to help you. Outside Poll Observers will have blue DEM signs in the parking lot. Because this is primary and voter turnout is lower, we may not have a person inside and outside. If you can't find anyone to help you, you can call our boiler-room directly at 352 399-8599.

General Election November 8

We have signs and literature for State Representative Candidates Ash Marwah and Congressional Candidate Shante Munns. Stop by the office. Address is at the end of this newsletter as are new office hours.



For more information about Ash Marwah <https://ashfor52.com/>



Click here to learn about Shante Munns <https://voteshante.com/>

DeSantis is bad for Florida and the Nation

Ron DeSantis, unconstrained by constitutional checks, is flexing his power in Florida ahead of 2024 decision

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/08/10/politics/ron-desantis-florida-political-power-2024-election/index.html>



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.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF Sumter County

Go to 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>

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.



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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

Tuesday 1 -5PM **New**

Wednesday 9AM-1PM **New**

Thursday 9AM-1PM **New**

Saturday 9AM-1PM **New**

Calendar

All Sumter County residents are welcome at events listed below.

August 13-20 Primary Early Voting

Monday, August 15 Write postcards at our headquarters, 1 to 4PM

August 23 **Democrats Do Breakfast**, Augustine's 1812 House, 1101 Main Street, Spanish Springs, The Villages, 8:30 AM doors open, 9:00 AM Breakfast served, Cash only buffet for \$16. RSVP Susan Blalock sblalock742@aol.com

August 23 Primary Election Day

September 7 and 10 – New Neighborhood Links trainings, email info@sumterFLDemocrats.com

October 21 Trivia **Night Fundraiser**, Rohan Recreation Center, The Villages, more details to come

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