



Newsletter

August 19, 2022

What is Happening in Sumter County?

We are voting! As of August 18, after polls have closed

	Total Voted	Turnout Percentage
Democrat	8,783	About 35%
Republican	18,754	About 28%
NPA	3,130	About 13%

As for **Voter Protection**, we have had Democrats both inside and outside almost all our polling places to make sure every voter who wants to vote is able to vote.

Join Commissioner Nikki Fried, activists, and supporters for a Get Out the Vote event in The Villages on Friday, August 19th from 9:30a-11:30a! With only a few days left to get involved and vote in the Florida primary, be sure to stop by and meet Commissioner Nikki Fried while she's in The Villages.



Location details will be shared after you sign up. See you then!

Sign up here: <https://www.mobilize.us/nffg/event/490489/>

Primary Election August 23

You still have time to vote. The last day to vote is Election Day, August 23

Early and Election Day Voting

Early Voting is August now until August 20 from 9 AM – 6PM.

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

- Bushnell Elections Annex**, 316 East Anderson Avenue, Bushnell
- Villages Sumter County Service Center**, 7375 Powell Road, Room 102, Wildwood
- Laurel Manor Recreation Center**, 1985 Laurel Manor Drive, The Villages
- Tierra Del Sol Recreation Center**, 808 San Marino Drive, The Villages
- Allamanda Recreation Center**, 1515 Saint Charles Place, The Villages
- Rohan Recreation Center**, 850 Kristine Way, The Villages
- Everglades Recreation Center**, 5497 Marsh Bend Trail, The Villages

Why are there Republicans on my Democratic ballot?

Please do not tear your ballot up. All Sumter County Commissioner candidates are running as Republicans. Because of no candidates of other parties or NPAs are running, a Universal Primary allows for all registered voters to vote for Sumter County Commissioner.

Why do Democrats not have a sample ballot to hand me at the polling location like I had in New York?

This is a primary. The Sumter County Democrats do not officially endorse candidates. A sample ballot is available here and at our office. https://www.sumterelections.org/Portals/Sumter/Sample%20Ballot_DEM.pdf

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/>

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. They will text our help center called a boiler-room and an outside counterpart. Outside Poll Observers, who can talk to you, will have blue DEM signs. They will know you are coming out. Look for them sitting in chairs or their vehicles. 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.

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. There is also an FAQ document about voting.

Be sure to sign and date your Vote by Mail envelope. Make sure you put it in the envelope 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 has already started.

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.

How to Cast Your Vote-By-Mail Ballot:

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

Ballot Status

1 REGISTERED 2 SENT 3 RECEIVED 4 COUNTED

Ballot Status: REGISTERED

Ballot Status: SENT

Ballot Status: RECEIVED

Ballot Status: COUNTED

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

352-704-1551 ~ 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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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.

Be a Part of the Solution! Share Your Talents!

Sumter County Neighborhood Links are gathering together in small groups throughout the county, getting to know their Democratic and left leaning NPA neighbors.

Our goal is to reassure every Democratic voter that their vote is very important - especially this election with our Democracy on the line. In the 2018 Midterm election, 1.7 million Florida Democrats did not think their vote mattered and they stayed home - 5,997 Sumter Democrats did not vote!

Neighborhood Links are reaching out to form a strong Democratic community; giving support to those neighbors who've lost hope their vote is necessary, giving information to check your voting status, encouraging Vote by Mail, offering rides to polls and volunteering to reach those 5,997 and more voters whose votes really matter.

Join this grassroots movement - Become a Neighborhood Link
Our next training sessions are:

1. Wednesday 9/7 at 10am
2. Saturday 9/10 at 2pm
3. Wednesday 9/14 at 10am

At Sumter County Democratic Headquarters, 300 S Main St., Wildwood, FL
To sign up please contact Kim Russell, Russellkmb@hotmail.com

General Election November 8

Rock Daze or John Temple will face Ash Marwah in the State Representative District 52 race. For more information about Ash Marwah <https://ashfor52.com/>

Shante Munns will face the winner of the Laura Loomer and Daniel Webster race and others in Congressional District 11. Click here to learn about Shante Munns <https://voteshante.com/>

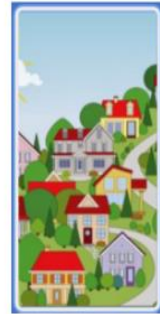
Villages Democratic Club

If you live in The Villages, please consider joining the Villages Democratic Club. <https://thevillagesdemocrats.com/>
There will be no club meeting on September 10 instead the Villages Democratic Club and the Democratic Women's Club of the Villages will hold a joint meeting including a local candidate forum.

DeSantis is bad for Florida and the Nation

What a mess DeSantis is making of education in Florida! His anti-woke agenda is doing what was intended, creating chaos, instead of allowing educators to do their jobs, teach.

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/08/13/politics/desantis-florida-schools-anti-woke-education-agenda/index.html>



Neighborhood Links

Support Our Efforts



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.

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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

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

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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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Wildwood, FL 34785

[352-794-1351](tel:352-794-1351)

Email: info@sumterFLDemocrats.com

Webpage: [SumterFLDemocrats.com](https://sumterfldemocrats.com)

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 19 Nikki Fried Bus Tour – see above

August now-20 Primary Early Voting

Monday, August 22 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, 10, and 14 – New Neighborhood Links trainings – See above

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

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