



Newsletter

February 23, 2023

Neighborhood Links

Information Sessions dates are set. If you have already signed up to be a Neighborhood Link, you will soon receive this information via email, then you can select the day and time that best suits you.

Wednesday, March 8 at 10 AM or 3PM

Wednesday, April 12 at 10 AM or 3PM

Saturday, May 6 at 10 AM

Saturday, June 3 at 10 AM



This program is for all of Sumter County, not just The Villages. If you are interested and want to attend an information session, please email Kim Russell at russellkmb@hotmail.com.

We are also looking for precinct captains. They attend monthly meetings and work with Neighborhood Links to inform voters and elect more Democrats.

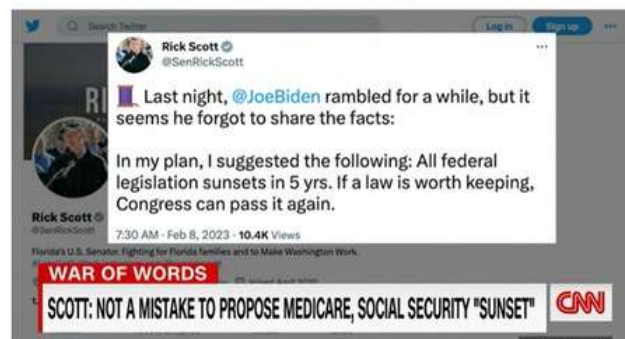
Senator Rick Scott Does Want to Sunset Social Security and Medicare

REMINDER: Rick Scott Doubled Down on His Plan to Sunset Social Security and Medicare

Today marks **one year** since Rick Scott released his plan to put Social Security and Medicare on the chopping block. But now Scott **claims** he has "never supported cutting Social Security or Medicare, ever."

That's a lie.

Despite his attempts to rewrite his history on the subject, Scott cannot hide from his track record of doubling down on his support of cutting Social Security and Medicare. See next photo for his record →



Sumter County Democratic Fundraiser Gala

The Gala is the main fundraising event of the year. Help us keep our doors open and our mission continuing.



A delicious dinner will be a part of the evening. The choices are:

- Roasted boneless pork loin, Herb Polenta, Broccolini and Lemon-Thyme Jus (GF)
- Rosemary roasted French cut chicken breast, Haricot Vert, Roasted Corn Johnny Cake, Pan Jus (GF)
- Vegetarian

Trips for ranging from six to eight guests to Italy, France, the Caribbean, or Hilton Head will be part of the numerous silent auction opportunities.

Watch a video about Maxwell Frost and get your tickets at [SumterFLDemocrats.com](https://sumterflDemocrats.com)

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 members of the following committees:

- Community Outreach Committee
- Data Committee
- Voter Outreach Committee
- Voter Protection Committee
- Legislative Tracking Committee



Everyone Must Reregister for Vote by Mail

In Sumter County, unlike other places that have separate municipal elections, elections are held every two years. Please be aware no voter's Vote by Mail ballot status rolls over into the 2024 Election Cycle. The law has changed, and **everyone** must re-enroll in Vote by Mail.



Here is the link <https://www.sumterelections.org/Ways-to-Vote/Vote-By-Mail-Online-Request-Link> You need the last four digits of your social security card or your driver's license number to request the ballot on-line.

Villages Democratic Club

If you live in The Villages, please consider joining the Villages Democratic Club.

<https://thevillagesdemocrats.com/> They have a newsletter that comes out on Sundays. There are many groups with activities listed there.



Support Our Efforts

Cat Lovers and Democrats: Get your 2023 calendar



Our 2023 Cat Contest is over and the voters have decided. Every cat photo entered appears on a calendar page along with nuggets of Democratic information. Calendars are \$23.

Order your calendar today!

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/2023catcalendar>

In the News

DeSantis Asks for Millions of Dollars More to Fight Lawsuits

Budget proposal seeks 250% increase in litigation expenses to outside law firms
Clickorlando.com

[Erik Sandoval](#), Investigative Reporter

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Gov. Ron DeSantis is asking Florida state legislators to approve millions of dollars to help his office and other state agencies fight lawsuits stemming from new laws and executive orders.

[According to his budget proposal](#), which was unveiled last week, DeSantis is seeking to increase the litigation spending for the Executive Office of the Governor from \$1.6 million last year to \$4 million next year.

That is an increase of 250%.

“The Governor’s Budget Recommendation for Fiscal Year 2023-24 includes \$5,000,000 in nonrecurring General Revenue for litigation expenses in order to acquire legal representation for lawsuits related to elections and other departmental litigation,” a note reads under the line item.

“I think the governor is getting sued a lot,” said News 6 Legal Analyst and UCF History Professor Dr. Jim Clark. “(The lawsuits) have cost taxpayers millions of dollars.”

News 6 counted at least 17 legal challenges the State of Florida is facing in state and federal courts related to new laws and executive orders over the last four years.

Read more here.

<https://www.clickorlando.com/news/local/2023/02/10/desantis-asks-for-millions-of-dollars-more-to-money-to-fight-lawsuits/>

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Calendar

All Sumter County residents are welcome at events listed below.

March 8 **Democratic Lunch**, noon, Prima Italian Steakhouse, 3660 Kiessel Road, The Villages, RSVP to Susan Blalock: sblalock@742@aol.com

March 26 **Democratic Gala Fundraiser** - March 26 at Brownwood Hotel and Spa, see above

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