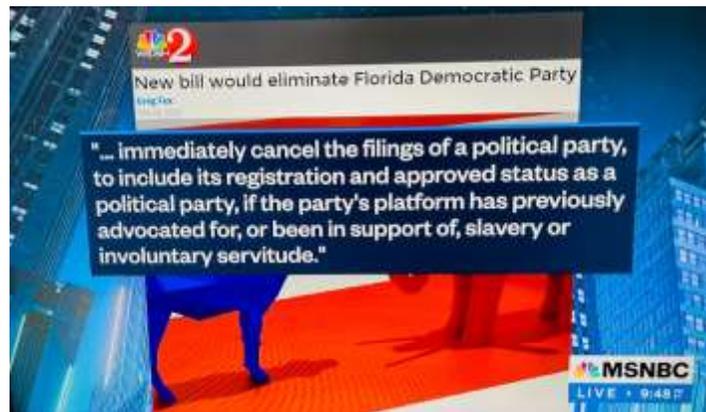




Newsletter

March 2, 2023

Sumter County's State Senator Blaise Ingoglia Proposes to Cancel the Florida Democratic Party



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March 1, 2023 Press Release

FLORIDA DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S STATEMENT ON INGOGLIA'S ATTEMPT TO DISENFRANCHISE MILLIONS OF FLORIDA VOTERS

FLORIDA- Today, the Florida Democratic Party released the following statement in response to Republican State Senator Blaise Ingoglia's unconstitutional and unserious proposal to cancel the Florida Democratic Party:

"Presenting a bill that would disenfranchise 5 million voters is both unconstitutional and unserious. Under Ron DeSantis, Senator Ingoglia is using his office to push bills that are nothing more than publicity stunts instead of focusing on the issues that matter most to Floridians, such as reforming property insurance, addressing housing affordability and combating climate change.

"The sooner DeSantis and his puppets in the legislature learn that Florida is a Democratic Republic and not a Banana Republic, the better it will be for all Floridians."

For more information, click here. https://news.yahoo.com/florida-republican-pitches-bill-eliminate-191543591.html?fr=sycsrp_catchall

Nikki Fried elected new Florida Democratic Party Chair

From the Villages Democratic Club's Neighborhood Buzz

Former Agricultural Commissioner Nikki Fried won 52 percent of the Democratic Party Executive Committee votes Saturday at the Sheraton Orlando North Hotel in Maitland, and immediately took the office as top party leader.



After the tally, Fried embraced former state Sen. Annette Taddeo, her primary competitor, and asked for unity.

Sumter County DEC State Committeewoman Virginia Reyerse and Committeeman Dennis Foley each cast their three votes for Fried.

'We need everybody. We are going to lift one another up. And we are going to take it to Ron DeSantis every day.'

-- Nikki Fried

New Precinct Captains

Welcome to our new Precinct Captains.

Precinct 110: votes at Sterling Heights Recreation Center - Dorothy Stephens Duncan

Precinct 126: votes at Riverbend Recreation Center – Bill Vayens

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. Sessions will be held at the Sumter County Democrats Headquarters, 300 S Main Street, Wildwood.

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.

Sumter County Democratic Fundraiser Gala

The Gala is the main fundraising event of the year. Our rent has gone up! 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.

ENROLL IN VOTE BY MAIL
FOR ALL ELECTIONS ON OR BEFORE 12/31/2024

Thanks to Florida Republican legislators, voters must re-enroll in Vote By Mail after each General Election. You can now enroll in Vote By Mail for all elections on or before 12/31/2024 on line by following these steps:

1. Go to elections.sumtercountyfl.gov
 - a. click on the tab [Vote by Mail](#)
 - b. click on [CLICK HERE TO REQUEST VOTE BY MAIL](#)
 - c. click on [Proceed](#)
 - d. click on Myself and click [Yes](#)
2. Enter your information and click [Continue](#)
3. Enter your contact information and classification and click [Next](#)
4. The next page shows your current status. Click [Update Request](#)
5. Click on your address or add a new one then click [Next](#)
6. You can sign the form electronically by checking the box and typing your full name in the signature box
 - a. Check that you are not a robot and click [Continue](#)
7. Check your email for a confirmation email
8. Your voter record will be updated in 1 to 2 business days. You can check your status by going to elections.sumtercountyfl.gov and click on [Voter Lookup](#)

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. The Club's next meeting is Saturday, March 11, 2023, 9:30 AM at Colony Recreation Center. Go to their website to find out about the meeting.

<https://thevillagesdemocrats.com/>

They also 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/2023catcalenar>

In the News

Florida Phoenix

DeSantis' trajectory of takeovers: Gov replaces FL board members with 'extremist ideologues'

BY: [DANIELLE J. BROWN](#) - MARCH 1, 2023 7:00 AM

In mid-February, a Republican lawmaker made a quick change to a piece of legislation: Allow Gov. Ron DeSantis to take control of Florida's high school athletics association, an organization that had been independent for a century.

It wouldn't be the first time DeSantis would take control over a state or local board, or another entity.

In fact, the takeovers are symptoms of a growing trend, as DeSantis, a Republican, increasingly wields his executive power to influence the boards in order to expedite his political goals and reshape Florida into a more conservative bent.

From athletics to medicine boards to Disney and local school boards, the controversial moves have prompted some critics to describe the governor as “fascist.” At the same time, the GOP-controlled Legislature and other allies are handing the reins to DeSantis.

Read more here.

<https://floridaphoenix.com/2023/03/01/desantis-trajectory-of-takeovers-gov-replaces-state-board-members-with-extremist-idealogues/>

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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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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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