

Biden Announces Re-Election Campaign



Pass the word. Biden has done well. Let's get him re-elected to "Finish the Job". <https://joebiden.com/>

Music Bingo



Click here for Tickets

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/musicbingo2023>

Stand United Rally



This rally in Tampa on Sunday, May 7 from 1 to 3 PM is an effort to show unity within the party, and with allies who support our efforts to protect reproductive freedom, diversity & inclusion, public education, and all freedoms that have come under attack during this legislative session. For more information <https://www.mobilize.us/floridadems/event/557281/> We are looking into organizing transportation to the rally. Contact Dennis Foley at dffd4242@att.net if interested in transportation to the rally.

Help Get Democrats Elected in Duval County

We are now just one month out from the Duval runoff, and need all hands-on deck to elect Democrats on May 16. Recently, we have seen just how close local elections can be - with some of our Dems winning with margins as slim as 4 votes! Duval Dems have candidates running for 8 positions at both the county and city level, and we need to turn out every voter to ensure victory on May 16.

[Sign Up to Take Action Here](#)

Florida Democratic Party Communications Update

This week, in the wake of the historic flooding in Fort Lauderdale, FDP Chair Nikki Fried joined volunteers at the Fort Lauderdale Red Cross to help pass out water and snacks to flood victims. Shortly after, she, along with Democratic Party leaders and Elijah Manley, CEO of Youth Victory Fund, whose family's home was severely damaged by the historic Fort Lauderdale rain storm, held a [press conference calling out Gov. Ron DeSantis](#) for fighting with Disney and campaigning outside of the state while South Floridians suffered from catastrophic flooding, property damage, and gas shortages

Source: FDP newsletter, April 23, 2023

Re-enroll in Vote by Mail

Vote by Mail does not automatically renew. **There is a concern that Florida is going to make signing up for Vote by Mail more difficult. Sign up now!**

Check your Vote by Mail status at <https://www.sumterelections.org/Voters/Review-My-Registration-Status--Voter-Lookup>



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

Thanks to Florida Republican legislatures, 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 [Next](#)
2. Enter your information and click [Submit](#)
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 [Submit](#)
7. Check your mail 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.

Become a Neighborhood Link

Connect with your Democratic neighbors.

Information and training sessions will be held at the Sumter County Democrats Headquarters, 300 S Main Street, Wildwood.

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.

Volunteer

Help enroll other Democrats in Vote by Mail. We are also looking for members of the following committees:

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



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.

Support Our Efforts with a Donation

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Villages Democratic Club



Hear what we can do to make communities and families safer at our May 13 meeting

Moms Demand Action, a nationwide grassroots movement, works to pass stronger gun laws and to close the loopholes that jeopardize the safety of our communities and families.

The closest MOMS chapter to The Villages is in Citrus County and our May 13 speakers will be its co-directors, Rosemary Nilles and Deb Daniels.



Find out what you can do to help curb the shooting epidemic.

<https://momsdemandaction.org/>

As usual, we'll convene at Colony Cottage Recreation Center, 510 Colony Blvd. Door open at 8:30 a.m.; the meeting starts at 9:30.

If you live in The Villages, please consider joining the Villages Democratic Club. Learn more about their meetings and the club at <https://thevillagesdemocrats.com/>

They also have a newsletter that comes out on Sundays. There are many groups with activities listed there.

In the News

Florida Phoenix News

Senators OK for DeSantis, other FL candidates, to run for president or VP without resigning

That provision — still not approved by the House — came Wednesday during a vote on a contentious election bill

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Saying that senators wanted to avoid any confusion about current state law, the Florida GOP-controlled Senate passed a provision Wednesday to ease the pathway for Gov. Ron DeSantis and other Florida candidates for president or vice president to remain in office while campaigning in a presidential race.

The provision was part of an election bill of nearly 100 pages, with the Senate approving the overall legislation on a vote of 28-12. The House version of the bill goes to the floor on Friday.

DeSantis is expected to declare his candidacy for president of the United States within the next month.

Senate Democrats on the floor on Wednesday said that Republicans were doing the governor's bidding, and that it wasn't good for Floridians.

"The governor of 23 million people is going to spend a year and a half going around this entire huge country and not govern the state – isn't that a dereliction of duty and we are giving him a pathway to do so?" said Democrat Tina Polsky, representing parts of Broward and Palm Counties.

Read the rest of the article here. <https://floridaphoenix.com/2023/04/26/senators-ok-for-desantis-other-fl-candidates-to-run-for-president-or-vp-without-resigning/>

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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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Calendar

All Sumter County residents are welcome at events listed below.

May 10 Democrats Do Lunch, noon, Mallory Hills Country Club, 1675 Odell Circle, The Villages, RSVP Susan Blalock: sblalock742@aol.com

June 4 Music Bingo, Everglades Recreation Center – see above

March 19, 2024 Florida Presidential Preference Primary

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