

SUMTER DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Newsletter

August 31, 2023

Sumter County Democrats at Work



Sumter Democrats welcomed Rhea Maniar, President of the High School Democrats as well as Gabrelle Fabozi, Vice President of the High School Democrats. They spoke to our Regional Workshop on youth outreach. Also joining us was Renard Biltgen, Florida Data Director Council and Lee County who spoke on the Enhanced Message System. Representatives from five counties attended the meeting.

Are you a young person under 30 years of age or know of a young person who wants to get involved? High school aged and unable to vote? You are welcome, too. Give us a call at (352) 794-1351 (landline) or fill out a volunteer form at <https://sumterfldemocrats.com/volunteer/>. Other contact information is listed below.

Blue Crew Swings into Sumter Landing



More than 75 blue-clad Democrats enjoyed music, dancing, and refreshments Thursday at Sumter Landing. It was our second monthly music gathering. Next event: Sept. 20 @ Spanish Springs

Villages management abruptly announced two hours before Thursday's event that seat-saving will be limited to five chairs per person. Arrive early, so we can corral enough to all sit together. Let us know if you plan to attend: dfdf4242@att.net

Door to Door Democracy

Tired of the news? Do something that can make a real difference.

Starting September 9, 2023, we will be scheduling door to door canvassing in Bushnell, Center Hill, Coleman, Lake Panasoffkee, Oxford, Royal, Webster and Wildwood. Our starting point will depend on where we are canvassing and that information will be sent to you via email 3-days before the canvas.



We will try to register the unregistered residents and enroll the registered voters in vote by mail. We will canvass in teams of at least two and shifts will be up to 3 hours. We will provide a short training and all of the canvassing materials.

<https://www.mobilize.us/sumtercountydec/event/574320/>

Trivia Fundraiser



You do not need to be a Villager to join in the fun.

Get tickets here. <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/teamtrivia23>

Democrats Working for You



For more information, read the Florida Phoenix article at <https://floridaphoenix.com/2023/08/29/biden-administration-chooses-first-10-drugs-for-medicare-price-negotiations/>

In the News

Rudy Giuliani is liable for defaming Georgia election workers, judge rules

The case will now head to trial, where a jury will determine the amount of damages that Giuliani must pay to the two election workers.



By [KYLE CHENEY](#) and [JOSH GERSTEIN](#)

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A federal judge ruled Wednesday that Rudy Giuliani is legally liable for defaming two Georgia election workers who became the subject of conspiracy theories related to the 2020 election that were amplified by Donald Trump in the final weeks of his presidency.

In an unsparing, [57-page ruling](#), U.S. District Court Judge Beryl Howell said Giuliani had flagrantly violated her orders to preserve and produce relevant evidence to the election workers, Ruby Freeman and Shaye Moss, resulting in a “default” judgment against him. She also ordered him to pay Freeman and Moss “punitive” damages for failing to fulfill his obligations.

Read on here. <https://www.politico.com/news/2023/08/30/judge-rules-giuliani-is-liable-for-defaming-georgia-election-workers-orders-sanctions-00113462>

Video about Insurance Crisis

The insurance crisis in Florida lies squarely in the hands of the Governor and the Republican dominated legislature in Tallahassee. Here is a brief video to help understand the issue.

<https://sumterfldemocrats.com/local-issues/>



Petitions to Place Potential Florida Constitutional Amendments on the Ballot

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT INITIATIVE PETITION FORM – VOLUNTEER	
Amendment Information	
Ballot Title:	Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion
Ballot Summary:	No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider. This amendment shall not be subject to the state's constitutional restrictions on the definition of life.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT INITIATIVE PETITION FORM – VOLUNTEER	
Amendment Information	
Ballot Title:	Right to Clean and Healthy Waters
Ballot Summary:	This amendment creates a fundamental right to clean and healthy waters. The amendment may be used to sue State executive agencies for harm or threatened harm to Florida's waters, which include aquatic ecosystems. This amendment defines terms, identifies

Petitions are in circulation supporting abortion rights and ensuring clean water. The petition for the legalization of marijuana has enough signatures.

You can link to them below on the Sumter County Democratic Party website.

Petitions can be returned to the address provided, or you can bring them to party headquarters, 300 S. Main St., Wildwood. The office is open 1-4 p.m., Mondays, and 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays.

Petitions and more information about them can be found here. <https://sumterfldemocrats.com/local-issues/>

Re-enroll in Vote by Mail



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

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

Neighborhood Links

Be a part of a group making a difference. We need more Neighborhood Links. Connect with your Democratic neighbors.

Information and training sessions are being held at the Sumter County Democrats Headquarters, 300 S Main Street, Wildwood. More sessions are coming soon.

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.



Volunteer

Help enroll other Democrats in Vote by Mail and sign petitions. 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

<https://sumterfldemocrats.com/>

Villages Democratic Club

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.



Save New College speakers will address the Club at its September Meeting

The regular meeting date is unavailable, so the meeting will take place later in September. More details to come.

Most of you probably know the attacks by Gov. DeSantis on New College.

This attack isn't about the quality its liberal arts education. DeSantis is attacking schools and universities across the state in an attempt to control our freedom of speech, our freedom to learn, and our freedom to thrive in our communities.

<https://savenewcollege.org/>

To learn more about New College issues, go here for a podcast. <https://revealnews.org/podcast/the-culture-war-goes-to-college/>

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Sumter County Supervisor of Elections <https://www.sumterelections.org/>

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.

Headquarters:

300 S Main Street

Wildwood, FL 34785

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

Office Hours:

Monday 1 - 4 PM

Wednesday 9 AM - noon

Email: info@sumterFLDemocrats.com Webpage: SumterFLDemocrats.com

Your party headquarters is open -- drop on by

The Sumter County Democrats/Villages Democratic Club office is open for YOU.



The office is located at 300 S. Main Street, Wildwood, in a stand-alone building shared with a doctor's office and facing Ace Hardware.

Current hours are Mondays from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 a.m.- noon.

At the office you can:

- Find out more about the Sumter County Executive Committee, The Villages Democratic Club, and other Democratic organizations in the county.
- Volunteer and give money to support Democratic efforts.
- Purchase Democratic merchandise, such as car magnets, notepads, and bracelets.
- Sign and drop off petitions about clean water and abortion rights.
- Fill out or drop off a card to re-enroll in Vote by Mail.

Calendar

All Sumter County residents are welcome at events listed below.

September 13 Democratic Lunch, noon, Evans Prairie Country Club, 1825 Evans Prairie Trail, The Villages Please RSVP to Susan Blalock: sblalock742@aol.com

September 20 Democratic Breakfast, 9 AM, Cracker Barrel, 13637 US Hwy 27, Lady Lake. Please RSVP Susan Blalock: sblalock742@aol.com

September 25 Sumter County Democrats monthly business meeting, 4 PM at Headquarters, come find out more about us.

September 30 Trivia Night, Everglades Recreation Center, see above

October 21 Bushnell Fall Festival <https://www.facebook.com/people/City-of-Bushnell-Annual-Fall-Festival/100057516375461/> Sumter Democrats will be there.

January 5, 2024 Fired Up for 2024, fun evening with a meal, Lake Miona Recreation Center

March 19, 2024 Florida Presidential Preference Primary

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