



Newsletter

September 14, 2023

### Trivia Fundraiser

Don't miss out. Tickets are going fast.



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

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

### Voter Outreach

As of October 1, we can no longer use our Vote by mail cards. The state will be requiring a yet to be released form. Many voters in Greater Sumter do not realize they must re-enroll in Vote by Mail. Other voters have moved.



We started last Saturday canvassing door to door in Webster, Bushnell, Center Hill, Coleman, Lake Panasoffkee, Oxford, Royal, and Wildwood are

coming up soon. 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/>

## Voter Registration



The Florida Democratic Party is calling on all of its county parties, statewide and local clubs and caucuses, student and youth democratic organizations, and partners and affiliates to come together to register voters in your community!

If you want to help, email Sumter County Democratic State Committeeman Dennis Foley: [dfdf4242@att.net](mailto:dfdf4242@att.net)

## Upcoming Elections

Important dates for upcoming elections are now contained in the calendar part of this newsletter.

### Who is running?

To see seats up for election, go here. <https://www.sumterelections.org/Elections/Seats-up-for-Election>

At the local level

#### Candidates

Candidate Name		Monetary Contributions	In-Kind Contributions	Total Expenditures & Distributions
Office: Sheriff				
Patrick Breeden (REP)	(ACTIVE-PREFILED)	\$29,673.45	\$300.00	\$5,117.33
Anthony Pellicano (REP)	(ACTIVE-PREFILED)	\$4,550.00	\$0.00	\$1,415.54
Daniel L. Sells (REP)	(ACTIVE-PREFILED)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Office: County Commissioner, Dist. 3				
Craig A. Estep (REP)	(ACTIVE-PREFILED)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Office: County Commissioner, Dist. 5				
Donald Wiley (REP)	(ACTIVE-PREFILED)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Office: VCDD B - Board of Supervisor, Seat 1				
Wayne Anderson (NP)	(ACTIVE-PREFILED)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Go here to find out more about these candidates.

[https://www.voterfocus.com/CampaignFinance/candidate\\_pr.php?c=sumter](https://www.voterfocus.com/CampaignFinance/candidate_pr.php?c=sumter)

### Congressional District 11

11	<a href="#">Sabatini, Anthony</a> (REP)	Active
	<a href="#">Webster, Daniel</a> (REP) *Incumbent	Active

### State Senate District 11

11	<a href="#">Ingoglia, Blaise</a> (REP) *Incumbent	Active
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### State Representative District 52

52	<a href="#">Temple, John</a> (REP) *Incumbent	Active
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At the state and national level, many candidates have not filed yet.

Click here to find out more about these candidates and others who have filed, go here.

<https://dos.elections.myflorida.com/candidates/CanList.asp>

Click on View List of General Election with 2024

**Are you interested in running for office? Please contact us using information at the bottom of this newsletter.**

## 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.

**September meeting canceled; next meeting Saturday, Oct. 14**



We tried. We really, really tried, but could not find a suitable date this month at Colony Cottage, or anywhere else in The Villages.

The good news: The Save New College representatives have confirmed for our next scheduled meeting, Oct. 14.

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/>

## In the News

**In Florida elections, the cheaters often win** | Commentary



Sen. Jason Brodeur, left, and Sen. Ileana Garcia were both beneficiaries of “ghost candidate” schemes in which people have already been convicted or pled guilty to crimes. Yet both remain in office. Similarly, the members of Congress who were elected in illegally gerrymandered districts get to stay in office even after the courts concluded the district-drawers broke the rules. (AP Photo/Phelan M. Ebenhack)

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Once again, a judge has ruled that Gov. Ron DeSantis and GOP legislators violated the Florida Constitution.

This time, a judicial appointee of Rick Scott ruled what everyone already knew — that they illegally gerrymandered congressional districts to get a Black Democrat out of office and put a White Republican in.

In other words, they cheated.

Just like the previous governor and Legislature did 10 years ago with their last redistricting scheme when a judge concluded they'd conspired to make “a mockery of the Legislature's proclaimed open and transparent process.”

Maybe we could all celebrate justice prevailing and the cheaters being exposed — except for one key fact: The cheaters also won.

While the districts will now be redrawn, just like they were 10 years ago, the unconstitutional maps were already used to elect politicians who are now in office.

In other words: The poisonous tree they planted has already sown its toxic fruit, allowing some politicians who might never have otherwise been elected to get into seats of power.

Find out more here <https://www.orlandosentinel.com/2023/09/07/florida-redistricting-election-cheating-desantis-scott-maxwell/?share=inficfaatgenseeies>

## Democrats Care about Your Safety



## Petitions to Place Potential Florida Constitutional Amendments on the Ballot

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

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

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.

## 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. Dates for new and current Links called Linking up the Old and the New Links will be announced after October 1.

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](mailto: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/>

## Stay Informed

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SumterFLDemocrats>

Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/sumterflyoungdems/>

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

Sign up for the email newsletter [SumterFLDemocrats.com](https://sumterfldemocrats.com)

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

Voting Information including registration, vote by mail, and polling locations

## 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:

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Wildwood, FL 34785

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

Office Hours:

Monday 1 - 4 PM

Wednesday 9 AM - noon

Email: [info@sumterFLDemocrats.com](mailto:info@sumterFLDemocrats.com) Webpage: [SumterFLDemocrats.com](https://sumterfldemocrats.com)

**Your party headquarters is open -- drop on by**

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.



## Calendar

All Sumter County residents are welcome at events listed below.

**September 20** Democratic Breakfast, 9 AM, Cracker Barrel, 13637 US Hwy 27, Lady Lake. Please RSVP Susan Blalock: [sblalock742@aol.com](mailto:sblalock742@aol.com), sponsored by The Villages Democratic Club

**September 20** Blue Crew Democratic Gathering, Spanish Springs, The Villages 4:30 PM, RSVP Dennis Foley: [dfdf4242@att.net](mailto:dfdf4242@att.net), sponsored by The Villages Democratic Club

**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.

### 2024 Election Dates

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

**February 20, 2024** Book Closing, Presidential Preference Primary, Last Day to Register to Vote, Update/Change Your Party for this Election

**March 9 - 16, 2024** Early Voting, Presidential Preference Primary 9 AM - 6 PM, Voters can vote at any Early Voting Location

**March 19, 2024** Election Day, Presidential Preference Primary, 7 AM - 7 PM, Voters must vote at their Assigned Precinct

**July 22, 2024** Book Closing, Primary, Last Day to Register to Vote, Update/Change Your Party for this Election

**August 10 - 17, 2024** Early Voting, Primary 9 AM - 6 PM, Voters can vote at any Early Voting Location

**August 20, 2024** Election Day, Primary 7 AM - 7 PM, Voters must vote at their Assigned Precinct

**October 7, 2024** Book Closing, General Election, Last Day to Register to Vote for this Election

**October 22 - November 2, 2024**, Early Voting, General Election 9 AM - 6 PM, Voters can vote at any Early Voting Location

**November 5, 2024**, Election Day, General Election 7 AM - 7 PM, Voters must vote at their Assigned Precinct

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