



Newsletter

November 9, 2023

Get Abortion on the Ballot in Florida

The victories across the county dealing with abortion rights made headlines on Wednesday. We need to get the abortion on the ballot here in Florida. We continue to collect petitions for abortion rights and clean water.

Petitions and more information about them and much needed donations can be found here.

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

All 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. Can't make it during those hours? Email us at info@sumterFLDemocrats.com or call us at [352-794-1351](tel:352-794-1351).

Golf Cart and Car Caravan



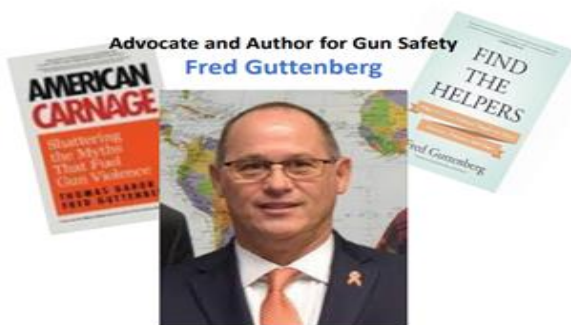
An enthusiastic crowd driving about 50 Democratically decorated golf carts and cars attracted thumbs up and waves of support during the



Club's "One Year to Victory" caravan Sunday morning in Brownwood.

View the video of the caravan here. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pwWznqFRVp4&t=18s>

Come See a Great Speaker on Saturday



Saturday November 11, 2023
Wildwood Community Center
6500 Powell Rd. * Wildwood, FL 34735
Admission is free
Sponsored by the Villages Democratic Club

His teen-age daughter was killed at Parkland. He's been on a mission since.

The shootings go on and on ... We grieve for victims and their families in Lewiston, Maine, and Ybor City.

This special presentation at the monthly Villages Democratic Club membership meeting will start at 10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 11. We moved to a larger location and will be inviting numerous other clubs and organizations. You do not need to be a Villager or Villages Democratic Club member to attend.

We need volunteers to help with setting up chairs, taking them down afterward, and to control parking. Email Club President Diane

Foley: foleydiane399@gmail.com

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/>

Your Help is Needed

Ocala Pride



URGENT

We urgently need volunteers

The NCR LGBTQ+ Democrats are excited for our final tabling event of the year. We'll be setting up a booth at Ocala Pride for the first time in our history! We'll have be giving out some awesome new promotional items and encouraging people to register to vote and re-enroll in VBM with the Reach App! We'll also have petition.

Please click the volunteer button and and sign up to volunteer to staff our booth for a few hours!

Saturday, November 11

11am – 7pm

Southeast Livestock Pavilion in Ocala

Sign up here.

<https://form.jotform.com/233023614756150>

Yummy Fundraiser

Honey Baked Ham Fundraiser

Having company and don't want to cook?

Let Honey Baked Ham do the cooking and support the Sumter Democrats.



Buy a Honey Baked Ham gift card using our unique link and **20%** goes to the Sumter Democrats.

It's a Win – Win!

To purchase your gift card
Go to [SumterFLDemocrats.com](https://www.honeybaked.com/fundraising/Sumter_Democrats)

Or click here https://www.honeybaked.com/fundraising/Sumter_Democrats

Florida Democratic Talking Points

2024 Elections — One Year Out

Sunday, November 5th marked one year out from the 2024 elections.

One year from now, Florida voters will head to the polls to reject Republican extremism and restore rights across the state.

- The 2024 elections are the first step in our ten-year plan to Take Back Florida.
- We have the chance to restore reproductive rights, push Rick Scott into retirement, and take back key seats to chip away at the supermajority in the Florida Legislature.
- Over the next year, Florida Democrats will join the Biden-Harris campaign in one of the most important organizing efforts since the Obama Campaign — working to elect Democrats in critical elections from school boards to the U.S. Senate.

Special Session of the Florida Legislature

Senate President Kathleen Passidomo and Speaker of the Florida House Paul Renner have announced a [special legislative session](#) from November 6-9 covering the following topics:

- Hurricane Idalia relief and resiliency funding
- Fixes to the Family Empowerment Scholarship program
- Support for Israel and condemnation of Hamas and related entities
- Sanctions on Iran
- Financial support for Florida entities at high risk of violence and hate crimes

Ron is using this Special Session to prop up his failing presidential campaign.

- If Ron actually wanted to address issues affecting Floridians, this special session would be addressing the property insurance crisis and rising housing costs— instead, he’s using the legislature to grandstand about foreign policy.
- Ron isn’t even in Florida for the special session he called — he’s spending Monday and Tuesday campaigning in Iowa.
- The federal government has imposed serious [sanctions on Iran](#) for nearly fifty years — adding state-level sanctions is just another political stunt meant to make Ron look tough.
- Ron says he supports Israel, but he still won’t condemn the neo-Nazis that vocally support his campaign — [despite repeated calls](#) to do so.

NYT/Sienna Poll

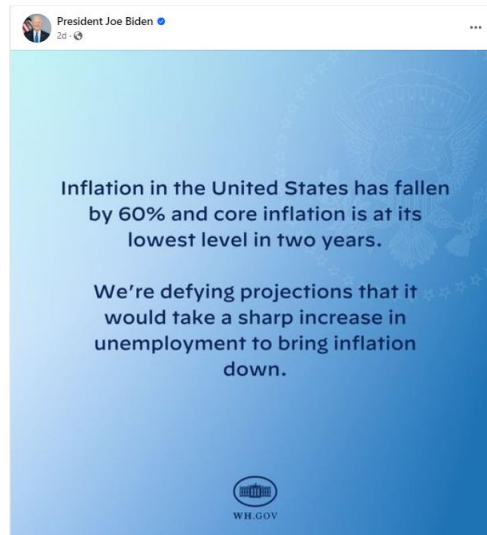
On Sunday, the New York Times [released a poll](#) showing President Biden trailing Donald Trump in five swing states.

The following talking points are provided by the Democratic National Committee:

More than a year out from the election, polls are not predictive.

- Most people are [not tuned into the election now](#) and won’t be for several months,
 - Around this time in 2011, the New York Times openly [mused](#) whether Barack Obama was “toast,” and polls from this time showed him down in battleground states [by large margins](#),
 - Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton, and Barack Obama all [faced](#) unfavorable poll numbers during their first terms before ultimately being reelected 18 months later,
 - And let’s not forget the polling ahead of the 2022 midterms [predicted](#) a “red tsunami” that never materialized.
- No president running for reelection in modern history has had a stronger record of accomplishment to run on or a more popular set of policies than Joe Biden:
 - Nearly 90% support a \$35 monthly insulin cap,
 - 83% support Medicare negotiations for lower prescription drug prices,
 - 73% support the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law,
 - 69% support the CHIPS Act,
 - In battlegrounds: 76% support for the first major gun safety legislation passed in nearly 30 years,
 - By a 2:1 margin, voters overwhelmingly support codifying *Roe v. Wade*.
- **There’s no doubt this will be a very close election.**
 - Team Biden-Harris is ignoring the noise and building the strong campaign it needs to win – just like in 2020.

Democrats Deliver



In the News

Ron DeSantis Slammed by Florida LGBTQ+ Rights Group in Epic Ad Campaign

Jacob Ogles, The Advocate

Wed, November 8, 2023 at 12:09 PM



Florida's largest LGBTQ+ advocacy group just launched a television ad comparing the destruction of Gov. [Ron DeSantis'](#) culture wars to hurricanes.

"Breaking News: Hurricane Ron Extremely Dangerous" reads a mock headline. The ad then runs footage of storm damage in past natural disasters in [Florida](#), but edits the imagery against news reports on controversial laws signed by DeSantis.

The Equality Florida ad, "[#DeSantisFailedUs](#)," attacks a range of laws under DeSantis that hurt LGBTQ kids and compromise the rights and education of all in the state. It hits local airwaves as national Republicans arrive in Miami for the third presidential debate, where DeSantis will appear as one of the candidates on stage.

Read more here. <https://www.yahoo.com/news/ron-desantis-slammed-florida-lgbtq-170905995.html>

Vote by Mail Cards Still Work

Even though we were told there would be a new Vote by Mail form on October 1, there is not one.



We have now been told that sometime in mid-November a form will be released. So, we can still use our cards to sign up for Vote by Mail. You can also enroll in Vote by Mail on-line, at the Supervisor of Elections office, or by calling their office.



<https://www.sumterelections.org/>

Here is the link to enroll in Vote by Mail <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.

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

From the Sumter County Supervisor of Elections site: NEW TO FLORIDA? DO NOT FORGET TO REMOVE YOURSELF FROM YOUR FORMER STATE'S ROLES. [CLICK HERE](#)

Upcoming Elections

Important dates for upcoming 2024 elections are 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>

To see who is running at the local level, click here https://www.voterfocus.com/CampaignFinance/candidate_pr.php?c=sumter

Click here to find out about state and national candidates who have filed. <https://dos.elections.myflorida.com/candidates/CanList.asp>

Click on View List of General Election with 2024

Many candidates at the national level have not filed yet.

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

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.

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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:

300 S Main Street
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Office Hours:
Monday 1 - 4 PM
Wednesday 9 AM - noon



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

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.

Calendar

All Sumter County residents are welcome at events listed below.

November 11 Villages Democratic Club meeting featuring the father of a Parkland Shooting victim Fred Guttenburg, Wildwood Community Center, see above

November 13 LGBTQ Democratic Caucus of the Nature Coast Monthly Meeting via Zoom, 7 PM, register by visiting [Mobilize](#)

November 30 Blue Crew Get Together, Lake Sumter Landing, music begins at 5PM, sponsored by the Villages Democratic Club

March 15, 2024 Spring into Action Fundraiser, Lake Miona Rec Center Our guest speaker will be Fentrice Driskell, Leader of the Florida Democratic House Caucus.

2024 Election Dates

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

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 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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