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Voter Registration Numbers

Reminder, these are updated daily on our website www.hernandovotes.com

Registration Statistics (as of September 30, 2013)

Republican	43,523
Democrat	47,708
Other	29,531
Total	120,762



With less than a year from our next election (Primary Election- August 26, 2014), it is time to start thinking about how we prepare and what **you** can do to help.

Visit www.hernandovotes.com for info on how to do the following:

- **Order a Vote by Mail Ballot**
- **Update your voter information** - Do you have a new address, name change, or change in party affiliation?
- **Update your signature** - Your signature may change over time. When you complete a mail ballot or sign a candidate petition, your signature is compared to your signature currently on file at the elections office.
- **Become a Poll Worker** - Great way to earn a little extra cash and do your civic duty.

CONNECT NOW



Veterans Day November 11, 2011

The Supervisor of Elections Office is proud to announce a new program aimed at honoring the service of our Veterans, while also *Promoting the Vote!*

Hernando County has a great legacy of military service and is considered home to 23,000 veterans. From World War II to the current conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq, Americans are always eager to show their support of our military and veterans.

Every citizen of Hernando has in some way been affected by the various wars and conflicts our nation has been involved in over the years. Our goal with the **Vote in Honor of a Veteran Program** is to encourage voter participation and to educate our younger voters about the sacrifices our veterans have made to secure their right to vote. We believe there is no greater way to honor our veterans than by casting a ballot on Election Day. By exercising our right to vote, we show veterans the respect they deserve for protecting our right to vote.

The program will reach out to our local veterans and ask them to participate by filling out a **Vote in Honor of a Veteran** biography form.

The submitted biographies will be posted on our Veteran Biographies web page and will also be integrated into our school outreach program designed to honor Hernando County Veterans. Biography forms may be completed by veterans or family members of deceased veterans. If you are willing to speak to students, please indicate on your form; however it is not necessary to speak in order to participate in the program.



Although the program is geared towards our younger voters, the Supervisor of Elections Office is encouraging *all* citizens of Hernando County to **Vote in Honor of a Veteran**. Our mission is to show our gratitude to those who have served our country by encouraging all voters to exercise their right to vote.

This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is home of the brave.

Elmer Davis

Adopt A Precinct The program is geared towards local service organizations who would like to raise additional funds while doing their civic duty and serving as a poll worker.

Local clubs and organizations can utilize the "Adopt-A-Precinct" (AAP) program as a way to give back to the community through civic duty, while at the same time earning money for their organization's causes. The Supervisor of Elections Office provides training to become a poll worker. Club members will attend the mandatory trainings and then staff a precinct on Election Day. They are paid the same wage as any citizen serving as a poll worker, but Adopt-A-Precinct participants have agreed in advance to donate their Election Day earnings to their designated organization. The SOE will present a check to the service organization following the election.

"Innovative programs such as Adopt-A-Precinct will help foster the community service spirit while helping us fill the need for dedicated, service driven poll workers. I am excited to offer a program that has the potential of putting thousands of dollars back into the community as charitable donations. The group provides the people, we provide the training, and together we will *Promote the Vote.*" Call today if your group would like a presentation!

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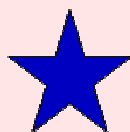
Outreach to Schools



In addition to participating in back to school events we are excited to offer an online voting tool for schools to utilize for running their school elections. The program called **Double Click Democracy** is an online voting system that provides students with the opportunity to participate in a voting experience by using a web-based voting system. "With limited staff and resources, it is impossible for the SOE office to offer a physical presence at the schools to assist with school elections.

A teacher can make the request for a school election on our website . This eliminates voting equipment having to be deployed for these types of events. In addition to the web based election program, we are also available to come into a classroom to personally speak to students about the importance of voting. These requests also need to be made online. Check out this and other programs on our website (<http://www.hernandovotes.com>), under School Elections & Education tab.

Early Vote Sites



East Hernando Branch Library
6457 Windmere Road
Brooksville, FL 34802



Spring Hill Branch Library
9220 Spring Hill Drive
Spring Hill, FL 34808

Brooksville Locations

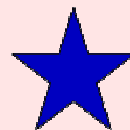
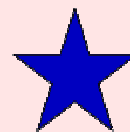


South Brooksville Community Center
601 E Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd.
Brooksville, FL 34801



Supervisor of Elections Branch Office
Forest Oaks Government Center
7443 Forest Oaks Blvd.
Spring Hill, FL 34806

Spring Hill Locations



Precinct Changes

You may have read in the newspaper about recently approved precinct changes; however I wanted to clearly communicate the changes. It is important to note that voting trends throughout the state of Florida and Hernando County show an increase in early voting as well as voting by mail. These voting trends were analyzed closely, prior to making any changes

Precinct 11 (South Brooksville Community Center) and Precinct 26 (Cloverleaf) will be consolidated into Precinct 4 (Jerome Brown Center). Precinct 10 (Grace World Outreach) will remain a voting precinct for non-city voters.

During the 2012 General Election over 27,000 Hernando county voters cast their ballot using a vote by mail ballot and an additional 12,750 voted at an early vote site. In an ongoing effort to

provide quality election services to all residents of Hernando County, I am expanding the number of early vote sites from two to four locations. Early voting will be held for eight days, eight hours per day. This will include one Sunday of early voting. One of the sites chosen for early voting is the South Brooksville Community Center (Sheriff's Sub-Station). Residents in South Brooksville will now have easier access for early voting than in previous years. The three additional early vote sites include, East Hernando Branch Library, Spring Hill Branch Library and the Supervisor of Elections office at Forest Oaks Government Center. **The Courthouse will no longer be an early vote site.**

In addition to the precinct closures we will be

combining the following precincts throughout the county to create further efficiencies and savings. Precinct 13 (Weeki Wachee Area Club) will now be voting at Precinct 17 (The Heather) Precinct 35 (Timber Pines Lodge) will now be voting at Precinct 47 (Timber Pines PAC) Precinct 37 (East Hernando Library) will now be voting at Precinct 36 (Hillside Community Church) Precinct 53 (Hernando Shrine Club) will now be voting at Precinct 18 (High Point Community Center)

All voters impacted by this change will receive updated voter information cards as well as information about how to request a vote by mail ballot and early voting opportunities.