



VOICE OF THE EAGLE

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What Down Time? It's a question I hear from time to time, "What do you do during off election years?" My typical answer goes "Oh, we're busy working towards the next election."

I understand how one can think that there is a down time, given the relief from the constant barrage of election or campaign information that comes post-election. However, today's complexities of elections gives way to little down time.

It's similar to the fact, that many don't realize the effort that takes place before Election Day, but instead are presented with the result; a skilled election worker, the empty booth, state of the art ballot tabulator, oh and the hearty smile with the "I Voted" sticker, all of which are associated with a "successful election." Not to mention maintaining an accurate voter registration database, coding the election, preparing the ballot, and let's not forget the training of nearly 400 dedicated election workers.

I've often wished that more people were aware of the thousands of man hours spent researching and preparing for the next election; inspecting, cleaning, repairing, and sometimes replacing equipment, all the while contacting community partners confirming and renewing leases for polling locations, updating and creating training plans, guides, and manuals with any changes as a result of new election code or rule, acquiring resources and provisioning precincts.

So next time you think of the elections office, now you know...
There is no down time.

Chris

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MUNICIPAL SUPER TUESDAY

April 11, 2017 7:00AM - 7:00PM

Eligible voters may Vote By Mail. The last day to make the request for a mail ballot is April 5th. Allow sufficient time for the mail ballot to be returned to our office. The postal standard of first class mail is 3-5 days for local mail delivery.

2017 Municipal Super Tuesday

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

7 A.M. to 7 P.M.

The Polling Locations are:

Green Cove Springs City Hall
321 Walnut St., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Orange Park Town Hall
2042 Park Ave., Orange Park, FL 32073

Official Municipal Election Ballot April 11, 2017 Green Cove Springs, Florida	
604C1, 604C2	
<p>• Instructions: To vote, fill in the oval (●) completely next to your choice. Use only the marker provided or a black or blue pen.</p> <p>• If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot. Do not cross out or your vote may not count.</p>	
City Council Seat 1 (Vote for 1)	Amendment No. 1
<input type="radio"/> Pamela J. Lewis <input type="radio"/> Michelle Sweatland	<p>Establishment of Alternate Canvassing Board for City Elections.</p> <p>Shall City Charter Section 7.07 be amended to allow the City Council to appoint an alternate canvassing board made up of no less than three (3) members who shall be elected officials of Clay County so that Clay County Supervisor of Elections may better assist the City in conducting elections?</p> <p> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No </p>
City Council Seat 2 (Vote for 1)	Amendment No. 2
<input type="radio"/> Dale W. Garlinghouse <input type="radio"/> Mitch Timberlake	<p>Allowing Changes to Method of Declaring Successful Candidates.</p> <p>Shall City Charter Section 7.08 be amended to allow the City Council more flexibility in setting the dates, times and method by which the successful candidate for Council Member is declared elected so the Clay County Supervisor of Elections may better assist the City in conducting elections?</p> <p> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No </p>

Official Municipal Election Ballot April 11, 2017 Orange Park, Florida	
206C0	
<p>• Instructions: To vote, fill in the oval (●) completely next to your choice. Use only the marker provided or a black or blue pen.</p> <p>• If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot. Do not cross out or your vote may not count.</p>	
Town Council Seat 1 (Vote for 1)	Charter Amendment No. 1
<input type="radio"/> Eddie B. Henley Sr. <input type="radio"/> Larry M. Nichols <input type="radio"/> Ron Raymond	<p>Amend the Town Charter to Adopt the Standards of the Florida Election Code for Town Elections and Allow the Town Council to Authorize the Supervisor of Elections to Assume Responsibility for Candidate Qualifying, Financial Reporting and the Judging of Candidate Qualifications.</p> <p>This amendment would amend the Charter by adopting the standards of the Florida Election Code in town elections and authorize the Town Council to enter into an agreement with the Supervisor of Elections to assume responsibility for candidate qualifying, financial reporting and the judging of candidate qualifications.</p> <p>Shall the above described amendment be adopted?</p> <p> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No </p>
Town Council Seat 2 (Vote for 1)	Charter Amendment No. 2
<input type="radio"/> Eugene Nix <input type="radio"/> Alan N. Watt	<p>Amend Language From Charter to Allow Sufficient Time for Candidate Qualifying Upon the Occurrence of a Vacancy in the Town Council.</p> <p>This amendment would allow sufficient time, in the event of a vacancy in the Town Council, for candidates to qualify for election to fill the balance, if any, of the unexpired council term so long as the vacancy occurs no less than seventy-five (75) days prior to the next regular Town election.</p> <p>Shall the above described amendment be adopted?</p> <p> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No </p>
Charter Amendment No. 3	
<p>Remove Existing Language From Charter That Does Not Allow Sufficient Time to Distribute and Certify Absentee Ballots in Certain Runoff Elections.</p> <p>This amendment would allow sufficient time for distributing and certifying absentee ballots in all Town runoff elections by removing an existing Charter requirement which requires that certain runoff elections be conducted one week following a general or initial runoff election in the event of a tie.</p> <p>Shall the above described amendment be adopted?</p> <p> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No </p>	



ELECTION WORKER APPRECIATION DAY

The Clay County Board of County Commissioners recognized and celebrated the dedicated work of our Election Workers with a proclamation on January 10, 2017. We applauded the efforts and expressed immense gratitude to all past, present and future Clay County Election Workers.

OFFICE HIGHLIGHTS

Right: With his family by his side, Chris H. Chambless is sworn in as Clay County Supervisor of Elections by Judge Collins at the Old County Courthouse.



Left: The employees of the Elections Office are sworn in by Supervisor Chambless.



Happy Anniversary Holly DePaul

Can you believe it's been 10 years! Holly started in the Voter Services Bureau with answering calls, processing applications and classifying documents. Currently, she is the Election Services Manager and responsible for managing each precinct location/early voting site, all warehouse functions, ballot coding and tabulation. She believes this has been her most rewarding job and stated, "When I started working here, I had no idea what a massive undertaking it was to prepare, coordinate, and organize an election. Over the years, I have learned so much and continue to each day. The people I work with make a great team! One of our most basic fundamental rights is to vote and I am proud to do my very best to make sure our voters have every opportunity to do so." Assistant Supervisor Conte expresses that, "*It has been exciting to watch Holly's personal growth over the years and see her value and the benefits our office has gained as a result. She has forged great relationships with our community and county partners, been very instrumental in the buildout and design of our warehouse and streamlined many departmental processes rendering great operational and monetary efficiencies.*" Holly enjoys watching her girls' soccer games and their weightlifting competitions. She piddles with a small garden and really LOVES to read.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION & APPRECIATION

In January, the Elections Office held a luncheon in recognition of dedicated volunteers during the 2016 Election Cycle.



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CLAY DAY

The first annual Clay Day, held in the State Capitol Courtyard, celebrated our contributions to Florida's economy, destination assets and quality of life. This successful event received great feedback:

"Clay County really knocked it out of the park."

"This event looks like you've been doing it for 10 years. I can't wait to see what you're going to do next year."



TIME for TEA

The ladies from the Election Office joined Supervisor Chambless' wife, Kellie and their two lovely daughters for a Saturday afternoon at Over the Second Cup Tea room. All the ladies agreed that we need to make this classy teambuilding an annual event.

IN THE COMMUNITY

High School Voter Registration Drives
Sunshine State Young Readers Awards Elections

Literacy Week
Clay County Fair

The Voter Outreach Team has been busy conducting voter registration drives at the following schools:

- *Fleming Island *Oakleaf *Clay
- *Ridgeview *Middleburg
- *Florida Youth Challenge Academy

The team is also conducting elections at the Elementary and Junior High Schools for Sunshine State Young Readers Award. Even the K-2nd grade students are voting for their book. We thank our volunteers for being



supportive with our Community Programs.

Assistant Supervisor Robin Conte enjoyed speaking with and reading to a respectful and awesome group of fine, young kindergartners at Charles E. Bennett Elementary School. #CelebrateLiteracyWeek



Stop by our booth in Exhibit Building 1 to revisit "Thrills & Squeals...Kick up Your Heels" moments in our history. Vote for fair favorites and:

- *Register to vote *Update your voter record
- *Preregister to vote *Sign up to Vote By Mail
- *Pick up Educational Literature