

SPRING 2023



LEE COUNTY ELECTIONS

A MESSAGE FROM TOMMY...

When I first took office as the Lee County Supervisor of Elections in 2017, the population was around 724,000, and we had more than 400,000 registered voters. Since then, Lee County has seen tremendous growth, and our voter rolls have expanded as well, with an additional 100,000 voters. Lee Elections now serves over 500,000 constituents!

To better accommodate the growing number of voters, Lee Elections has expanded its election services to include Lehigh Acres. This expansion ensures that the community has access to the necessary resources for participating in elections. This branch will serve as an Early Voting site beginning in 2024.

The Grand Opening for the Lee County Supervisor of Elections Lehigh Branch Office was held on March 31, 2023. I appreciate everyone who took the time to attend this special event! The ribbon-cutting ceremony was truly a memorable experience. If you want to relive the moment, you can [click here](#) to watch the recording.

Our Community Education Services Department (CESD) has been active in the community, ensuring registered voters and those eligible to register to vote are well-informed and prepared for next year's elections. Our outreach team strives to provide excellent customer service to the citizens of Lee County through various non-partisan services that include: voter registration drives, voter education presentations, student government elections, and straw polls.



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We recently concluded our annual High School Voter Registration Challenge and Arts Vote Contest, which helps us engage with the youth of Lee County and educate them about the importance of voter participation. My team and I are thrilled to see these initiatives in action and enjoy the opportunity to display the student's fantastic artwork in our offices. Read more about these events in this Newsletter.

Next year, we have three elections scheduled, starting with the Presidential Preference Primary in March 2024. Our office has been actively planning and preparing for the 2024 election cycle since the end of 2022 to ensure that everything runs smoothly and in accordance with federal and state laws. We're committed to giving every eligible citizen the opportunity to vote, and we're taking a number of steps to make sure that happens.

Our team is diligently preparing for the upcoming election while simultaneously balancing a variety of other important responsibilities. Among our priorities are the registration of new voters, ensuring accurate voter records, processing vote-by-mail requests, engaging with voters via social media, producing training manuals for poll workers, maintaining our warehouse inventory, ensuring the proper function of voting machines, and collaborating with schools, libraries, summer camps, and other community organizations to promote voter education and registration initiatives. Should you require additional information regarding our efforts, please do not hesitate to contact us.

It's never too early to start preparing for next year's elections. By law, everyone's vote-by-mail requests expired at the end of 2022, so I strongly encourage you to request yours for 2024 as soon as possible. View it as an insurance policy in the event of a major hurricane or other unexpected circumstances that could prevent you from voting in person.

Stay connected with Lee Elections by following us on social media to stay informed and updated on all things elections. Thank you!

— *Tommy Doyle*

BRANCH OFFICE GRAND OPENING



In March, we held the grand opening of our new branch office in Lehigh Acres. It was a special event, and we were grateful to have members of our community join us. Expanding to Lehigh Acres was a top priority for the office, given the community's continued growth. The office is located at East Lee County Government Center and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

[Click to watch highlights from the Grand Opening Ceremony on our YouTube page.](#)

COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERVICES



The office's annual High School Voter Registration Challenge concluded with Island Coast High School taking first place, Lehigh Acres High in second place, and Mariner High in third. The annual challenge aims to provide voter education and increase voter registration among Lee County's youth.

Eleven out of the 15 high schools invited by Lee Elections participated in this school year. Team members from the Community Education Services Department (CESD) registered and pre-registered 1,256 new voters ages 16 and older across all the participating schools.

[Click the following link to watch a compilation of the highlights from this year's High School Voter Registration Challenge.](#)



Every year during a Lee County School Board meeting, the winning high schools from the High School Voter Registration Challenge are presented with trophies by Supervisor Doyle and the CESD Team.

ARTS VOTE CONTEST



Most Original Artwork:

Nisa Balbaloglu
North Fort Myers
High School



Best Artwork:

Alayna Calkins
Cypress Lake
High School



Most Creative Artwork:

Haley Allensworth
Cypress Lake
High School



The Lee Elections Arts Vote Contest allows students at participating high schools to unleash their creativity and talent to promote voting, patriotism, and civic engagement.

Supervisor of Elections Tommy Doyle and staff selected the winning pieces from 45 entries; nine from Cypress Lake High School and 36 from North Fort Myers High School.

[Click to watch Supervisor Doyle award the winners.](#)

ELECTIONS CENTER HAPPENINGS



In April, Lee County Elections hosted the Florida Certified Election Professionals (FCEP) classes at the Elections Center Branch Office in Fort Myers. FCEP is a nationally awarded program providing continuing education and certification programs to Florida elections officials, staff, and vendors. FCEP classes are held in a different county every year.

REMEMBERING VERA CRAIG



We remember and honor Vera Craig, a long-time poll worker of Lee County who served her community for an impressive 20 years.

At 101 years old, Vera held the title of the oldest poll worker in the county and the state of Florida. She last proudly fulfilled her duties during the 2022 primary election.

“Vera brought positive energy and a joyful disposition to every election. She will be greatly missed by all of us at Lee Elections,” says Supervisor Doyle.

LEE COUNTY VOTERS! DID YOU KNOW?

Under Florida law,
ALL Vote-by-Mail Ballot
requests expired at the
end of 2022!



You must submit a new request
if you plan to vote by mail in a
municipal, primary, or general
election through 2024.

Contact the
Lee County
Supervisor of
Elections Office
to submit your
request today!

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2480 THOMPSON ST, 3RD FLOOR
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13180 S CLEVELAND AVE
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CAPE CORAL BRANCH OFFICE
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