



CITRUS COUNTY



Voter Guide



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2024 Election Dates

PPP ELECTION

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY

March 19, 2024

Last Day to Register - February 20, 2024

PRIMARY ELECTION

August 20, 2024

Last Day to Register - July 22, 2024

GENERAL ELECTION

November 5, 2024

Last Day to Register - October 7, 2024

WHO CAN VOTE

You May Register to Vote If:

- ★ You are a US Citizen.
- ★ You are 18 years of age. (A person who is otherwise qualified may pre-register on or after that person's 16th birthday to vote in any election occurring on or after their 18th birthday.)
- ★ You are a legal resident of the county in which you wish to vote.

Persons NOT Entitled to Register:

- ★ Anyone convicted of a felony or declared mentally incapacitated with respect to voting may not register to vote until their rights or competency has been restored.
- ★ Any person who is not a citizen of the United States. (Section 97.041, Florida Statutes)

HOW TO REGISTER

You Must Fill Out a Voter Registration Form.

It only takes a few minutes to fill one out and mail or deliver it to our office, the Division of Elections, or any voter registration agency.

Voter Registration Forms are available at:

- ★ Supervisor of Elections Office - Come in person or call our office for an application to be mailed to you (352) 564-7120
- ★ You may download a form at: votecitrus.gov
- ★ Driver License Offices (DMV's)
- ★ Local Libraries
- ★ Public Assistance Offices
- ★ Government Agencies

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WHEN YOU CAN REGISTER

New Registrations

You may register to vote at any time. However, there is a 29 day deadline prior to each election for registering to vote or for changing party affiliation.

The date your voter registration application is postmarked or hand delivered to your county Supervisor of Elections will be your registration date.

When the registration deadline has passed for an election, address and name changes can still be made.

Voter registration and party changes will be accepted, but only for the purpose of subsequent elections. (FS. 97.055)

UPDATE YOUR VOTER RECORD

It is the Voter's Responsibility to Notify the Supervisor of Elections Office if You:

- ★ Changed your address within Citrus County - Notify us by phone, fax, e-mail, or in writing.
- ★ Moved into Citrus County from another county in Florida - Fill out a Voter Registration Application by mail, in person at the Supervisor of Elections Office, the library, or online at registertovoteflorida.gov.



ELECTION WORKERS

Apply to be an Election Worker:

- ★ Applications are available online at votecitrus.gov
- ★ Must be able to read and write in the English language
- ★ Must be registered to vote in Citrus County
- ★ Must attend mandatory training classes
- ★ Need workers with technical and computer skills
- ★ Must have a valid email and computer access
- ★ We are also in search of workers who can speak, read, and write Spanish



CLOSED PRIMARY STATE

What is a Closed Primary?

In a Primary Election, voters are limited to choosing candidates of the party in which they are registered.

If you register with the Republican Party, you are allowed to vote only for republican candidates.

If you register with the Democratic Party, you are allowed to vote only for democratic candidates.

If you register with a minor party or no party affiliation, you are allowed to vote for non-partisan candidates and referenda in the Primary Election.

NOTE: An applicant who fails to designate a political party affiliation will be registered without party affiliation.

UNIVERSAL CONTEST

What is a Universal Contest?

“Universal Primary Contest” refers to a contest in a primary election in which all candidates for an office have the same party affiliation and the winner of that contest will have no opposition in the general election.

When this happens, ALL voters, regardless of party affiliation, will have the opportunity to vote in this race.

VOTER INFORMATION CARD

A voter information card will be mailed to you after your voter registration application is processed.

Please review this card to make sure all of your information is correct, and be aware that your precinct may have changed since the last election.

You do not need this card to vote; however, you do need a valid photo and signature ID. See page 4 of this guide for a list of acceptable photo and signature IDs.

You will receive an updated voter information card if there are any changes.

A new voter information card will be mailed to you when there are any changes to your polling place.

This card is for information purposes only. This card is proof of registration but is not legal verification of the eligibility to vote. It is the responsibility of a voter to keep his or her eligibility status current.

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

How to Request a Vote By Mail Ballot:

- ★ You can request a vote by mail ballot for yourself or for an immediate family member by:
 - Requesting by phone at (352)564-7120
 - Submitting a written request via mail
 - Filling out a vote-by-mail request form at our office
 - Filling out the vote-by-mail ballot request form online at votecitrus.gov
 - Faxing a request to (352) 564-7121
 - Emailing a request to vote@votecitrus.gov
- ★ In order to mail your ballot to an address that is not already in your voter record, we need a request that includes your date of birth, signature, ballot address, and either your Florida driver's license number, Florida ID number, or the last four digits of your social security number.

General Information:

- ★ Ballots are mailed 4 to 5 weeks prior to each election
- ★ Our office only mails ballots to registered voters who request them
- ★ You can make requests for specific elections, or all elections. NOTE: In the past, vote by mail requests lasted for two election cycles; however, due to a change in Florida law in 2021, requests for vote by mail ballots currently are for one election cycle.
- ★ Any qualified registered voter in Citrus County is entitled to a vote by mail ballot. The ballot may be requested in person, by mail, e-mail, fax, or by phone. An immediate family member or legal guardian may request a vote by mail ballot for a voter. Immediate family means the voter's spouse, parent, child, grandchild, grandparent or sibling.

RETURNING YOUR BALLOT

You Can Return Your Vote By Mail Ballot:

- ★ By mail - Postage is Prepaid!
- ★ In person at the Supervisor of Elections Office during Business Hours.
- ★ In person at any of the Early Vote sites during Early Voting.
- ★ Ballots must be received by 7pm on Election day.
- ★ On Election Day, vote by mail ballots must be turned in to the Supervisor of Elections office. You cannot turn in your ballot at your polling precinct.
- ★ Your vote by mail ballot may be returned to the Supervisor of Elections office in person or by mail. It must be received in the Supervisor of Elections office in Crystal River by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

NOTE: Voters, when returning your VOTE BY MAIL ballot by US Postal Service, please allow for extra delivery time.

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AT A POLLING PLACE.

EARLY VOTING

Early Voting Dates:

PPP ELECTION

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March 8th - 16th, 2024

Open 10:00 AM - 6:00PM

PRIMARY ELECTION

August 9th - 17th, 2024

Open 9:00 AM - 6:00PM

GENERAL ELECTION

Oct 21st - Nov 2nd, 2024

Open 8:30 AM - 6:00PM

Early Voting Locations:

- ★ **Central Ridge Library**
425 W Roosevelt Blvd, Beverly Hills, FL 34465
- ★ **Central Ridge Community Center**
77 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills, FL 34465
- ★ **Supervisor of Elections Office**
1500 N Meadowcrest Blvd, Crystal River, FL 34429
- ★ **Homosassa Public Library**
4100 S Grandmarch Ave, Homosassa, FL 34446
- ★ **Inverness City Hall**
212 W Main St, Inverness, FL 34450

ELECTION DAY INFORMATION

Polls Are Open on Election Day from 7:00am to 7:00pm.

The name and address of your polling location will be on your voter information card. Be aware that due to redistricting, your polling location may have changed from the last time you voted.

REMINDER: You must show photo and signature identification. Both the photo and the signature ID may be on one ID or they may be on two separate ID's. Lack of a photo and signature ID will require the voter to cast a provisional ballot. (Florida Statute 101.043(2))

Election Day Checklist:

- ★ Know Your Polling Location (Located on your voter information card.)
- ★ Have your photo and signature ID ready.
- ★ Be an informed voter by researching candidates and issues. (You may mark a sample ballot and bring it in with you.)

VOTING A PROVISIONAL BALLOT

What is a Provisional Ballot?

(FS. 101.048)

If you do not bring ID or if there is any question about your eligibility to vote, you may vote a provisional ballot.

Provisional ballots may be issued at polling precincts on Election Day or at Early Voting sites.

You'll mark your ballot just as you would normally, but instead of putting it through the scanner at the voting site, your voted ballot will go into a "provisional envelope" and be delivered to our office. If your eligibility to vote can be verified, the ballot will be counted.

Provisional ballots are sealed in a special envelope and kept separate from regular ballots. The county canvassing board is responsible for examining the provisional ballot envelope and making a determination as to the voter's eligibility.

If you receive a provisional ballot, you will also receive a tracking number, which you can use to see the canvassing board's decision on the ballot's eligibility.

Please be aware that the canvassing board will not meet until after election day.

To track your provisional ballot visit our website:

votecitrus.gov > [Voter Information](#) > [Provisional Ballot Status](#)

DID YOU KNOW ?

Your signature may change over time.

- ★ When you complete a mail ballot, your signature is compared to your signature currently on file at the elections office.
- ★ To ensure your mail ballot is counted, update your signature today by using a voter registration application.
- ★ You can mail or hand deliver your vote by mail ballot to the elections office.
- ★ ADA accessible ballots are available for disabled voters upon request.



PHOTO AND SIGNATURE ID

Acceptable Forms of Photo and Signature ID Include:

(ID Must be Current and Valid)

- Florida Driver's License
- Florida ID
- U.S. Passport
- Military ID
- Student ID
- Retirement Center ID
- Debit or Credit Card with Photo
- Neighborhood Association ID
- Public Assistance ID
- Veteran Health Identification Card issued by the United States Health Department of Veterans Affairs
- A License to Carry a Concealed Weapon or Firearm Issued Pursuant to S. 790.06
- Employee Identification Card Issued by any Branch, Department, Agency, or Entity of the Federal Government, the State, a County, or a Municipality.

HOW TO MARK YOUR CITRUS COUNTY BALLOT

Citrus County uses an optical scan system with a paper ballot. You must completely fill in the oval on your ballot.

USE A BLACK PEN. TO MARK YOUR BALLOT CORRECTLY, FILL IN THE OVAL NEXT TO YOUR CHOICE.

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|----------------------------------|------------------|
| US PRESIDENT | - Vote for ONE - |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> | YOUR CHOICE |
| <input type="radio"/> | NOT Your Choice |

IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE:

If you make a mistake on your ballot, please do not erase or use white out. If you are voting at your polling place, ask for another ballot.

If you are voting by mail, please call the Supervisor of Elections office at (352) 564-7120 for instructions.

VOTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND BILL OF RIGHTS

VOTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Each registered voter in this state should:

1. Familiarize himself or herself with the candidates and issues.
2. Maintain a current address with the office of the Supervisor of Elections.
3. Know the location of his or her polling place and its hours of operation.
4. Bring proper identification to the polling station.
5. Familiarize himself or herself with the operation of the voting equipment in his or her precinct.
6. Treat election workers with courtesy.
7. Respect the privacy of other voters.
8. Report any problems or violations of elections laws to the Supervisor of Elections.
9. Ask questions, if needed.
10. Make sure that his or her completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling station.

NOTE TO VOTER: Failure to perform any of these responsibilities does not prohibit a voter from voting.

VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

Each registered voter in this state has the right to:

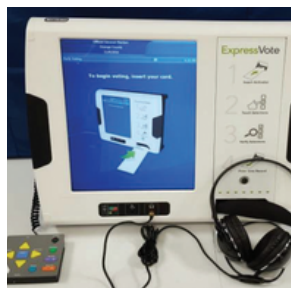
1. Vote and have his or her vote accurately counted.
2. Cast a vote if he or she is in line at the official closing of the polls in that county.
3. Ask for and receive assistance in voting.
4. Receive up to two replacement ballots if he or she makes a mistake prior to the ballot being cast.
5. An explanation if his or her registration or identity is in question.
6. If his or her registration or identity is in question, cast a provisional ballot.
7. Written instructions to use when voting, and upon request, oral instructions in voting from election officers.
8. Vote free from coercion or intimidation by election officers or any other person.
9. Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast. (F.S. 101.031)

OPTICAL SCAN VOTING

- ★ ES&S DS200 optical scanners are used at all Early Voting and Election Day polling sites.
- ★ Once a ballot is marked, the voter places their ballot in the DS200 scanner and their ballot is counted.
- ★ All voters in Florida use paper ballots to vote.



EXPRESS VOTE



The Supervisor of Elections Office provides voting to aid persons with disabilities. The ExpressVote is a paper based ballot marking system that utilizes a touch screen for the voter to mark their ballot on a paper ballot card which is then inserted into the DS200 tabulator.

The ExpressVote ballot marking device allows blind and visually impaired voters to vote independently by accessing the system's audio feature. An ExpressVote device will be available in each early voting site and polling precinct and may be used by all voters.

ADA ACCESSIBLE BALLOTS

ADA Accessible Ballots are Available:

You can receive a vote-by-mail ballot through an electronic ballot delivery and marking system. This allows a person with disabilities to receive a ballot electronically upon request. A voted ballot may only be returned in person or by mail. Voted ballots cannot be returned electronically.

Please contact the Supervisor of Elections Office at (352)564-7120 if you are need of an ADA Accessible Ballot.

BE AN INFORMED VOTER

Resources for Researching Candidates:

Please visit our website for additional information:

votecitrus.gov > [Voter Education](#) > [How to be an Informed Voter](#)

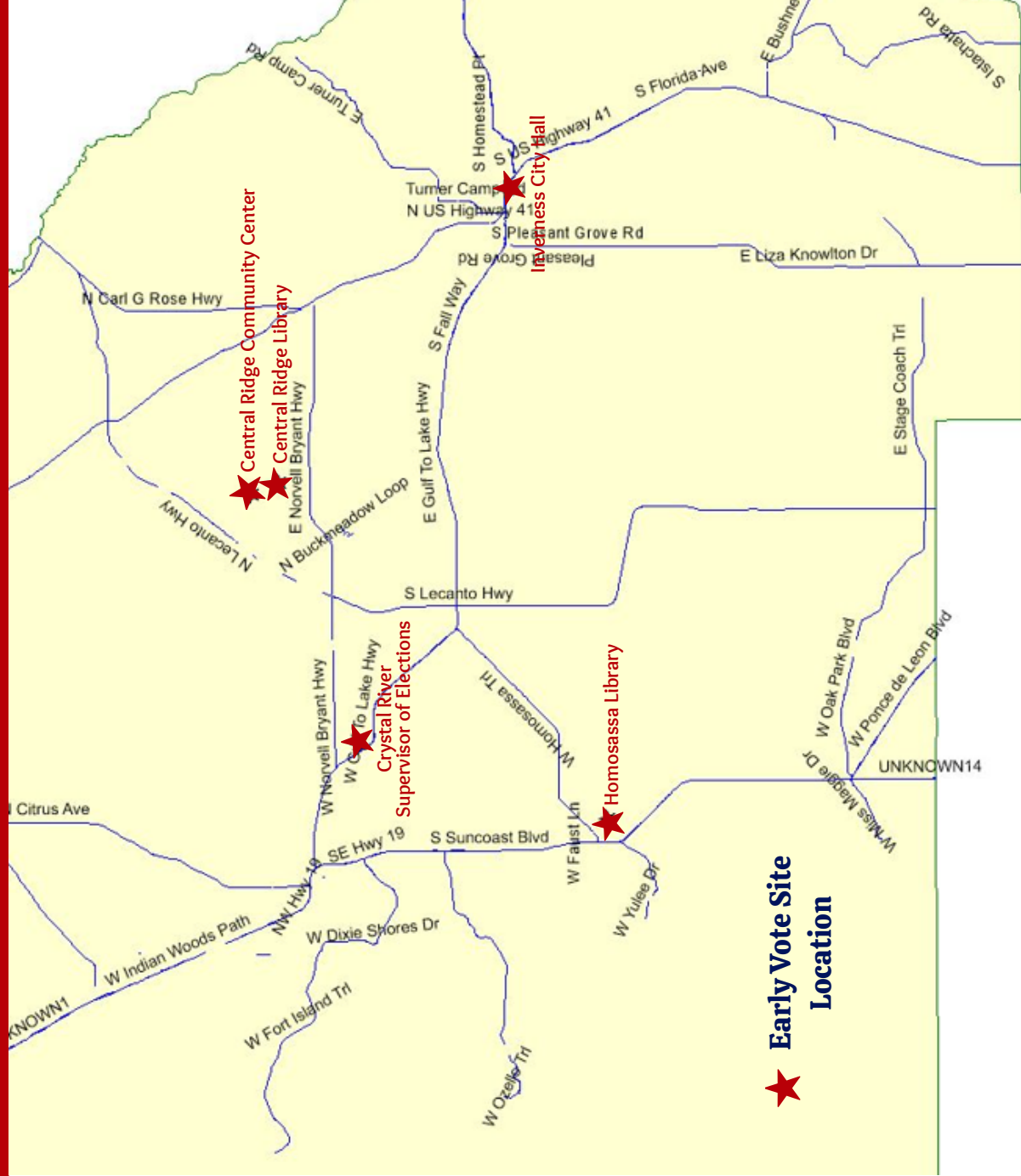
If you wish to research the platforms of local candidates, profiles and financial reports on local candidates are available at our website:

votecitrus.gov > [Candidates/Committees](#) > [Candidate Profiles and Financial Reports](#)

Sample Ballots are also available at votecitrus.gov or you can find them at the Supervisor of Elections Office.

For more information when researching Judicial Candidates, you can visit floridabar.org, or you can find a Guide for Florida Voters on Judicial Elections at the Supervisor of Elections Office or on our website at votecitrus.gov under the Voter Information tab.

Early Voting Location Map



Early Voting Dates and Times

All dates and times subject to change.

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425 W Roosevelt Blvd

Beverly Hills, FL 34465

Central Ridge Community Center

77 Civic Circle

Beverly Hills, FL 34465

Crystal River Elections Office

1500 N Meadowcrest Blvd

Crystal River, FL 34429

Homosassa Public Library

4100 S Grandmarch Ave

Homosassa, FL 34446

Inverness City Hall

212 W Main St

Inverness, FL 34450

Voters can vote at any Early Vote Site regardless of their residential address.

ELECTION SECURITY FACTS

Decentralized Elections in Florida

Each of Florida's 67 counties maintain their own local voter registration database and voting system. The two systems are not networked together. The voting system is a stand alone system certified by the Florida Bureau of Voting Systems Certification.

Paper Ballots Only

All voters in Citrus County cast their vote using a paper ballot, which allows for a FULL AUDIT of an election. Electronic poll books are used at all Early Vote sites and polling precincts.

Pre-Election Testing

All voting equipment is thoroughly tested prior to each election. Our testing procedures in Citrus County are according to the guidelines set forth in the Florida Statutes.

A public testing called the Logic and Accuracy testing of the voting system is held during a public meeting of the Canvassing Board.

Results Reporting

Election night unofficial results will be posted on the Supervisor of Elections website until final certification. The results will be compared to the voter registration data and voter tabulation reports for accuracy.

Post-Election Audit

After each election, a Post Election Audit is required by law. Citrus County uses an independent auditing system to count all ballots for the entire election. This process is a 100% audit of the election. This system is a standalone system and not part of the tabulation system.

We highly recommend reviewing the materials available on our website or giving us a call at (352) 564-7120 if you have any questions concerning elections security.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What voting equipment is used?

ES&S DS200 optical scanners and ExpressVote ballot marking devices are at all Early Voting and Election Day sites.

Does it matter how I insert my ballot in the scanner?

No. You can place either end into the scanner with either side up.

Do I have to vote in all the races?

No. The ballot scanner will count your votes in all of the races that you marked.

What if I vote for too many candidates in a race?

If you're voting in person, the ballot scanner will alert you that you have "overvoted" and allow you to request a new ballot or cast the ballot anyway. If you cast a ballot with an overvote (in person or by mail), all races except the overvoted race will be counted.

What if I do not vote in ANY races?

The scanner will alert you that the ballot is blank. You can choose to cast the blank ballot or get assistance from a poll worker.

What if I make a mistake on my ballot?

If you're voting by mail, call our office and let us know you need a new ballot. If you're voting in person, tell a poll worker. You can have up to three ballots, including the original. The ballot(s) with mistakes will be sealed inside a "spoiled ballot" envelope. If you make a mistake on your third ballot, the ballot cannot be corrected.

Can I change my ballot once it has been cast?

No. Once your ballot has been scanned and accepted by the optical scanner or your mail ballot has been received by our office, your ballot cannot be retrieved or changed. You may only cast one ballot.

If I receive a Vote By Mail ballot, can I change my mind and vote in person?

Yes. In that case, your Vote By Mail ballot will be canceled at the polling place.

What happens to my ballot after I've voted?

Paper ballots are secured and available for recounts or audits. We store ballots for 22 months.

How do I know that my ballot will be counted?

If you vote by mail, you can track your ballot on our website to see when your voted ballot has been received and counted. When you vote in person, the screen on the scanner indicates that your ballot has been accepted.



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