

Use Your Voice...



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# Citrus County Supervisor of Elections 2015

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!



### A Note from Susan Gill .....

Saying hello to the New Year for the elections office means saying good bye to a successful 2014 election cycle as well as getting ready for the 2016 presidential election year. The 2014 elections went very well, with Citrus County's turnout at almost 61% in the General Election, which ranked high in the state for voter participation.

We are now focused on the 2016 election cycle, which starts with the Presidential Preference Primary (PPP) on March 1, 2016. The PPP will be an open presidential race meaning there will be candidates from both major political parties. The 2016 General Election is anticipated to have a 25% higher turnout than the General Election of 2014.

New electronic poll books (Evids) were successfully used in 2014 at the early vote sites and will be introduced at all 31 polling places on Election Day. The electronic poll books will provide great benefits for voters and election administration.

The staff and I are looking forward to working with our loyal poll workers and recruiting new ones. We are ready to assist voters with their election questions and registration needs. Contact us with any questions or concerns.

*Susan Gill*

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." Henry Ford

### A Look Back....

A Recap of 2014....



- Precinct moves
- Precinct name changes
- Early Voting hours were the same for Primary & General
- New Evid machines at Early voting locations
- New address locator (Ed)
- Community Participation

<b>THE NOTE NOOK</b>
<b>2016 ELECTION DATES</b>
◆ PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY March 1, 2016
◆ PRIMARY August 30, 2016
◆ GENERAL November 8, 2016

## Who helps make it happen?

It takes a team to make it happen at the elections office. We are made up of several squads that come together with the common goal; to insure the integrity of the election process. One group, called “The Supervised Voting Team,” is part of the process. Our office contacted twenty-one (21) health care center and assisted living facilities in the county. We conducted supervised voting at ten (10) of the locations. Members of the supervised voting team are trained election workers with different party affiliations.

Pictured L to R: Dave Dunham, Michele Wilson, Sandy Hume (Team Leader) and Donna Petrik



### BEST WISHES

Bon Voyage and Best Wishes to **Eileen Ronk** who retired December 19, 2014. She was our Election Services Support Associate a/k/a Early Vote Coordinator. She was here over 8 years and we will miss her. THANKS FOR ALL YOU BROUGHT TO THE TEAM!

### See you at the Fair!

The Supervisor of Elections Office will have a booth at the Citrus County Fair, March 23-28 this year. We are available to assist Citrus County residents who wish to register or change their voting information. We bring election’s office services to the community because we realize they are not always able to come to us.

## What happens to my voted ballot?

When an election is over and the ballots are laid to rest, they must be safely stored, by law, for up to 22 months. Not only must the ballots be stored, but the certificate envelope that they are received in must be kept as well. After the reconciliation of the election and all required procedures have been completed, the ballots are removed from the main office to another warehouse until the statutory destruction date. When that date arrives, a company comes and shreds both the ballots and envelopes.



This is one place where records live.  
Some get destroyed and others live forever.