

# CITRUS COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS



## 2017 FALL NEWSLETTER

### **New Space for the Elections Office**

It is true! After years of requesting additional space for the elections office, we finally have a plan. The elections office will occupy space in the West Citrus Government Center at Meadowcrest. Currently, the tax collector and the property appraiser occupy space in the building and the elections office utilizes space during election cycles for early voting and customer service.

The move is all part of a plan to relocate various county offices including Guardian Ad Litem, the sheriff, clerk, supervisor of elections and ultimately the board of county commissioners' offices. We are currently looking at a spring 2019 move date. Funding for the renovation becomes available on October 1, 2018, the first day of the fiscal year.

At Meadowcrest, we will have offices and tabulation areas, training rooms, an early vote room and most importantly a climate controlled warehouse for equipment. As the voting process becomes more electronic, proper warehousing of all types of equipment is paramount.

Per the Florida Constitution, we will maintain an office in the County Seat of Inverness. The plan is to occupy a portion of the office in the same location as is used presently. The remainder of the office will be occupied by the Board of County Commissioners to make more room for the judges in the courthouse.

We are excited about the move and an opportunity to finally have the space we need for our operations.

*Sincerely,*

*Susan Gill*

## PRECINCT CHANGES



Change is the one consistency, especially in the world of elections. We do try, however, to make it for the better!

In the 2016 General Election, Precinct 110, which is located at the Citrus Springs Community Center, had 6,959 registered voters and 2,207 of the voters attended the polls on Election Day. Needless to say, this certainly kept our poll workers jumping. Therefore, because of the growth in Citrus Springs, we decided to split Precinct 110 into two Citrus Springs precincts for the voters' convenience. The newly formed precinct will be known as Precinct 103 and is located at the Citrus Springs Church of God, 9921 N. Deltona Blvd., Citrus Springs.

Precinct 401, formally located at the Crossroad Baptist Church on Jasmine Lane, has been merged with Precinct 402 located at the Church of the Nazarene, 211 N. Florida Ave., in Hernando.

We still have 31 precincts in Citrus County and hope our poll workers and our voters will be pleased with these changes. All voters in these locations have been mailed new voter information cards. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Elections Office at 352-341-6740.

### Online Voter Registration (OVR)

On October 1, 2017, online voter registration will be implemented in Florida. By the end of the year, 38 states will have online voter registration available.

Once operational, the OVR system's functionality will allow for a web-based submission for new and existing registrants, **who have** a Florida driver license or state identification card. Additionally, for all other persons **without** a Florida driver license or state identification card, the system will populate the voter registration information into a printable voter registration application that can be printed, signed and mailed or delivered to our office for processing.

The Department of State (DOS) also reached out to five other States with operational OVR systems, for feedback on their respective experience, governing rules, laws and lessons learned.

**How does online voter registration work?** Voters will be able to access an electronic voter registration application on our website [www.votecitrus.com](http://www.votecitrus.com), and complete the electronic form online.

Voters will be able to register, change their party affiliation or their address using OVR. Voters who have a name change or a new registration without a FL Driver's License or FL ID will have to complete a paper application, to enable the elections office to capture their new signature.

# Supervisor of Elections Office and the Citrus County Educational Foundation

## Partner to Promote Civics Education

The Supervisor of Elections Office and the Citrus County Educational Foundation are partnering to promote civics education by providing each 7<sup>th</sup> grader and each 12<sup>th</sup> grader a pocket edition of the U.S. Constitution and a refrigerator magnet displaying the United States Bill of Rights.



In 2010, the Sandra Day O'Connor Law was passed by the Florida Legislature requiring all seventh graders to have civics education classes. In Citrus County, the seventh grade students have an entire year of civics education fulfilling their social studies requirement. As a result, the State testing results in social studies have increased and we are on our way to educating more informed citizens.

The students graduating in 2018 will also have a half year of civics education. It is hoped that the seniors will gain a better understanding of the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights, as they make their passage into adulthood.

Many thanks to our partner Beth Bedee, Teacher on Special Assignment for Social Studies, who works tirelessly to promote civics education in the Citrus County School System.



**Tim Gunsteens** our IT manager, was recently awarded his CISSP Certification. He spent three months studying, then a weeklong intense Boot-Camp, followed by a grueling 6 hour exam which he passed.



CISSP stands for *Certified Information Systems Security Professional*. The certification is devised and presented by the International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium (ISCC), a global non-profit organization specializing in IT security.

The CISSP certification is the ideal credential for those with proven deep technical and managerial competence, skills, experience, and credibility to design, engineer, implement, and manage their overall information security program to protect organizations

from growing sophisticated attacks. Not only is the CISSP an objective measure of excellence, it is also a globally recognized standard of achievement. CONGRATULATIONS TIM!



## FAREWELL

*Since this is my final 'meeting of the staff',*

*I've dug up some memories that I hope make you laugh!*

*There was the Election of 2000– would it be Bush, would it be Gore?*

*But I think who lost the most was poor Theresa LaPore.*

*We've had spinach dip, cheesecake, sausage and grits,*

*Pork loin, baked ziti, lots of chips and great dips.*

*We've enjoyed these great feasts, but here's what I think . . .*

*We should tell scientists ~ good food makes clothes shrink!*

*We had great birthday parties and they all had a theme,*

*But mine was the best ~ the redneck dogs were a scream!*

*So, although this chapter may be coming to an end,*

*I'll start an exciting new one just around the bend.*

*I thought it'd take forever, but it's coming up soon;*

*But hey! By this time next month, I'll be sleeping till noon!*

*We've been through a lot over my past 18 years;*

*We've shared lots of laughs, we've shared lots of tears.*

*It's been a wonderful ride, with this amazing group;*

*And yes, Susan, it will feel strange being out of the loop.*

*It's been a fabulous journey and you've all played a part;*

*And I want each of you to know ~ you're forever in my heart.*



*MaryAnn Boline September 1, 2017*