

November 2022

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NEXT MEETING: Monday November 7 @ 6PM via Zoom only

To join us, [send an email to James Tock](#) and he'll send you a link.

From the Chair, Diana Williams

Our volunteers are working on all cylinders! While we continue to work on our coordinated campaign implementation, the candidates are looking for folks to wave signs. Please call the individual campaigns for direction on when and where. If you have a sign, you are welcome to stand on busy street corners and wave for support!



The "Souls to the Polls" event in Ocala on Sunday, October 30, was a huge success! Loretta Jenkins was there to inspire all of us to GET OUT TO VOTE!! Community leaders spoke of the importance of voting and lunch was provided along with DEC cupcakes for dessert. Former Governor Buddy MacKay lead a caravan of about 80 cars to the Supervisor of Elections office to encourage everyone to vote.

We need a spectacular turnout of voters to win our seats!! Please talk to your like-minded relatives and friends and make sure they make their vote count!

The DEC office volunteers are fielding calls for ballot questions, and you may still call me at [352-817-4174](tel:352-817-4174) for discussion of candidates and amendments. We are here to help!

See you at the polls!

Diana Williams, Chair DEC



Let's Send a Message in 2022!

DEC Voting Guide

National Races

- U.S. Senator: **Val Demings**
- U.S. Representative District 3: **Danielle Hawk**

State Races

- Governor: **Charlie Crist**
- Attorney General: **Aramis Ayala**
- Commissioner of Agriculture: **Naomi Esther Blemur**
- Chief Financial Officer: **Adam Hattersley**
- State Senator, District 9: **Rodney Long**
- State Representative, District 21: **Yvonne Hinson**
- Retention of State Supreme Court Justices: Vote **Yes** for **Justice Jorge Labarga** and **No** for **all others**.
- Retention of District Court of Appeals Judges: Vote **Yes** for **Judge Jay Cohen** and **No** for **all others**.

Constitutional Amendments

- #1 Limitation on the Assessment of Real Property Used for Residential Purposes: **No**
- #2 Abolishing the Constitution Revision Commission: **Yes**
- #3 Additional Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Specified Critical Public Services Workforce: **Yes**

Local Elections

- Approval of continuing one mill ad valorem tax for School District operating expenses: **Yes**
- Board of County Commissioners, District 4: **Write-in Candidate – Brian C. Donnelly**
- Dunnellon City Council Seat 3: C. **Anita Williams**
- Dunnellon City Council Seat 4: **Valerie Porter Hanchar**
- McIntosh Town Council: **Scott D. Mullikin**
- Town of McIntosh Amendments:
 - Procedure and Meetings: **Yes**
 - No Mayoral Vote: **Yes**



Important Voting Information

MAKE SURE TO CHECK YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION STATUS IN ADVANCE!

votemarion.gov/myvoterinfo

Early Voting

Early voting ends November 5. Polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. every day, including Saturday and Sunday.

Registered voters may cast a vote at any early voting site, regardless of assigned precinct.

Secure Ballot Intake Stations (formerly known as drop boxes) are located at all early voting sites:

- **Marion County Election Center**
981 NE 16th St
Ocala, FL 34470
- **Freedom Public Library**
5870 SW 95th St
Ocala, FL 34476
- **Belleview Public Library**
13145 SE Hwy 484
Belleview, FL 34420
- **Reddick Community Center**
4345 NW 152nd St
Reddick, FL 32686
- **Deputy Brian Litz Building**
9048 SW Hwy 200
Ocala, FL 34481
- **Silver Springs Shores Community Center**
590 Silver Road
Ocala, FL 34472
- **Dunnellon Public Library**
20351 Robinson Road
Dunnellon, FL 3443
- **The Villages Mulberry Center (Liberty Room)**
8445 SE 165th Mulberry Lane
The Villages, FL 32162
- **Forest Public Library**
905 S Hwy 314A
Ocklawaha, FL 32179

General Election Information

Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the general election on Tuesday, November 8. **You must vote in your assigned precinct.**

When you vote in person, you must present valid identification.

Acceptable Forms of Identification include the following:

- Florida driver's license
- Florida identification card issued by HSMV
- U.S. passport
- Debit or credit card
- Military identification
- Student identification
- Retirement center identification
- Neighborhood association identification
- Public assistance identification
- Veteran health identification card issued by the VA

- Concealed carry permit 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

Two forms of identification may be presented if one form contains the voter's photo and the other form contains the voter's signature.

Latest News

Keep up with all the important things affecting our county, state, and country.



Thank You North Marion Precinct Captains and Volunteers!

Veterans Day is Friday, November 11

Join us for the Annual Veterans Day Program on Friday, November 11 at 11 a.m. at the Ocala/Marion County Veterans Memorial Park, located at 2601 E. Fort King Street.

And remember, one of the best ways to thank a veteran for his or her service is by exercising your right to vote!!

North Marion Precinct Captains and volunteers have left copies of Marion DEC ballot recommendations and information on candidates at over 42 Black churches from 326 to Micanopy and from Sparr/Anthony to rural Reddick and created yard sign parks in three heavy traffic areas. We continue to canvass registered Democrats who vote infrequently and have not returned a VBM ballot. When the voters are not at home, we leave them the DEC recommendations.



Marion County Democrats and Friends Help Hurricane Ian Survivors

Marion County Democrats and friends came together quickly to donate over \$900 worth of cleaning supplies, personal care products, and food and over \$1,000 in funds for our neighbors in Southwest Florida impacted by Hurricane Ian.

The Ocala VFW Post 4209, Candler Post 4493, and my home served as local collection sites. Stone Creek Indivisible members gave enough food and supplies to fill the back of Kaye Abight and Bill Freeman's Subaru (*pictured*). "It was our pleasure to help," Kaye said. "Everyone who donated commented to me that they were glad to have the opportunity to donate."

An abundance of thanks to all who helped, including Kaye Abight and Bill Freeman, Mark and Diane Wheaton, Jim Singer, Jane and Jerry Siegel, Sheila Loughlin, Roz Shapiro, Debbie Fordham, Pat Hawk, Pat Valerga, and her neighbor.

VFW posts in Fort Myers served as distribution relief sites for the public. Within hours after the hurricane's arrival, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Charlie Crist organized a tour bus that traveled around the state to pick up donations for delivery to Hurricane Ian survivors.

Submitted by Mary Savage

Nominations Now Being Accepted for 2023 DEC Officers

The DEC will hold elections for the offices of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer at the December 5th meeting. The Nominations Committee would like to have all nominations submitted by **November 15**. Submit nominations to Joyce Blake at blakejag90@embarqmail.com. Please label the subject line "DEC Nominations."

What Has the Coordinated Campaign Done to Get Out the Vote?



You've seen our pleas for volunteers to help with the 2022 mid-term elections. So, what has the Coordinated Campaign been up to since the primaries to get out the vote? Plenty!

We sent a mass email to over 15,000 Marion County Democrats and No Party Affiliates (NPA's) who had requested a mail ballot.

The mass email was a voting guide on how to vote by mail and in person. The email included the list of Democratic candidates supported by the Marion County Democratic Party. We were not going to miss an opportunity to get our candidates' names out there.

We followed with a candidate slate card campaign.

We had 10,000 candidate slate cards printed for a target audience of new Democrats, some infrequently voting Democrats, and left-leaning NPA's (LL NPA's). The goal was to provide the tools to new and infrequent voters to get them out to vote. We asked for volunteers to provide the postage and get the slate cards ready for mailing, and the volunteers came through for us! The demand for slate cards was so great, we had to go back to the printer for 1,100 more slate cards. Thank you to all who helped, especially our "super volunteers" who were responsible for sending over 1,000 postcards each: Dan Lack and On Top of the World, Kaye Abight and the Indivisible Group, John Papparone and Stone Creek, and Pat Dalzell and Spruce Creek in Summerfield.

We are in the midst of a texting campaign aimed at over 15,000 Democrats and LL NPA women voters ages 18–60 with a message about the importance of reproductive rights. Thanks to all who are busy right now pushing through those messages.

In the pipeline are **two robocalling campaigns** that should reach a total of 15,000 voters. The first robocall will remind voters of early voting dates and ask them to vote for our Democratic candidates. The second robocall will go out just before Election Day with a similar message and information about Election Day voting.

LaVonda McCandless and Mary Ann Lambert put together a phone banking and canvassing campaign with the help of the Precinct Captains. The Democratic Women's Club did a phone banking campaign chasing after those who haven't returned their mail ballots.

When we are done, it looks like we will reach over 60,000 voters in Marion County. We cannot thank our volunteers enough. It's a battle to get Democratic votes in Marion County, and we need your help to fight the good fight!

Submitted by Sheila J. Loughlin and Jim Tock

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a Marion
County
Democrat?**

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on our new
Democrat-Owned
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contact@mariondems.org**

<https://www.mariondems.org/democrat-owned-businesses-in-marion-county-florida/>

Make check donations to the Marion County Democratic Party payable to
"Marion County DEC" and mail to P.O. Box 6476, Ocala, FL 34478

[Click here to make a Donation to the Marion County Democratic Party](#)

Get Involved

People make the party. Bring your time, your talent, and your great ideas.
With your participation, we can make a difference!



Clubs & Caucuses

Click [here](#) to find information on all the Democratic clubs and caucuses in Marion County.



Volunteer

Click [here](#) to find out about all of the ways you can volunteer to help Democrats get elected.

The **[Stone Creek Democratic Club](#)** hosted candidates Danielle Hawk and Brian Donnelly on October 20. Members also participated in the slate postcard mail-out campaign.

[On Top of the World Democratic Club](#) will meet on Wednesday, November 16 at 6 p.m., instead of the usual fourth Wednesday due to the Thanksgiving holiday. They will have their annual roundtable discussion (without the round table).

The **[Oak Run Democratic Club](#)** (ORDC) meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month (except December) at the Oak Run Orchid Club. Gina Capone, write-in candidate for County Commission District 2 seat, was their guest in October. Thanks to a "new-neighbor" outreach program and a precinct-dedicated website managed by its two precinct captains, club membership has increased over 40% in the last year. The ORDC's November meeting will be one of their popular social events. Catered by Sonny's BBQ, this event presents a great environment for progressives, whether Democrat or No Party Affiliated, to gather. The interim president of the ORDC is Gary Greene. New elections for board positions will be held early in 2023.

The [Democratic Women's Club of Marion County](#) has had a very busy year, including two candidate forums, a fish fry fundraiser, and their annual EqualiTea. Their final meeting of the year will be their year-end Holiday Bash on Saturday, November 19 from 12:30–3 p.m. at Howard Academy's Cafetorium. Members and friends are welcome to enjoy fellowship, food, music, and fun!

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Richard Perry & Joyce Blake

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