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MISSION STATEMENT
“We convey the voice of the people by providing fair, accurate, and accessible elections with transparency and integrity.”
- Jerry Holland



My office and I would first like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. With an exciting start to the New Year the Presidential Preference Primary, on January 31st, my office is engulfed in full preparation. The Presidential Preference Primary Election involves all of Duval County's 250 Precincts and is a closed primary election. Only registered Republicans in Duval County are eligible to vote for the Republican

Presidential Candidates. However Neptune Beach voters are an exception, all voters residing in Neptune Beach are eligible to vote for a local referendum.

This year my office kicked off a Track your “Vote by Mail” campaign that will continue throughout 2012. The campaign was created so that each voter that requests a “Vote by Mail” ballot will receive a postcard giving specific details on where they can go to track their “Vote by Mail” ballot. The goal of this campaign is to encourage all Duval County voters to track their “Vote by Mail” ballots by visiting our newly designed website throughout the 2012 Presidential Election season.

As we prepare for the monumental 2012 election season I would like to thank you for your continued support and dedication to the democratic process. I look forward to providing fair, accurate and accessible elections to all Duval county residents with transparency and integrity.

MICROSOFT TAGGING



GET THE FREE MOBILE APP
FOR YOUR PHONE
<http://gettag.mobi>

If Santa brought you a Smart Phone over the Holiday Season your civic responsibilities just got easier in Duval County. Our Office has joined many other counties in Florida aspiring to make it as easy as a snap and a click to connect and update your voter records, using tag code and smart phone technology. Tags are those color coded symbols contacting information which is scanned, by citizens, with an objective in mind, free of charge. However, to tag, smart phone users must download the free app from the app store at <http://gettag.mobi/>. The objective is simply to connect registered voters and non-registered citizens with our office quickly.

It's an efficient means of providing voter information such as helping voters update addresses, make name changes, designate party affiliations and request absentee ballots. Tagging can also connect voters to our office website. Tags are posted on our website at www.duval elections.com and other publications by our office, so check back often for updated messages!

GRANT AWARDED TO DUVAL COUNTY MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS

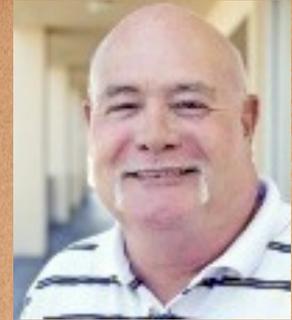
The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) announced that Duval County and 13 other Florida counties were awarded a \$1.6 million grant by the Department of Defense. The Electronic Absentee Systems for Elections (EASE) grant enhances electronic systems, as in online registration, absentee ballot request and blank ballot delivery for military and overseas voters.

The EASE will provide greater online access allowing Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) voters to register and request absentee ballots as well as retrieve, mark and track their ballots all online. It will automate voter registration and absentee ballot requests, ensuring expedited ballot delivery, providing a more effective and seamless UOCAVA process.

Counties in Florida involved in the consortium entitled Our Mission: Your Vote are: Baker, Bay, Bradford, Clay, Duval, Escambia, Leon, Nassau, Okaloosa, Pinellas, Putnam, Sarasota and Wakulla. The EASE grant will begin to be implemented during the 2012 election cycle.

“Greater online systems will establish a simpler process for the UOCAVA voters while maintaining the integrity of the voting process for each voter whether overseas or stateside”, stated Supervisor of Elections Jerry Holland. The EASE grant could potentially impact Duval County’s current Military and Overseas population of 14,972.

NEW STAFF MEMBER!



Meet David Hester

Many of you will remember David Hester as the interim Warehouse Manager when Ed Lofberg retired before the City Elections in 2011. With months of working in the Election Center, David was hired as a full time employee, where he enjoys daily exercising his deep passion for elections and the democratic process.

David is now the Election Center Warehouse Manager and is responsible for maintaining all the voting equipment in the warehouse and training all election warehouse personnel. With a background in warehouse management and with almost 40 years of experience it was a natural fit for David to become the Warehouse Manager.

Born in Douglas, Georgia, David moved to Jacksonville at age 10. When not working, David’s hobbies include anything to do with Hunting and Fishing. David resides in Jacksonville and enjoys spending time with his two sons Josh and Chase and his two grandchildren Trace, age 6, and Kennedy, 6 months old. Welcome David Hester to the Elections Center Team.

ELECTIONS OFFICE GIVES BACK



Through the Salvation Army Angel Program, the Elections Office was able to help make Christmas extra special for seven local families this Holiday season. This is the sixth year the Elections Office has participated in the Salvation Army Angel program to help local families in our community.

This year the Elections Office adopted seven children who were recommended by the Salvation Army. Seven SOE employees purchased toys and clothing for the Salvation Army Angels which were delivered to an undisclosed location by Jacksonville’s Fire Department.



“This is the true meaning of Christmas, even though our office is in the midst of preparing for the Presidential Preference Primary, my staff and I consider an opportunity like this a privilege to give back to our local community, by helping local families and partnering with the Salvation Army” stated Supervisor Holland.



NATURALIZATION



Monthly our office has the liberty of attending the Naturalization Ceremonies held at the Federal Courthouse. After taking the Oath, newly naturalized citizens are given their first opportunity to become registered voters (Photo Right). Our office was thrilled as all of the 50 newly naturalized citizens eagerly registered to vote for the first time.



BROACH SCHOOL VISIT



Supervisor Holland had the privilege of educating the next generation at the Broach School – Westside Campus. Students enjoyed putting their knowledge to the test as they played “Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader”. Each Student

also had the opportunity to vote for their favorite past time and cast their ballot through the Optical Scanner.



DELEGATES FROM IRAQ

Our office had the honor of hosting 6 delegates from Iraq where the visiting delegates observed how our office is responsible for elections and discussed the interpretation of election laws. The delegates then contributed in a discussion of the electoral process, including protecting voting rights, voter registration, and overseeing free and fair elections. The visiting delegates were asked about their electoral process and how they motivate citizens in Iraq to vote.



2012 DATES TO REMEMBER



- JANUARY 1** ✦ New Year's Day
- JANUARY 2** ✦ Winter Holiday (City Offices Closed)
- JANUARY 3** ✦ Books Close for Presidential Preference Primary
- JANUARY 4** ✦ Poll Worker Training Resumes
- JANUARY 7** ✦ Poll Worker Training Ends for the Presidential Preference Primary
- JANUARY 16** ✦ Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (City Offices Closed)
- JANUARY 21** ✦ Early Voting Begins for Presidential Preference Primary*
- JANUARY 24** ✦ Sample Ballots Scheduled to be Mailed
- JANUARY 25** ✦ Last Day to Accept Absentee Ballot Requests to be Mailed (5p.m.)
- JANUARY 26** ✦ First Day to Provide Absentee Ballots to Non-Family Designees
- JANUARY 27** ✦ Last Day to Mail Absentee Ballots
- JANUARY 28** ✦ Early Voting Ends for Presidential Preference Primary*
- JANUARY 31** ✦ Presidential Preference Primary Election
- FEBRUARY 1** ✦ Books Open for New Registrations & Party Affiliation Changes
- FEBRUARY 12** ✦ Certify Official Results of the Presidential Preference Primary
- FEBRUARY 13** ✦ Canvassing Board Begins Manual Audit for the Presidential Preference Primary
- FEBRUARY 14** ✦ Valentine's Day
- FEBRUARY 20** ✦ Presidents' Day (City Offices Closed)
- FEBRUARY 28** ✦ Poll Worker Paychecks Mailed
- FEBRUARY 29** ✦ Leap Day
- MARCH 11** ✦ Daylight Saving Time Begins
- MARCH 17** ✦ St. Patrick's Day
- MARCH 20** ✦ First Day of Spring
- MARCH 26** ✦ Countywide Student Voter Registration Drive held this week

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THE TIME IS NOW FOR SOCIAL MEDIA!

Our office is now using Facebook and Twitter as a way to communicate with the public!

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tweet with us on Twitter! Follow us on Facebook at: Duval County Supervisor of Elections Follow us on Twitter at:

www.twitter.com/duvalcountysoe



REGISTRATION STATISTICS

Democrat – 224,757
 Republican – 192,948
 Non-Partisan – 98,519
Total – 516,224



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