

The Poll Worker Summer 2017

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“Our mission is to preserve the liberty and the right to vote for all citizens by providing honest, fair, accurate, and accessible elections with transparency and integrity.”

– Mike Hogan

Mike's *Message*

Dear Friends,

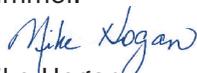
People often ask me, “What do you do in the Elections Office in an ‘off-election’ year?” Well, we are fully engaged. Externally, we work voter registration drives, handle special elections for the public, and respond to questions and concerns from our voters. Internally, we update our policy and training manuals, attend election certification classes, prepare for the Atlantic Beach election in August, and repair our EVIDs, tabulators, AutoMARKs, signage, tables, and thousands of voting booths.

Our most significant task each day every year is the maintenance of accurate voter records. We do this by processing voter applications and reports provided to us by federal, state, and local agencies. With a voting population of over 622,000 in Duval County, maintaining an accurate voter database is the cornerstone of fair elections. It is the best way to ensure only properly registered and eligible voters can cast a ballot.

In other news, VR Systems is a Tallahassee-based voter registration equipment and software company that our office has worked with for 15 years. They provide election services to over 50 of Florida's 67 counties. Recently, there were reports of VR Systems' customers receiving fraudulent emails from outside sources. The intent of these emails was to harm our voter rolls. Our email system quarantined these emails and prevented them from causing any damage. Let me stress: neither our voter rolls nor our tabulation system was compromised by any outside entity. It is also important to know that the attempt called “spear phishing” in the cyber-world was not directed at our tabulation equipment.

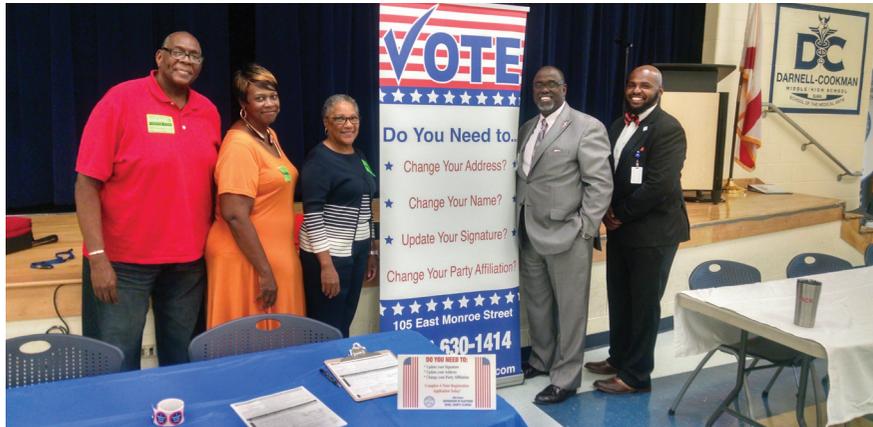
Finally, you will soon notice a complete redesign of our website, which will offer easier navigation. Whether you need to find your elected officials' contact information, determine your voting precinct, or gather voter demographics, the new site will let you easily locate information.

As always, I count it a high honor and privilege to serve the voters of Duval County. I wish you all a safe and memorable summer.


Mike Hogan
Supervisor of Elections

Important *Information*

Outreach



Duval County Asst. Superintendent Larry Roziers and Supervisor of Community Engagement Brandon Mack stop by Darnell-Cookman School of the Medical Arts to greet election workers Bernard Mobley, Carol Mobley, and Danette McQueen.

Outreach to Duval County's citizens is one of our most important functions at the Supervisor of Elections Office. Outreach involves speaking engagements, voter education, community events, and voter registration drives.

Throughout 2017 we will once again be working with outside organizations to run voter drives throughout Duval County. A voter drive in partnership with Duval County Public Schools is already in our 2017 annals. On April 18 and 19, 55 election workers ran simultaneous voter drives in 21 Duval County public high schools. Private high schools are also in the mix of this annual countywide voter registration effort designed to pre-register 16 and 17 year-olds and register students 18 and older.

Outreach (continued)

At all our voter registration drives throughout 2017, Duval County citizens will be able to register to vote, update their voter information, and receive voter education information.

If you know of a place or an upcoming event that would welcome a voter registration drive, please let us know.

For questions or suggestions, please contact our Director of Outreach Greg Clark at (904) 630-8026 or gaclark@coj.net.

The Municipalities of Duval County

In 1968, neighborhoods inside Duval County came together as one city—Jacksonville. Also at that time, four areas within Duval County voted to keep their own municipal governments to preserve the qualities unique to their locales. Baldwin, Jacksonville Beach, Atlantic Beach, and Neptune Beach are those communities.

Baldwin, in 1876, was the first of the small municipalities to be incorporated; it was originally known as "Thigpen" after a tavern-owning resident with that name. Jacksonville Beach was incorporated as Pablo Beach (after the San Pablo River) in 1907 and gained its current nomenclature in 1925. Atlantic Beach, incorporated in 1926, had begun years earlier as a small coastal community that expanded through tourism. The smallest municipality, Neptune Beach, incorporated in 1931. At just under seven square miles, only 2.3 square miles of this tiny city are land.

While the municipalities provide their residents many vital city services, the Supervisor of Elections ensures that many required election responsibilities are fulfilled. In every district, the Duval County Supervisor of Elections Office is committed to providing fair, accurate, and accessible elections with transparency and integrity.

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Voter Education

Voter education, an ongoing effort of our office, can take many forms. One voter education venue of note is our sponsorship of Voter Appreciation Night with the Jacksonville Sharks, our local arena football team. 2017 marked our second year working with the Jacksonville Sharks. Last year over 9,000 fans attended our voter appreciation game. Elements of this entertaining event included:



30 election poll workers held a large American flag during the singing of our National Anthem.

- “Chum,” the Shark’s mascot, visiting our office to film a video raising awareness of an important voter registration deadline. Chum also filmed a spot marking a “just-for-fun” ballot to vote for his favorite mascot in the arena league. These spots were broadcast on social media and on the Jumbotron in the arena.

Voter Education (continued)



After addressing the crowd, Supervisor of Elections Mike Hogan awaits the results of the coin toss.

- The first 800 fans with a voter information card receiving a commemorative Jacksonville Sharks Voter Appreciation shirt.
- Voter registration tables throughout the Veterans Memorial Arena giving thousands a chance to register to vote or update their voter registration information.

This year’s sponsorship game was held on June 17 when the Jacksonville Sharks played the Monterrey Steel. The event featured an enhanced voter education station in addition to many of the aforementioned items. Our staff was on hand to answer questions about how we deliver on our mission to provide “honest, fair, accurate, and accessible elections.”

How May We Assist You?

Just because we are not in active training mode doesn't mean that there isn't a lot going on here at the Supervisor of Elections Office. We are here to assist you personally at 105 East Monroe Street. Please stop by if you need to update your voter registration. Pick up an application for a friend or neighbor. Please contact one of us if you have any questions.

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