

Putnam County Poll Worker News

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Welcome to the Putnam County Supervisor of Elections Newsletter. This is a new way for us to keep in contact with you, the Poll Workers, during off times in the election cycle. We are hoping to distribute this news letter 3 times a year. It will be a good way to keep you informed of any new changes to procedures or laws. As you may, or may not know, the supervisor of elections for Pasco County, Kurt Browning, was appointed Secretary of State by Governor Charlie Crist. We look forward to working with him. If you have any ideas for our newsletter, please contact me, Jennifer, at 386-329-0223 or email me at Jennifer.Adkisson@putnam-fl.com.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



Happy New Year! Congratulations to all poll workers who worked the General Election. We made it through without any major problems. We attribute this success partly to our new class style. We feel as though it was a great success and most everyone would agree. The small class sizes made it more personal and everyone was more comfortable asking questions without feeling intimidated. We were able to address problems or issues at the individual polling places and deal with them almost immediately. It was also a great time for us to get to know you all better, we had a lot of fun. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Karen Marx, clerk with precinct 15. Karen taught the classes and did a good job. We had a total of 30 classes, each 3 hours, in a span of 3 weeks. We definitely will be staying with this class style!! If you have any suggestions that you feel may make the classes better, please let me know.

Jennifer

Check out our web site at www.putnam-fl.com/soe

RECIPES

Do you have a favorite election day dish you like to fix? If so, please send the recipe so we may share it with everyone else! I know our early voting staff has some good recipes. I will share one of mine now:

Pineapple Casserole

1 cup sugar
 6 tbsp all purpose flour
 2 cups grated sharp cheddar cheese
 2 20 oz. cans drained pineapple chunks (**save 6 tbsp of juice**)
 1 cup of ritz cracker crumbs
 1 stick melted butter



Preheat oven to 350, grease medium casserole dish with butter. In a large bowl stir sugar & flour, gradually stir in cheese and drained pineapple chunks, stir until combined. Pour into the casserole dish. In another bowl, stir together cracker crumbs, melted butter and pineapple juice with rubber spatula. Spread on top of pineapple mixture. Bake 25-30 minutes or until golden brown.

RETIREMENT ROCKS!



We would like to thank the following people who have retired after many years of service in their communities.

We want to thank you for all your dedication and good citizenship! We will miss you and your shoes will be hard to fill. Enjoy your retirement.

- ◇ Mary Baker
- ◇ Catherine Burnett
- ◇ Virginia Carmichael
- ◇ Dorothy Ellis
- ◇ Ada Frye
- ◇ Rosalee Hagar
- ◇ Elwood Harrison
- ◇ Wilma Kuhns
- ◇ Breen Lansford
- ◇ Sandra Purcell
- ◇ Della Robinson
- ◇ Betty Schmidt
- ◇ Edith Motes Stockton
- ◇ Juanita Treadwell
- ◇ William Varnadoe

All Putnam County statistics as of 01/03/2007:

Registered voters:	42,871
Democrats:	23,959
Republicans:	12,709
NPA:	5,211
Other:	992
Inactive voters:	5,891

- ◇ Susan Vaughn
- ◇ Rosalyn Wilson
- ◇ Barbara Collins
- ◇ Patricia Sapp
- ◇ Gail Hart

If we have missed anyone, we do apologize. We do appreciate everyone for all the hard work they have put in over the years.



The trouble with retirement is that you never get a day off.

~ Abe Lemons

Dear Zelda...

A Little Tough But Tender Zelda Wisdom™



Whatever happened to the good old days?



We would like to thank John Townsend and his friends from the ARC who taught our sensitivity portion of class before the Primary Election. With their help, we learned how to approach common everyday situations. Not only in the polling place but in everyday life. One of the most memorable mo-



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ments was when Stacy O. said, “Remember, we are people too! We want to be treated like everyone else.” I think that moment touched all of us that were in the room. Please always

keep this in mind. John and Stacy H. also assisted us by going to all of the polling places in the county and checking them for handicapped accessibility. Several places had to be visited numerous times to be sure everything was set. They are a great asset to this office! We look forward to working with them on future elections!



Your Voter Record

Moving? New phone number? New Address? Florida law requires you keep your voter record up to date. As a poll worker, we also want to be sure we can notify you of training and work opportunities. Also, you can't get your check if we don't have your correct mailing address :/



For every three poll workers trained, two do not show up on election day. Roughly 1.4 million people have been trained to serve as poll workers {on election day 2004}. But nearly 2 million were expected to be needed.

~ The New York Times

General Election 2006	
Registered voters:	42,303
Votes:	19,930
Voter turnout:	47.11%

Student Poll Workers Needed

If you know any college or high school students who may be interested in being a poll worker have them contact the elections office.

They must be:

-18 Years of age

AND

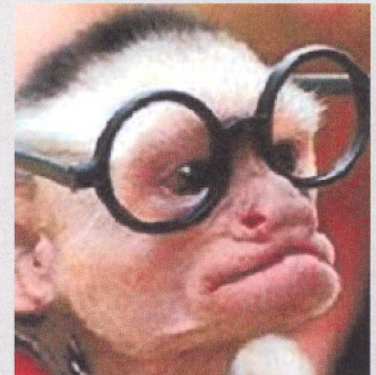
-Registered to vote in Putnam County

They can choose to get paid or they may use the time as community service towards a scholarship!

REMEMBER..

KEEP YOUR

EYES OPEN!!



We would like to recognize all poll workers who have celebrated or will be celebrating a birthday in the next few months! We hope you enjoy your day and get to eat a lot of good cake!!!!

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



January

Ellen Allen
Rodger Arnold
Sandra Bayless
Jeannie Brown
Janet Cuccia
Phyllis Frazee
James Jacob
Sue Johns
Norma Joseph
Lee Lambert
Kathy Melton
Judith Surratt
Donald West

Patricia Archibald
Robert Bartel
Robert Brinker
L.D. Brown
Barbara Faunce
John Heini
Hannah Jimmison
Reba Jones
Jacqueline Kinard
Harold Langley
Beverly Milledge
Michael Walker

Harold Livingston
Mary Moody
Betty Welch

February

John Andes
Harriette Hurley
Amien Joseph
Marion Mullen

Mary Ann Bridges
Linda Huttzell
Helen Lugibihl
Deborah Varnes

Joann Hatten
Charles Irelan
Brenda Masters
Betsy Wilkinson

March

Leonda Baron
Dorothy Cooper
Shirley Gale
Walter Hornback
Charles McLendon
Nancy Moore
Quin Romay
Margene Strange
Yolanda Walden

Mary Bennehoff
Donald Fisher
Edward Graham
Elizabeth Joyner
Carole Middlebrook
Beatrice Norton
Shirley Skelton
Helen Sweat
Betty Wilkinson

Sarah Cameron
Pauline Funderburk
Anne Heilman
Kathryn Lee
Lenora Minshew
Julia Owen
Barbara Stoll
Mary Tomblin
Charles Wilkinson

April

June Bailey
Maryemma Bernardi
Rosemary Combs
Althea Langston
Shirley Peakman
Dick Schauland

Deborah Bainbridge
Wesley Bobb
Timothy Earle
Curtis Lewis
Mary Plante
Yvonne Stack

Barbara Baldree
Sheila Cates
Della Holcey
Barbara Nelson
Betty Rogers
Erik Stoll

May

Jane Bartel
Annette Chastain
Marie Hobbs
Montgomery Huttzell
Lisa Key
Darrell Pirtle
Claudia Wilkinson

Edna Bell
Lena Crain
Shirley Horner
Kim Johns
Leigh Ann King
Gloria Sumner
Leatha Willen

Jean Bowley
Jacqueline Earle
Nancy Hull
Annette Jones
Muriel Meyers
Alvin Waller
Leroy Zetrouer

Putnam County Calendar of Events 2007



**1/15 African American Cultural Arts Festival
Downtown Palatka**

**2/3 Super Celebration Bass Tournament
St. Johns River**

**2/8 to 2/10 Annual Blue Grass Festival
Rodeheaver Boys Ranch**

**3/2-3/4 Azalea Festival
Downtown Palatka**

**3/2 to 3/11 Azalea Days
Ravine State Gardens**

**3/23 to 3/24 The American Cancer Society Relay for Life
Palatka High School**

**3/26 to 3/31 Putnam County Fair
Putnam County Fairgrounds**

**5/25 to 5/28 Blue Crab Festival
Downtown Palatka**

**8/25 to 8/26 Palatka Criterium & Putnam Bicycle Road Race
Cycletime Productions**

(all dates and times were obtained from the Chamber of Commerce web site)



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There is currently a shortage of at least 500,000 poll workers nationwide ~ Associated Press

2006 General Election

Touch Screen Votes:
 Polling Place: 6,240
 Early Voting: 1,308
 Total T.S. votes 7,548

Optical Scan Votes:
 Polling Place: 9,432
 Early Voting: 499
 Absentee: 2,439
 Total O.S. Votes: 12,382

Fastest upload times:

Optical Scan:
 Welaka Town Hall 19:18:37
 Putnam Co. Ag Ctr: 19:18:38
 Riverside VFD: 19:18:57
 Trinity Methodist: 19:18:58

Touch Screen:
 Units 16/17 VFD: 19:11:53
 Lake Como Comm. Ctr: 19:15:41
 Tabernacle Church: 19:18:27
 St. James Scout Hut 19:18:47

Congratulations for such fast upload times. What a great improvement from the Primary!!!!



POLL WORKER FACTS

- ◆ As a poll worker, you are not guaranteed work at every election. If you are not specifically called by a clerk at a polling place or by a staff member at the elections office, please do not just show up at training.
- ◆ You are not guaranteed to be able to work with your spouse, or to work at your

home precinct. You may be required to travel within the county. Every effort is made to keep you close to home. Sometime things happen beyond our control and we may need you somewhere else.

- ◆ Mileage will no longer be paid for pollworkers attending school or working on election day. Clerks will be paid for picking up supplies and returning them.