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Welcome to our first E-lection Newsletter. There is always something going on in the world of elections and we want you, the voters, to be part of it. By regularly visiting our website, you can stay up-to-date with the latest information and voting news.

We hope you enjoy this new addition and if you have any questions or wish to make a comment, please give us a call at 341-6740 or email us at vote@elections.citrus.fl.us





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Moving the Cheese ~ A Guide to Reapportionment

There's a book called Who Moved My Cheese, by Spencer Johnson, MD that talks about how we deal with change. Change is something we can all count on and it will be coming to Citrus County in 2012 as reapportionment, which occurs every ten years following the census. This means that Senate, House and Congressional district lines may be redrawn from where they now exist. Citrus County currently has one congressional district (district 5), one House district (district 43) and two senate districts (districts 3 and 11). Here is some basic information regarding this process:

What is reapportionment?

Reapportionment refers to the allocation of the number congressional seats among the states legislative seats among counties. referred to lt's reapportionment because this process is carried out every ten years. Apportionment is determined at the federal level using the Method of Equal Proportions adopted in 1941.

What is redistricting?

Once apportionment is established, it is up to each individual state to draw its own congressional and legislative boundaries. This process is called redistricting and it involves adjusting established electoral district boundaries in response to population shifts. Conventional thinking is that areas of faster growth are entitled to more representation, with the opposite being true as well.

Why is this done?

To ensure equality of government representation among the states proportional to the population, Article 1, Section 2, of the U.S. Constitution established that the apportionment of the U.S. House of Representatives shall be based upon a national census. The first census was taken in 1790, with the 2010 census being the twenty-third census in the history of our country.

What does this mean to me?

legislative district, precinct boundary or polling place may need to be changed. If you reside within this area, you will be notified by the receipt updated of an information card, notices in the local newspaper, local television programs notice our website. and а on

Relocation of a polling place is never taken lightly by the elections office, but may be necessary based on the outcome of redistricting, losing the use of a building for various reasons, and the need to consolidate precincts for budget reduction purposes. Of course, voting by mail and early voting are options available to all registered voters.

So, although change is inevitable, we will do our best to make it as painless as possible. We will be sure to keep you informed along the way.

Congratulations Citrus County Poll Workers!

Citrus County has great <u>Poll Workers</u> and we are very happy to brag about them! Last year our precincts had a friendly competition to see which Team could complete their <u>tons</u> of affidavits and reports error-free. The 2010 election cycle produced six winning Teams!

Poll Workers receive anywhere from 3 ½ hours to 12 ½ hours of training depending on the position for which they are hired. This training includes online study, reading the detailed manuals and hands-on classroom time. The down side is that it all occurs only one month prior to the elections and only every other year! So, to be able to learn new law changes and relearn their duties that they

only perform two days a year, every other year, as well as they do, is something they can be proud of indeed.

We were happy to hold a small awards ceremony on January 19, 2011, to present the winning Teams with a Certificate of Appreciation and a star lapel pin. These hard working members of your communities deserve to be recognized for their dedication to serving the voters of Citrus County and the election process.

Great job Poll Workers!
You are ALL stars!



Precinct 106, St. Timothy's Lutheran Church - Crystal River

<u>Team Members of Precinct 106</u> (from left)

Susan Gill, Supervisor
Bill Simmons, Clerk
Jane Beller
Gail Granger
Mary Brown
Della Rice
Chuck Guenthner
Felicia Hoffman(not pictured)
Jim Obedzinski (not pictured)
Adrian Phaneuf, Jr.(not pictured)

Voted 595 voters on Election Day



Precinct 206, Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church - Beverly Hills

<u>Team Members of Precinct 206</u> (from left)

Susan Gill, Supervisor
Bob Trometer
Ron Wilhite
Shelley Roedel
Barbara Birkholz, Clerk
Lee Reale
Al Roque
Bill Mafadini
Lois Bump (not pictured)
Stella Souder (not pictured)
Betty Weber (not pictured)

Voted 619 voters on Election Day



Precinct 207, Beverly Hills Recreation Center

<u>Team Members of Precinct 207</u> (Primary Election - August 24) (from left)

Suzanne Matthews
Mary Burgess
Gail Mulligan
Dorothy Konkle
Bill McClure
Barbara Seminatore, Clerk
Joan Reinhart
Susan Gill, Supervisor
Betty Wheatley (not pictured)
Doug O'Connell (not pictured)

Voted 138 on Election Day



Precinct 304, Homosassa Civic Club

<u>Team Members of Precinct 304</u> (from left)

Susan Gill, Supervisor
Harold LaValley
Carolyn Funk, Clerk
Judith Summers
Beverly Dildine
Ron Pellegrino
Tom Gotterup
Cynthia Brieske (not pictured)

Voted 372 on Election Day



Precinct 308, Chassahowitzka Fire Station 12 – Sugarmill Woods

<u>Team Members of Precinct 308</u> (from left)

Susan Gill, Supervisor
John Uher
Janell Corbin
Marilyn Friesland
Hank Povinelli, Clerk
Roberta Runfola
Susan Vidican
Earl Hilger
Shirley Burkhardt (not pictured)
Eleanor Blossom (not pictured)

Voted 667 on Election Day



Precinct 400, First United Methodist Church – Inverness

<u>Team Members of Precinct 400</u> (from left)

Susan Gill, Supervisor
Delores Bouchard
Don Campbell
Sandra Hume, Clerk
Susan Falcone
Ruby Clarkson
Patricia Price
Larry Colucci (not pictured)
Dorothy Welsch (not pictured)
Carrie Cook (not pictured)

Voted 737 on ElectionDay



"It has been my pleasure to serve as the Poll Worker Coordinator for the past 12 years. Developing and implementing training programs that fit all learning styles is a challenge, yet our Poll Workers make it very easy. They take pride in their jobs as part of the election process and work hard to make sure our voters leave the polls confident that their vote counted. They are truly the Gatekeepers of Democracy and I am very proud to consider them an important part of our Election Team!"

MaryAnn Boline
Election Support Administrator

VOTER OUTREACH ~ COMMUNITY EVENTS



As we age or experience life-changing events, our signatures change and need to be updated on our voter records; address and name changes must be kept current to assure that we are voting in the correct precinct, and party changes are frequently made. Maybe you are new to our area and need to register to vote. <u>Patrick Thomas</u>, Voter Outreach Coordinator, makes sure that the Elections Office is easily accessible to voters by attending many Citrus County functions. Teaching our young people the importance

of voting is a priority for the Elections Office. Susan Gill, Supervisor of Elections, and Patrick visit the local schools on a regular basis to explain the election process and register 18 year old and pre-register 16 and 17 year old students to vote. The students hold many elections throughout the year and by assisting them with their ballots and our voting machines, they become familiar with the process and learn how important each vote becomes.

You will find Patrick at these coming events. Please stop by to say hello!

March 28 – April 2

Citrus County Fair

April 11 – 15

Student Government Elections

"Your mind is like a parachute. It only works if it's open!" Anthony D'Angelo

Find the words to the left and circle inside the puzzle

ELECTION TERMS

Absentee Ballot
AccuVote
Ballot
Citrus County

Computer Democrats

Early Voting

Election Day

Elections

General

Poll Worker

Primary

Registration

Republican

Tabulation

Training

TSX Machine

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This edition's puzzle submitted by <u>Eileen Ronk</u>, Early Vote Coordinator