

POLK COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

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ELECTION NEWS



*From the desk of
Lori Edwards...*

We've had quite a busy few months here at Election Headquarters with lots to report since our last edition. Between November and February we supported three municipal elections in just three months, to include opening our branch office for walk-in voting for a full week before each election. In between, we participated in five local parades, provided voter education and information at ten community events throughout the county, began preparing for a seven-city **Municipal Election Day** in April, mailed participation surveys to over 2,300 election workers as well as facility contracts for our 166 polling locations for this fall's elections, and survived Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years! And we're not slowing down any time soon. All of our 2010 elections are sure to be busy and exciting, and we're focused on providing an accurate, efficient and friendly voting experience for every voter, whether voting by mail, at an early voting site, or at a polling place on election day. Watch for more details in coming editions, drop in often for the latest news at www.polkelections.com, or become our fan on Facebook — just search for Polk County Supervisor of Elections.

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PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT FOR LAKELAND WORKERS

More than 150 members of our election team had ample opportunity to hone their skills while serving in three municipal elections in just three months for the **City of Lakeland**. Although the days were long and came at a particularly busy time of year, our team persevered and in most cases, returned election after election to give a stellar performance! Great job team! You made us proud!



WE LOVE PARADES

Between December and February, our staff participated in five local parades, celebrating the holidays and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Spectators of all ages enjoyed receiving American flags distributed by our staff as they walked the routes.



MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY IS APRIL 6TH

If you live inside the city limits of **Bartow, Dun-dee, Frostproof, Haines City, Lake Alfred, Lake Hamilton, or Mulberry**, be sure to mark your calendar to get out and vote on Tuesday, **April 6th**. Visit our website at www.polkelections.com to see what's on the ballot, or watch your mailbox or local newspaper. Can't make it to the polls that day? **Call 534-5888 to request a ballot by mail.**





Join Our Team!

Ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes of an election? How ballots are kept secure? How election results are tallied? What happens after the polls close? Come join our team of election workers and find out! A variety of opportunities are available both at the polls and at our Early Voting sites. To learn more, attend one of our informational meetings. Meetings last about 30 minutes, with plenty of time afterward to ask questions, see a demonstration of our voting equipment, and learn more about the process. Choose from one of the events listed below, or check back on our website, www.polkelections.com, for additional meetings throughout the year.

Polk City	Saturday, May 8 th	10 am	Polk City Activity Center	203 Lakeshore Drive
Lakeland	Thursday, June 24 th	6 pm	West Lakeland Church of God	1942 W Memorial Blvd
Auburndale	Thursday, July 15 th	10 am	Auburndale Civic Center	115 W Park St
Bartow	Thursday, September 23 rd	6 pm	First Baptist Church	410 E Church St

REGISTER TO VOTE OR UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION ONLINE!

Citizens may now complete a voter registration application online to register to vote, submit an address or party change, or make other changes to their voter record. Go to www.polkelections.com and click on "Register to Vote" or "Voter Info Change" on the right side of the page, then follow the simple step-by-step instructions. Because we must have your original signature on the documentation, you'll be prompted to print the form and mail it in. Questions? Call 863-534-5888.

TAX TIME If you served as an election worker during a city election in 2009, questions concerning tax reporting should be directed to the City Clerk for that city. Call 863-534-5858 for contact information.



Attention Election Workers Retired under the Florida Retirement System (FRS)

If you are a county, state, or local government employee recently retired under the Florida Retirement System, or are planning to retire, keep in mind that serving as an election worker within 12 months of retirement *will* adversely impact your retirement benefits. Call 888-738-2252 for more information.



SURVEYS AND SITE AGREEMENTS

Election worker availability surveys and polling place site agreements for the August 24th and November 2nd elections were mailed recently. If you haven't already done so, be sure to complete and return yours today!