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National Voter Registration Day

are you registered?



September 22, 2015 was National Voter Registration Day and people around the country celebrated by holding voter registration drives and encouraging friends and family to make sure their voter information was up to date.

We participated by holding a press conference with Representative Kathy Castor, registering college students at University of South Florida and Hillsborough Community College, registering new citizens at a naturalization ceremony and registering people who stopped by the Bloomingdale Golf Club.

Of course every day is voter registration day to us. If you didn't celebrate on the 22nd, we are still happy to help you register to vote or update your voter information. Give us a call, stop by one of our four offices, or visit VoteHillsborough.org. We're here to help you get ready to vote.

↑ *With U.S. Representative Kathy Castor and USF Student Government VP Michael Malanga on National Voter Registration Day, talking about the importance of registering our youth to vote.*

SAVE THESE DATES

Presidential Preference Primary Election Day is March 15, 2016
Primary Election Day is August 30, 2016
General Election Day is November 8, 2016



Back to School



Our fall school outreach program is officially underway. We held our first assembly at Middleton High School (the picture above shows just half of the packed auditorium!) and pre-registered almost 300 students. This year we are once again scheduling voter registration drives at all of our high schools and will recognize the schools where we register the highest percentage of voters.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

You have to be 18 years old to vote, so why are you giving my 16-year-old a voter registration application?

Florida law allows those who are 16 years old or older to pre-register to vote. We mail out their voter information card when they turn 18. What a great birthday present!

My 18th birthday is on Election Day, but I have school that day. Do I have to vote on Election Day?

No. As long as you will turn 18 by Election Day, you can vote early or by mail for that election.

How can I vote early if I don't have my voter information card?

That's not a problem. The card gives you information about voting, but you are not required to bring it with you to vote. You will need a valid photo and signature ID. Find out more about the identification we accept at VoteHillsborough.org.



COUNTING PETITIONS

One of the basic tenets of our democracy is that we all have a voice in our government.

And even though our next election is still months away, thousands of Hillsborough County citizens are already participating by signing petitions in support of proposed amendments they'd like to see on the ballot.

So far, more than 44,000 petitions have been delivered to our office, where our staff members verify each petition to make sure it is signed by a registered voter.

the last word

Many candidates have pre-filed with our office and are already busy talking to members of our community and raising money for their campaigns. Visit VoteHillsborough.org to keep track of who's running for office in Hillsborough County.

