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Election Reflection and springing forward



This first-time voter voted early!

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As a reader of this newsletter, you probably also know other key information about voting, including what a closed primary is, how to request a Vote By Mail ballot, and what you need to bring to the polling place on Election Day.

But not everyone knows those things, so I'm asking for your help. Share this newsletter, our website, and our social media channels with your friends, family and neighbors. We want all Hillsborough County voters to be informed voters. I'll be sharing a lot of important information in the months leading up to our Primary Election in August and General Election in November.

If you are a frequent reader of this newsletter or one of our social media followers, you know that I am constantly reminding people we have three methods of voting.

So I'm happy to report that once again our voter activity was spread among all three methods, and voting before Election Day continues to trend:

- 36% voted by mail
- 22% voted early
- 42% voted on Election Day

This is truly the key to a successful Election Day in Hillsborough County, one where voters aren't waiting in long lines and results are reported in a timely manner.

PLANT CITY MUNICIPAL ELECTION UPDATE

In the Plant City race for City Commissioner, Group 1, no candidate received more than 50% of the vote, so a runoff election has been scheduled:

Early Voting

April 29 - 30
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Election Day

May 3
7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Early Voting and Election Day voting will be held at Plant City's City Hall, 302 W. Reynolds St.

You can find the April 5 election results at VoteHillsborough.org.

the flip side



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A lot of groups are working to get out the vote, and unfortunately some are using inaccurate data. That means you could be a registered voter and receive mail that suggests you aren't registered. The quick and easy way to make sure your voter registration information is up-to-date is to check it on our website or call (813) 744-5900. And take a close look at the mailer to see how you can remove yourself from their mailing list.

THANK YOU...to all of our poll workers who helped us to have a smooth Election Day. A special shout-out to the many teachers and staff members of Hillsborough County Public Schools who gave up part of their Spring Break to help Hillsborough County voters.



...and to our **ADOPT A PRECINCT** partners who donated the money they earned as poll workers to local nonprofits.



...and to all the **STUDENTS** who participated in our VoteHillsborough art contest. We are judging entries now and can't wait to share your creative messages encouraging people to vote in the upcoming elections!

POLL WORKER FEEDBACK



"In the process of becoming a new poll worker, I had to deal with several of your staff. They were all polite, upbeat, knowledgeable and effective."



"Even though it was a lot of work, I raised money for Emerge and had a blast being a part of the electoral process."



"Love the new equipment."

the last word

We are actively scheduling outreach events for the spring and early summer. If you'd like us to host a voter registration table at your event or speak to your group about elections and voting, get in touch with Gerri Kramer, (813) 367-8827 or gkramer@hcsoe.org.

