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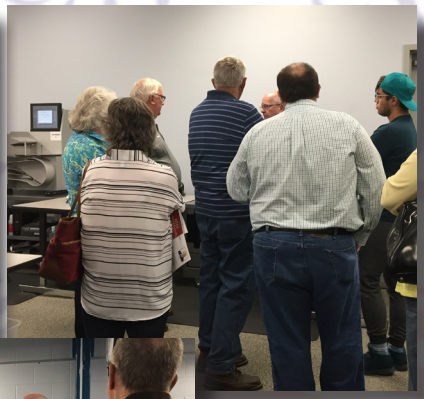
Engaged Citizens

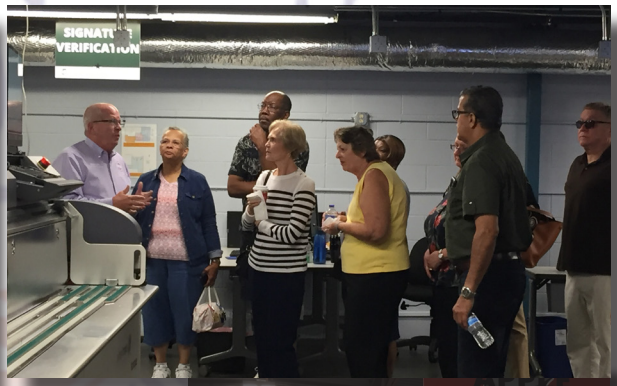
thankful for you

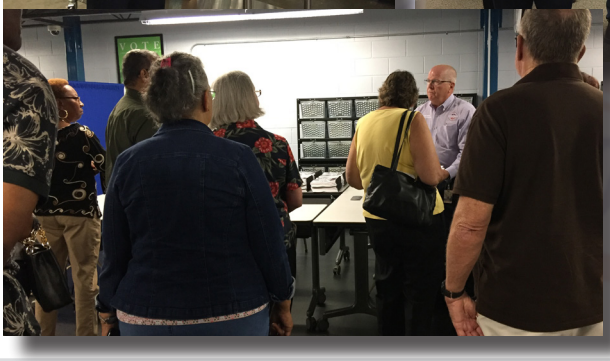
We celebrated the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November with an open house at our Elections Service Center. Our guests included poll workers, friends of poll workers (hopefully future poll workers!), and many engaged citizens who read this newsletter and wanted to learn more about what it takes to conduct Hillsborough County's elections. Our comprehensive behind-the-scenes tour included a look at:

- how we assemble the contents of our Vote By Mail ballot mailers and sort them for mailing,
- where we organize and store Early Voting ballots,
- how we open and tabulate Vote By Mail ballots,
- the "apple orchard" where we store and maintain 1,775 electronic poll books for Election Day
- the warehouse mezzanine where we store and maintain 400+ ballot scanner/tabulators, ADA-compliant ballot-marking devices and other equipment for in-person voting,
- ...and much more!

We covered a lot of ground—three tours in three hours. Along the way, I was able to answer questions and fully explain the steps we follow to ensure the integrity of our elections: from public logic and accuracy tests leading into each election to manual audits (where we hand-count votes in random races and precincts) once results have been tabulated. It's my hope that the more questions I answer, and the more opportunities I have to show engaged citizens what we're doing to conduct secure elections, the more confident everyone will be in their ability to participate in our democracy.







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ARE YOU READY TO VOTE?

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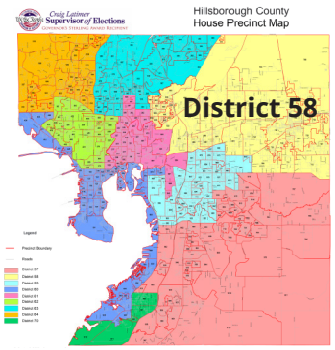
Special Election
State Representative, District 58

Voters who live in the northeast part of Hillsborough County, including Temple Terrace and Plant City, are voting for a new State Representative to fill the vacancy in Florida House District 58 that occurred when Representative Dan Raulerson resigned earlier this year. If you are a registered voter in District 58, watch your mail for a sample ballot. Not sure? Click on "My Registration Status" at VoteHillsborough.org or call us at (813) 744-5900.



VOTE BY MAIL: ballots must be in our office no later than 7 p.m., Dec. 19

Track my Ballot

December 13 is the deadline to request a Vote By Mail ballot. We've already mailed out more than 19,000 ballots. Did you know you can track your mail ballot to see when we mailed it out and when we receive it back ? Visit VoteHillsborough.org and look for the Track My Ballot button.

EARLY VOTING: Dec. 9 - 16, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

During Early Voting, you can choose the time and location that's most convenient for you.

Early Voting Locations

- Fred B. Karl County Center, 601 E. Kennedy Boulevard, 16th Floor, Tampa
- Robert L. Gilder Elections Service Center, 2514 N. Falkenburg Road, Tampa
- Bruton Memorial Library, 302 W. McLendon Street, Plant City
- Temple Terrace Public Library, 202 Bullard Parkway, Temple Terrace

ELECTION DAY: Dec. 19, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Find my Precinct

On Election Day, you must vote in the polling place assigned to your precinct. If you aren't sure where your polling place is, visit VoteHillsborough.org and look for the Find My Precinct button. Every election, we have to make some polling place changes. Here are the polling place changes for this election.

Precinct	*Polling Place*	*Address*
355/625/658	Unitarian Universalist Church	11400 Morris Bridge Road, Tampa
631	Thonotosassa Branch Library	10715 Main Street, Thonotosassa
655/657/662	St. Catherine's Episcopal Church	502 Druid Hills Road, Temple Terrace
753	Bruton Memorial Library	302 W McLendon Street, Plant City
763	Faith Temple Assembly of God	4240 N Frontage Road, Plant City

the last word

When voting in person, you'll be asked to show your signature and photo on current, valid identification. If you don't bring ID, you may vote a provisional ballot. Find more information, including a list of 12 different kinds of acceptable photo ID, at VoteHillsborough.org.

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