Understanding Primaries

It’s time to get ready for Florida’s Primary Election.

During this election, political parties nominate state and local candidates to move on to the 2020 General Election. The Primary Election will also include nonpartisan races for school board and judges, which everybody can vote on.

Florida has closed primaries, which means that you must be registered with a political party to vote in that party’s primary races. In early July, you’ll be able to visit our On the Ballot webpage to see exactly what will be on your ballot. In the meantime, take a look at this quick video that explains Florida’s closed primaries.

Depending on where you live and what party you belong to, your primary ballot may include races for U.S. Representative, state legislators, county commissioners, school board members and more.

Important Deadline

You may change your party at any time, but to be valid for the upcoming Primary, the change must be made by July 20. This is also the deadline to register to vote for the Primary Election, if you aren’t already registered.
2020 PRIMARY — 3 WAYS TO VOTE

Early Voting: August 3-16, 10 a.m - 6 p.m.

Vote By Mail: We begin mailing out Vote By Mail ballots on July 9, and voted ballots must be in our office by 7 p.m. on August 18.

Election Day: August 18, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

GET OUT THE VOTE TOOLKIT

If you’d like to help our community get ready for the 2020 elections, check out our Get Out The Vote Toolkit – a one stop shop to make it easy to find helpful election tools and resources.

A highlight from this toolkit is an interactive tour of our website, VoteHillsborough.org. This tour empowers you to quickly and confidently find important information on our website. Still looking for something? No sweat – give us a call at (813)744-5900 or email us at voter@hcsoe.org and we will assist you.

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At the end of this month, thousands of bag stuffers featuring election information and award-winning student artwork will be given out at local McDonald’s restaurants. Many thanks to Caspers McDonald’s for once again partnering with us and helping our community get ready to vote!

the last word

Your signature can change over time. We use the signature on file to verify your identity on Vote By Mail ballots. Call us or visit VoteHillsborough.org or any of our offices or public libraries to get an application and make sure you are #ElectionReady for 2020.