2020 ELECTION DAY DATES:
PPP: March 17, 2020
Primary: August 18, 2020
General: November 3, 2020

2020 Voter Registration Deadline:
PPP: February 18, 2020
Primary: July 20, 2020
General: October 5, 2020

2020 EARLY VOTING PERIOD
PPP: March 2—March 15, 2020
Primary: August 3—August 16, 2020
General: October 19—November 1, 2020

Each county Supervisor of Elections, at his or her discretion, offer additional days of early voting on any or all days during the 15th through 11th day and the last Sunday before Election Day. FS 101.657. (1) (d)

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS
Punta Gorda Historical Court House 2nd Floor
226 Taylor Street
Punta Gorda, FL 33950
(941) 833-5422 (FAX)
8:00AM-5:00PM (Monday thru Friday)

Mid County Library
2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd.
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

San Casa Elections Office
6868 San Casa Dr.
Englewood, FL 34224
8:00AM-5:00PM

EARLY VOTING
A voter may vote at any one of the early voting sites regardless of location. Locations and times will be printed in the newspaper and our website www.charlottevotes.com. Please bring a photo I.D. with signature when you go to vote.

INTRODUCTION
The Supervisor of Elections office serves the voters of Charlotte County by staffing multiple service offices. The duties of the Supervisor of Elections is to register voters, maintain the voters records, conduct absentee balloting and early voting, candidate qualifying and petition signature verification. Federal, state and local elections are held in accordance with all applicable statutes. It is the goal of the Supervisor of Elections to provide service to the voters of Charlotte County in an impartial and non-partisan manner. To ensure accurate, impartial and convenient elections, voter education is of utmost importance. An informed citizen makes the voting experience more successful. We pledge to make registration and voting as easy and convenient as possible, while protecting the accuracy and integrity of the results. It is important that everyone votes and that every vote counts.

MISSION STATEMENT
As a Gatekeeper of the Democratic process, the Supervisor of Elections will uphold the election laws of the state of Florida and the Constitution of the United States. Our mission is to enhance public confidence and increase voter awareness and education for citizens of all ages.

VOTER INFORMATION CARD
Voter Information Cards are sent to all voters upon validation of their initial voter registration application. New information cards will be sent to current registered voters who make a name, address, signature, party affiliation change or who are in a precinct in which there has been a change in their polling place. They serve only as a confirmation of your precinct number and district information, but it is not necessary to show your card when voting. If you do not receive a voter information card or other correspondence within 20 days of registering, please call the Elections Office.
QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE:
A person may become a registered voter only if that person is: At least 18 years of age, a citizen of the U.S., and a legal resident of the State of Florida.

If you’ve been convicted of a felony or declared mentally incompetent by the courts, you must have your right to vote restored pursuant to the law. (F.S. 97.041)

A person who is not registered may not vote.

WHEN: First time Florida voters must register by Book Closing Day, which is 29 days prior to each election. The books remain closed until after each election. The date your application is received is the date that counts.

WHERE: Applications are available at the following sites:
- Supervisor of Elections County Libraries
- Motor Vehicle Office
- Public School Office
- Post Offices
- CharlotteVotes.com

Register to Vote Florida.gov (as of 10/1/17)

VALID PHOTO/SIGNATURE ID Required at Polls (F.S. 101.043)
Provide one or two of the following in order to vote in person:
- Florida driver’s license
- Florida ID card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
- United States passport
- Debit or credit card
- Military identification
- Retirement center identification
- Neighborhood association identification
- Public assistance identification
- Student identification
- Veteran health identification card issued by the US Dept. of Veterans Affairs
- License to carry a concealed weapon or firearm issued pursuant to s. 790.06, F.S.
- Employee ID card issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government, the state, a county, or municipality.

VOTER RESPONSIBILITIES F.S. 101.031(2)
Each registered voter in this state should:
- Become familiar with the candidates and issues;
- Maintain a current address with the Supervisor of Elections;
- Know the location of his or her polling place and its hours of operation;
- Bring proper identification to the polling station;
- Become familiar with the operation of the voting equipment in the voter’s precinct;
- Treat precinct workers with courtesy;
- Respect the privacy of other voters;
- Report any problems or violations of election laws to the Supervisor of Elections;
- Ask questions, if needed;
- Make sure his or her completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling station.
- If, for any reason, a voter is unable to vote a regular ballot, the opportunity to vote a Provisional Ballot will be offered to them.

VOTER’S BILL OF RIGHTS F.S. 101.031(2)
Each registered voter in the State of Florida has the right to:
- Vote and have his or her vote accurately counted; Cast a vote if in line at the official closing of the polls in that county; Ask for and receive assistance in voting; Receive up to two replacement ballots if a mistake is made prior to the ballot being cast; An explanation if registration or identity is in question; If voter’s registration or identity is in question, cast a provisional ballot; Written instruction to use when voting, and upon request, oral instructions in voting from election officers; Vote free from coercion or intimidation by election officials or any other person; Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.

ELECTION DAY & EARLY VOTING TIMES
The polls are open from 7:00AM to 7:00PM. Don’t forget to bring your photo/signature ID.
(F.S. 101.013)

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS
Florida law allows you to vote absentee (via mail). If you would like a “Vote By Mail” ballot mailed to you, contact our office:
- By phone, call (941) 833-5400
- By email, provide your name, address, date of birth, and the election or elections for which you are requesting a ballot to: soe@charlottevotes.com
- By fax or letter, provide your name, address, date of birth, signature and the election or elections for which you are requesting a ballot to the following:
  - Via Fax: 941 833-5422
  - Via Letter: 226 Taylor St., Punta Gorda, FL 33950

A designee may pick up a “Vote By Mail” ballot for a voter up to five (5) days before Election Day.

A designee may only pick up two (2) “Vote By Mail” ballots per election, other than his or her own ballot, or ballots for members of his or her immediate family. Designees must have written authorization from the voter, present a picture I.D. and sign an affidavit.

The Supervisor may not deliver a Vote by Mail ballot to an elector or an elector’s immediate family member on the day of the election unless there is an emergency, to the extent that the elector will be unable to go to his or her assigned polling place. If a Vote by Mail ballot is delivered, the elector or his or her designee shall execute an affidavit affirming to the facts which allow for delivery of the Vote by Mail ballot.

When mailing a ballot to a voter, the request must be received no later than six (6) days prior to the election, by 5:00PM.

Ballots will be mailed out no later than 4 days prior to an election. “Vote by Mail” ballots must be received at the Punta Gorda Main Office by 7:00PM on Election Day.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Federal and State laws allow you to apply to register to vote or update your voter registration information (address, name, party and signature) at the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, County libraries, military recruitment offices, public assistance offices and any Elections office. If you wish to register by mail, contact our office to have a form mailed to you, or you can go online at www.charlottevotes.com, fill out the form, then print the application. Once the application is completed and signed, mail it to the Supervisor of Elections Office in Punta Gorda. It’s important to keep your signature updated in order to verify Absentee/Vote By Mail Ballots, Provisional Ballots and Petitions. To update your signature, fill out another Voter Registration Application and mail it to the Supervisor of Elections.

MILITARY/OVERSEAS VOTERS
Overseas voters and military personnel and their families may apply for voter registration or request a Vote By Mail ballot with a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA). An FPCA may be obtained from the Unit Voting Officer or is available online. If the FPCA is not available, contact the Supervisor of Elections office by email, phone, or written request. Overseas and Military personnel have the option of receiving their ballot via mail or electronically and once issued, will be provided a free access system to track the status of their ballots voted. A ballot received from outside the U.S. is counted if dated no later than Election Day and received by the Elections office within 10 days of the election. Overseas and Military election information is available at the below program:

Federal Voting Assistance Program, Dept. of Defense
1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington DC, 20301-1155
www.FVAP.gov

www.charlottevotes.com