

Voting 101: A CCNA Primer

For the August 20 and November 5 Elections

To Vote, You Must Be Registered:

- Already Registered? Not sure, [Check Your Voter Status](#)
- [How to Register to Vote or Update Your Information](#) (on-line, in person or by mail)
- Registration deadline is:
 - Monday July 22, for the August 20, 2024, Primary Election
 - Monday October 7 for the November 5, 2024, General Election

Once Registered You Have 3 Options to Vote:

- **Vote By Mail:**
 - [Request a Mail-In Ballot](#) from the County Supervisor of Elections
 - Already Receiving a Mail Ballot? Rules have changed, best to [Double Check Your Status](#)
 - Vote by Mail Ballots are mailed to the local or out of state address that you indicated in filling out the request and will be mailed significantly ahead of the election.
 - Deadline to Request a Mail in Ballot:
 - Thursday August 8 (5:00 pm) for the August 20, 2024, Primary Election
 - Thursday October 24, (5:00 pm) for the November 5, 2024, General Election
 - Be sure to complete the information on the outside of the ballot (envelope) including your signature. Anything missing or not as directed could have your ballot disqualified.
 - Mail in Ballots can be dropped off at the County Secure Ballot boxes or at a Secure Ballot Box at Early Voting or Election Day Sites, while those places are open.
 - **IMPORTANT:** Mail-In Ballots must physically be in the possession of the Supervisor of Elections Office when the polls close at 7:00 pm on Election Day. So, if you are going to have the US Postal Service deliver your ballot, be sure to mail it at least 7 days ahead of the election.
 - [Track the Status of Your Ballot](#) Has it been mailed? Has it been received? Status, etc.
 - [Sign up for Vote by Mail Notifications](#)

- **Vote Early:**
 - Depending on the Election, the Supervisor of Elections will open several polling places in advance of an election. Registered voters may use any of these polling places to vote.
 - Saturday August 10 through Sunday August 18, (8:30 am to 4:30 pm) for the August 20, 2024, Primary Election – [Announced Polling Places](#)
 - Monday October 21 through Sunday November 3, (8:30 am to 6:30 pm) for the November 5, 2024, General Election

- **Election Day Voting:**
 - The community is divided into precincts. You must vote at the designated polling place in your precinct. These may change from time to time, so it is always good to [Find or Double Check Your Precinct Location](#)
 - Polls are open 7:00 am to 7:00 pm (August 20, 2024, and November 5, 2024)

What Offices and Other Things Will You Be Voting For?

- **Federal, State, County and Local:** [Offices Up for Election](#)
- **Sample Ballot:** Registered Voters in Sarasota County will be sent a sample ballot once the deadline for declaring candidacy is past and the names on the ballot are verified. You can also [view your personalized sample ballot, when available](#).
- **Sarasota City Commission:** [Who is Running for Sarasota City Commission?](#)

Note: Once candidates for offices and ballot proposals are finalized, we will add links to as much information about them as we come across it.

For Additional Information About Elections Visit:

- [Sarasota County Supervisor of Elections](#)
- [Division of Elections - Florida Department of State](#)

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CCNA is a non-profit educational organization. Neither the Board, nor the totality of the Member Associations will endorse a candidate. We will try and provide information on the process and where informative sessions (like forums) are held.

Updated 5/28/2024 - Visit CCNA's Website www.sarasotaccna.org for an electronic version of this form with active links and an Election Calendar for 2024.