



Happy New Year  
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## New Year Message, Chairman Rick Lacey

As we Republicans welcome a new year, let us review our success in 2023. Once again, the voters of Brevard County overwhelmingly chose Conservative Republican ideas over the increasingly left wing policies proposed by the other party. Conservative candidates in local municipal elections won in almost every contest. Further proof lies in the voter registration decisions made by the citizens of Brevard. As of today there are over 74,000 more Republicans than Democrats in Brevard. Much of our success is due to the work of our Republican volunteers who not only help elect Republican candidates but are improving our county in various ways.

For example, our Service Committee has helped the Children's Hunger Project, supported the fight to cure Breast Cancer, participated in a Clean up the Lagoon project, donated to the National Homeless Veterans Support organization and recently donated hundreds of toys to disadvantaged families in Brevard County.

Our Social Media Committee has initiated various communication approaches to inform the public about Republican ideas and activities.

The Election Integrity Committee has spent countless time and energy in working with Supervisor of Elections Tim Bobanic in making Brevard County the best Elections Office in Florida.

This New Year will bring more opportunities for every Republican to step up and get involved in what promises to be an exciting and very interesting election for our County, our State and our Nation.

So, get off the couch, get informed, get involved and let's work together to continue great Conservative Republican government in all of our neighborhoods.

Happy New Year!

**Rick Lacey, Chairman Brevard Republican Party**



## Committeewoman of the Month, Constance Cavazos

Being selected as the Committeewoman of the Month is an honor. I am a new BREC member and like all of you, I have been cheering President Trump's America-First policy. I am really frustrated with the way the country is being run under the Biden administration. After being overwhelmed by the amount of information and events, I concluded that BREC's main responsibility is to mobilize voters to support Republican candidates.

My first involvement with campaigning for a Republican candidate was making phone calls. In addition to the fact that most people are friendly, phone banking makes me feel productive and helpful.

When I see Republicans campaigning, it always makes me excited and encouraged, and I have no doubt that most voters would have the same reaction when they see us waving signs at crosswalks or campaigning at the Republican Party tents on Election Day.

Since many of our committee members are retirees and may feel the physical demands of walking around a neighborhood and door knocking are challenging, I've come to realize that even knocking on a few doors or acting as a driver is just as helpful.

There is room for everyone to help. Without volunteers to help with leaflet distribution, phone banking, member check-in at meetings, and office assistance, BREC could not operate.

My volunteer work has led me to appreciate how elections are like basic math. Since the candidate with a majority of the votes wins, we have seen that if we talk to enough people, knock on enough doors, encourage people to get out and vote, Republican candidates will win. The 2024 election is critical; if we fail to do the basic math, we will be one step closer to losing our nation.

We are visiting assisted living facilities and other locations to register voters, update voter registrations and help the residents with mail-ballot requests. The hardest part is getting in the door; if you know someone who can help us gain access to an assisted living facility, please talk to me. We need to get every Republican voter to vote in 2024.

I enjoy volunteering and I know you do too, let's all work together to make America great again in 2024!

**Connie Cavazos, Precinct 405 Committeewoman**



## Committeeman of the Month, Tim Bates

In the November election BREC members worked to support conservative candidates in town council elections. Although these elections are considered to be non-partisan elections, our recent experience has proven that these elections are important and candidates embracing conservative ideals deserve support. Our District Lead, Xiaoqi Wang, not only led by example, but had a support oriented attitude and kept the members focused on supporting the candidates. Name recognition of the candidate plays an important role as does the candidate's platform on local issues. As supporters we conducted multiple sign waves at a major street intersection and walked door-to-door to with door hangers during the weeks leading up to the election.

I found the sign waves to be more physically challenging than I would like to admit, but the sign waves provided unexpected opportunities to engage with the people. As traffic backed up at the intersection, it provided an opportunity to talk to the people in their cars during the sign waves. Walking door-to-door required knowledge of the candidate's platform as we frequently engaged in discussions with residents who were clearly interested and had specific concerns and questions.

I did Internet searches to better understand the town's concerns and what the candidate's position was. I was also able to speak extensively with one of the candidates and quickly realized the Town Council needed him.

I learned from the residents and was fortunate to have the opportunities for discussion. It's important to listen to what the people say and demonstrate that we care about what they think.

On Election Day we worked in the BREC tent at the Town Hall. This provided another great opportunity to speak with people about issues and conservative ideas.

**Tim Bates, Precinct 421 Committeeman**



## Citizen Call to Action, Wayne Twiddy

It's not an overstatement to say that 2024 will be a year of consequence when it comes to elections. Three times during 2024 the citizens of Brevard County will be asked to cast their vote: (1) the Presidential Preference Primary March 19, (2) the Primary Election August 20, and (3) the General Election November 5. Brevard's Supervisor of Elections Tim Bobanic has stated that the duration of the 2024 elections, from when the first ballots are sent out until the last ballots are counted, will cover 155 days.

It's troubling to know non-citizens, either wittingly or not, have slipped through Florida's election system to vote in our most recent elections. Our representatives in Tallahassee have known about this issue for years yet their inactivity to enforce the Florida statutes reveals their unwillingness to stop it. During each of the past three legislative sessions major election integrity bills passed however none have addressed the citizenship verification issue. When a non-citizen votes in Florida elections it is the Florida citizen that is disenfranchised. The bottom line is if you, as a U.S Citizen, don't speak out to your representatives in Tallahassee about this issue, it will continue in 2024. With millions more non-citizens in Florida due to illegal immigration one can only imagine the scope.

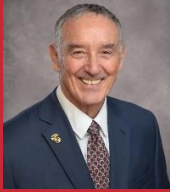
If we're not able to change the trajectory of our country in 2024 then we stand to lose what we love so much about our country. You can do something about it – use your agency to contact the legislative leaders in Tallahassee and ask them to require citizenship to be verified and remove those non-citizens from the current voter rolls.

Below is a link to the CALL-TO-ACTION currently in progress that provides details about the issue and whom to contact.

<https://app.box.com/s/c8xfvyg0xeg0daeigei7yqh0fdt82e3q>

If you wish to sign up for the call-to-action list for future legislative actions please send email to: [electionswithintegrity@gmail.com](mailto:electionswithintegrity@gmail.com)

**Wayne Twiddy, Precinct 305 Committeeman**



## Elected Official Spotlight, Hamilton Boone, Town Councilman, Indian Harbour Beach

I have been a resident of Indian Harbour Beach for over 22 years. In May of 2023, I made the decision to make a conservative contribution to the community and run for an open Town Council seat in the 2023 municipal election. I believed I needed to do more. Having never run for office before this was a new challenge for me. My campaigning experience was limited to placing yard signs and knocking on doors to get out the vote for others. This was a completely new experience for me.

Having the Brevard Republican Executive Committee (BREC) working with me was a big plus.

Listening to the experience of different members and those that have been through the process of campaigning was invaluable. BREC made hundreds of phone calls, knocked on even more doors and mailed candidate literature to targeted voters. This went far beyond what I as an individual could do. They even consulted on my website construction. This effort allowed me time to focus on the personal side of the campaign; meeting folks.

Because of BREC's help, I was able to personally knock on over 600 doors, meet many people whom shared their views, on different issues that are important that to them, as well as their opinions. I was allowed time to write over 1000 personal notes as well.

My personal feeling is yes, BREC was a valuable resource in my campaign, and together we demonstrated that the Colorado Plan (when utilized by Conservative Republicans), was echoed by the electing a conservative to a council in small town America.

### **Hamilton Boone, Town Councilman, Indian Harbour Beach**



## Breast Cancer Awareness March, BREC Service Events Committee

Brevard Republicans were out in force in October marching to Support Breast Cancer Awareness and to Fight for a Cure. What a great display of support for our local Making Strides walk! As one of the many survivors that showed up, I was deeply touched at the outpouring of support in our community, especially amongst those within our Republican Party. Again, the Service Events Committee partnered with our BREC chairman to get each individual a matching T-shirt to show their solidarity and support for this great cause.

One in eight women will receive a diagnosis of breast cancer in her lifetime. After skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in women. It is also diagnosed in men but not nearly as often.

What a sight to behold watching over 50 Pink Brevard Republican shirts walk the two miles to support the goal of finding a cure. Both thrivers and survivors were celebrated.

Yes, we are Republicans out making noise in our community to improve all facets of life. Many walked in memory of someone they lost. And many walked to prevent others from getting such a devastating diagnosis.

The overwhelming support from Brevard Republicans holds profound significance for breast cancer survivors and those currently battling this terrible disease. To see so many friends, family, and community members walk in solidarity is truly a heartwarming experience and it demonstrates that we are one community here in Brevard.

Take a look at some of our Red Hearts walking in our Pink Shirts. Together we make a difference. Thank you to all who participated. It was a wonderful and successful event!

**The Service Events Committee**