



The Brief

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UNBELIEVABLE BUT TRUE! Chairman Rick Lacey

On Tuesday March 19th, Florida Republicans will have the opportunity to vote for their choice for President of the United States. Florida Democrats will not!

Why? Because The Democrat Party decided they don't want you, the voter, to decide who the nominee for President will be. So, they allowed only one name to be entered on the ballot and awarded all the delegates to that candidate. (Kind of reminds you of the way they hold elections in Communist China doesn't it?)

Florida Republicans want the voters to decide. So, on Tuesday March 19th Florida Republicans want you, the voters, to join us in the Presidential Preference Primary and help us to nominate the next President of the United States.

Special Election Notice - Florida is a **Closed Primary State** - which means you must be registered in a political party to vote.

Upcoming Election Deadlines –

- Last day to update your voter registration before the Primary is February 20, 2024
- Last Day to Request a Mail Ballot to be sent: Thursday, March 7, 2024 by 5:00 p.m.
- Early Voting: March 9 - March 16, 2024
- Election Day March 19, 2024 polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Rick Lacey, Chairman Brevard Republican Party



Committeeman of the Month, Thomas George

It is an honor to be selected as the Brevard Republican Executive Committee (BREC) Committeeman of the Month, as there are so many outstanding individuals that work hard to make it one of the largest and most effective executive committees in the state of Florida. I have been involved with BREC in different capacities on a multitude of events over the last 6 years. There are many great reasons that I have enjoyed such experiences, and I would like to share just a few of them.

First, the main goal BREC is to get Republicans elected to office. This means BREC stands up for values that make America great. These are values such as low taxes, law and order, border security, fair elections, small government and the right to life... Brevard is essential in the battle for keeping America

a free country, a land of hope and opportunity, as we have seen the ruin created by Democrat controlled states and cities to lives, families and businesses.

Secondly, being part of BREC allows you to stay informed on the issues facing Brevard as well as the country, but more importantly allows you the privilege to get involved and make a difference. By getting involved you make Brevard and America a better place.

Thirdly, the friendships that I have created will be life-long bonds. Whatever Democrats claim about us, we know the opposite is true. Democrats call us Deplorables, but nothing is further from the truth. The people I have met through BREC are admirable and honorable patriots and have become like family to me.

Lastly, the leadership of BREC is second to none. Chairman Rick Lacey and Vice-Chair Cindy Roberts are not just wonderful people and patriots, they are great leaders. I have worked closely with them and in the face of obstacles they never get upset or frustrated, they just solve problems and MAKE IT LOOK EASY. They will teach you leadership traits and strategies that you can apply in all areas of your life.

To sum up my experience in BREC, it is an honor and privilege to be a part of such an organization. If you want to make a difference in Brevard, your country, the lives of others as well as your own then come and join us.

Thomas George, Space Coast Republican Club President, Precinct 220 Committeeman



I always sigh in relief when the trifecta of Holidays is over; Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. This year it was followed by an "oh my, here we go" - 2024 is going to be a very busy election year.

There is going to be a lot of media hype related to the Presidential election (yes more). For sure it is a critical election for our country, but we **must not lose sight of the important local elections this fall**. As of this writing there are 35 positions up for election. There are 3 distinct voting periods; the Presidential preference election, the August primary and the November general election.

BREC will be organizing to Get out the Vote (GOTV) for Republican candidates, to monitor the Integrity of our County elections, and provide education to voters, online and at the polls. Volunteers are desperately needed to support this volume of effort. Take a look at some of the opportunities to get involved.

Get Out the Vote (volunteer here <https://brevardrepublicans.org/get-involved/volunteer/>)

- Voter engagement – work on a team going door to door encouraging voters to get involved and to vote
- Sign waving – join a group supporting your local candidate. Stand on location and have a contest to see who gets the most horn toots. (pay no attention to obscene gestures from opponents)
- Phone Calls – get a list of phone numbers, a script and place some calls in support of local candidates. Work individually or with a group.

Election Integrity

- Sign up to work for the Supervisor of Elections during the election as a Poll worker. Perform voter check in, ballot distribution and other activities at Polls. This is a paid position. (<https://www.votebrevard.gov/Poll-Workers/Poll-Worker-Application>)

- Sign up to be a Poll Watcher, working independently at a Poll location monitoring Poll worker actions verifying they are in order. (<https://gopvictory.com/fl/2024-protect-the-vote-florida/>)
- Volunteer with the Brevard Republican Election Integrity Committee to assist in a variety of activities (<https://brevardrepublicans.org/get-involved/volunteer/>)
 - Organization of Poll Watchers
 - Assist with Vote by Mail signature matching
 - Validation of Clear Ballot Election Ballots audits
 - Attendance at Supervisor of Elections L&A and Canvassing Board meetings

Voter Education (volunteer here <https://brevardrepublicans.org/get-involved/volunteer/>)

- Social Media - Create and publish online material to inform voters on candidates, State, County and City referendums.
- Electronic Messaging – Work with Communications Committee to organize and execute messaging campaigns.
- In-person – Be a Tent Organizer coordinating setup and manning of tent(s) distributing information on candidates, State, County and City referendums at a polling location during early voting and on Election Day.

This is quite an extensive list which presents opportunities for supporting our election to most everybody. It does not matter if you have only a few days to contribute, your assistance will be greatly appreciated. Elections are important to our future, especially this one, so please make a contribution.

Dave Fosdick, Communications and Social Media Chair, Precinct 511 Committeeman



**Elected Official Spotlight,
Patrick T. Reilly, Mayor, Town of Malabar**

I have been a Brevard County resident for 51 years and a Town of Malabar resident for 22 years. After moving to Malabar, I was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board in 2001 and served on the Board for 15 years, 5 years as Chairman. I was elected Mayor in 2016 and term-out in November 2024. I served on the Citizen Budget Review Committee for 3 years, 2 years as chairman. I also own a horse boarding business in my backyard. I'm a retired satellite antenna system engineer after working 43 years at L3Harris.

The Town of Malabar's biggest issues are roads and storm water drainage. Doing the history research on the Town, it was the same two issues back in the early 1900's! Last year, I proposed a plan to address the repaving of the roads. For years, Council would just "kick the can down the road" for road maintenance. To get the funds to pay for the roads, I proposed to Council to raise the mileage rate from 2.2 to 4.5 mils. The extra 2.3 mils would pay for the repaving of our main corridor roads. To my surprise, Council approved the mileage rate increase 5-0!

The storm water master plan was prepared 4 years ago and shows where all of the "ins and outs" of the water flow within Malabar. The plan also showed the elevations throughout the Town and showed where all of the culverts are located. Having this data, our Town Engineer and the Public Works department can address the critical areas within the Town to maintain storm water flow. The past few years, very few residents have complained to Council and Town Staff about storm water issues!

My main goal for serving the Town of Malabar on committees and as Mayor was to improve the Quality

of Life for our residents. I hope I have succeeded.

Patrick T. Reilly, Mayor, Town of Malabar

N.B. In December 2023 Mayor Reilly was selected as Community Leader of the Year by the Greater Palm Bay Chamber of Commerce! Congratulations.



Community Service Announcement

If have recently updated or renewed your Driver License please check your voter registration to verify your registered political party is correct. A glitch in the DMV software may have inadvertently changed your registration to “No Party Affiliation”. You will need to update it to be able to vote in the Primary.