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## 2 MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2	Tuesday, September 20 TBD	National Voter Registration Day
3	Monday, October 24 8:30AM	Early Voting Starts
4	Friday, October 28 5:00PM	Absentee Ballot Request Deadline
5	Saturday, November 5 6:05PM	Get Out the Vote with the SC Stingrays
8	Tuesday, November 8 7:00AM - 7:00PM	Election Day

## JOIN OUR TEAM

### 9 Poll workers are essential to the election process.

As a poll worker, you'll be able to:

- Serve your community
- Learn about the election process
- Meet new people
- Earn up to \$260

For more information, visit [chsvotes.gov](https://chsvotes.gov)!

## GET VOTE READY



Check your registration information, review your voting districts, and find your polling place by scanning the QR code!



Charleston County Board of  
Elections & Voter Registration  
(843) 744-VOTE (8683)  
[chsvotes.gov](https://chsvotes.gov)

# MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



With the 2022 primaries and runoff elections behind us, I am leading the Charleston County Board of Elections and Voter Registration staff in developing plans for process improvement and enhanced service delivery. We continue to strive to better our relationship with voters and our community partners to increase voter turnout and reach historically disenfranchised populations.

I am excited to announce that, as of May 13th, early voting is available to all eligible voters in South Carolina. As a strong proponent for many years, seeing early voting come to fruition has been a highlight of my career. Come November, we will have seven early voting locations operating Monday through Saturday—we hope to see all

of you there! For more information on early voting, see **Page 4**. For more information on recent changes in election law, see page **Page 3**.

As we approach the 2022 General Election, we hope to expand the number of nonpartisan organizations and businesses who participate in our Adopt a Polling Location initiative. The South Carolina Stingrays, a longtime partner of the Charleston County Board of Elections, was the first organization to adopt one of our polling locations. Stingrays' employees spent the day at Royal Missionary Baptist Church, assisting voters with casting their ballots during the 2022 primaries. For a look into the Stringrays' Election Day, see **Page 6**.

Though we are not running elections during the summer, our job is far from over. The Board of Elections staff is hard at work preparing for the 2022 General Election and focusing on improving voter accessibility. As always, our office in North Charleston is open Monday through Friday from 8:30AM to 5:00PM to assist voters (and future voters!) with registration, address changes, voter registration cards, and more.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's primary elections successful, including our community partners and, of course, the people of Charleston County.

**Isaac Cramer**  
Executive Director



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# ELECTION LAW UPDATES

**On May 13, 2022, four weeks before the June primaries, election and voting laws in South Carolina changed. Here are the highlights:**



## Early Voting

- Early voting is available two weeks before the week of an election.
- Voters can vote at any early voting location regardless of their residential address.
- Eligible voters don't need an excuse to vote early.



## Absentee Voting

- Absentee ballot application deadline is 11 days prior to Election Day.
- People can only request five (5) absentee ballot applications and return five (5) absentee ballots.
- Qualifications for requesting and returning an absentee ballot have changed.



## Candidates and Campaigning

- Distributing campaign literature or political posters is barred within five hundred feet of a polling place during voting periods.
- Candidates may wear a label that falls within the size/content requirements within five hundred feet of a polling place but must remove it if entering the polling location.
- Beginning in 2023, candidates cannot file more than one statement of intention of candidacy or be nominated by more than one political party for a single office for the same election.
- Beginning in 2023, a candidate's name must not appear on the ballot more than once for any single office for the same election.



## Election Security

- Election fraud is now a felony that can result in a fine of up to \$5,000 and five years in prison.
- SLED will operate a public hotline for reporting election crimes.

# EARLY VOTING BY THE NUMBERS

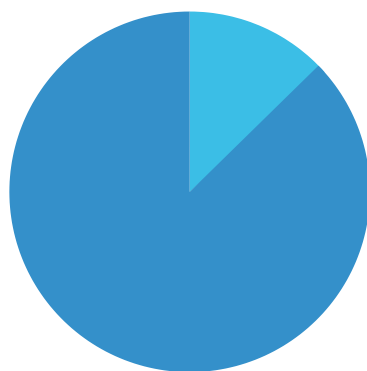


**152**  
Precincts

Voters from 152 of our 182 precincts voted at our early voting location in North Charleston.

**6,464**  
Total Voters

Thousands of voters came out to the polls between May 31st and June 10th to vote in the 2022 Primaries.



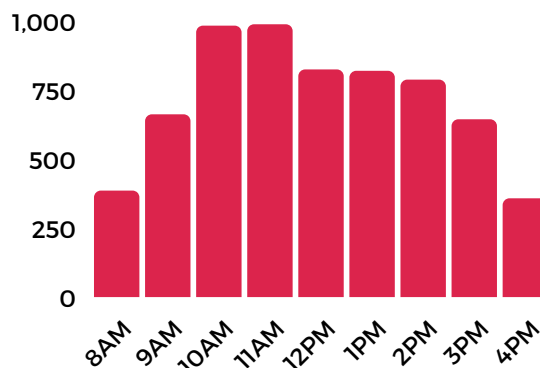
**14%**  
of Primary  
Voters

More than 1 out of 10 votes during the 2022 primaries were cast during the early voting period.



**0** Excuses

Early voting is available to all registered voters in South Carolina—no excuse necessary!



**11AM**  
Peak Time

Looking to avoid the crowds come fall? Head to an early voting center in the late afternoon.

We plan to continue the successful rollout of early voting for the 2022 General Election with seven total locations, longer hours, and more days for you to cast your vote.

Check **Page 9** for information on early voting in the November General Election.





# OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date/Time	Event	Location
Wednesday, August 17 6:30PM	Regular Board Meeting	Charleston County Board of Elections Office 4367 Headquarters Rd, North Charleston, SC 29405
Tuesday, August 23 10:00AM-2:00PM	Charleston County Resource Fair	Charleston County Public Library - Otranto Road 2261 Otranto Rd, North Charleston, SC 29406
Wednesday, August 24 10:00AM - 2:00PM	Charleston County Resource Fair	Lowcountry Senior Center 865 Riverland Dr, Charleston, SC 29412
Wednesday, August 31 10:00AM - 2:00PM	Charleston County Resource Fair	Waring Senior Center 2001 Henry Tecklenburg Dr, Charleston, SC 29414
Tuesday, September 20	National Voter Registration Day	Stay tuned for more info!
Saturday, November 5 6:05PM	Get Out the Vote with the South Carolina Stingrays	North Charleston Coliseum 5001 Coliseum Dr, North Charleston, SC 29418

## DID YOU KNOW?



We can conduct outreach events for your organization including:

- Issuing Voter IDs
- Voter Education
- Voter Registration
- Satellite Voting Unit Tours
- Mock Elections
- Poll Worker Recruitment
- Absentee Enrollment
- Voting Machine Demos
- and more!

Interested? Contact us at [outreach@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:outreach@charlestoncounty.org)



Board of Elections Staff volunteered with Low Country Orphan Relief in 2021 to give back to Charleston County and reinforce our dedication to the community.

We value our local nonprofits and their work in making our County a better place for all!



# OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

## ADOPT A POLLING LOCATION UPDATE

Our partnership with the South Carolina Stingrays is continuing to blossom as they served as the first of our local organizations to help us pilot our Adopt-A-Polling Location initiative!



Katie Schulz, Marketing and Creative Services Manager for the Stingrays, had this to say: "It was a really neat experience learning how the democratic process works from behind the scenes and seeing how many people came out to vote! A lot of the voters recognized our Stingrays Front Office and were talking to us about our season and how they can't wait for hockey to begin again in the fall. We all had such a fun time and were happy to give back and get involved with our community."



Vice President of Corporate Partnerships for the Stingrays, Kevin Schildt, was on board with the program from the start. "When this idea came about and was brought to our attention, it was a no-brainer for us. We pride ourselves on supporting our community, allowing us to interact with voters and engage with our employees. All the money raised from our staff working at the polling location will be donated right back to the youth in the area, and you can count on the Stingrays to be there every year from now on. The South Carolina Stingrays are committed to building upon the foundation as a community leader that has been around for 30 years, and programs like this allow us to achieve just that."

On Saturday, November 5, join us at the Stingrays game for Get Out the Vote night!





# OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

## LOOKING BACK

### Military Magnate School Career Fair



### West Ashley High School Voting Demo



# 2022 GENERAL ELECTION - CALENDAR

## OCTOBER 2022

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- In-Person Registration Deadline
- Online/Fax/Email Registration Deadline
- Mail Registration Deadline (Postmark)
- Early Voting
- Absentee Mail Ballot Request Deadline
- Election Day
- Absentee Mail Ballot Return Deadline

## NOVEMBER 2022

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# 2022 GENERAL ELECTION - EARLY VOTING

## REMINDERS

- Charleston County voters can vote at any early voting location in Charleston County.
- Absentee ballots will be accepted at any early voting center until Saturday, November 5, at 6:00PM. After that date, all absentee ballots must be delivered by mail or in person to the Board of Elections Office by 7:00PM on Election Day.
- Voters will need to bring a **current** and **valid** government-issued photo ID accepted by the State of South Carolina to the early voting center (see [Photo ID Requirements](#))

## DATES AND TIMES

<b>DAYS</b>	<b>Monday - Saturday</b>
<b>TIMES</b>	<b>8:30-6:00PM</b>



Voting early during the General Election gives you 12 additional days (or 114 more hours) to cast your vote!

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
OCT 23	OCT 24	OCT 25	OCT 26	OCT 27	OCT 28	OCT 29
OCT 30	OCT 31	NOV 1	NOV 2	NOV 3	NOV 4	NOV 5

## LOCATIONS

LOCATION	ADDRESS
North Charleston Convention Center	5000 Coliseum Dr, North Charleston, SC 29418
West Ashley Seacoast Church	2049 Savannah Hwy, Charleston, SC 29407
Mt. Pleasant Seacoast Church	750 Long Point Rd, Mt Pleasant, SC 29464
Main Downtown Library	68 Calhoun St, Charleston, SC 29401
Hollywood/St.Pauls Library	5130 SC-165, Hollywood, SC 29449
John's Island Regional Library	3531 Maybank Hwy, Johns Island, SC 29455
Baxter-Patrick James Island Library	1858 S Grimball Rd, Charleston, SC 29412