

Overview of the Candidates

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AUGUST 6, 2020



ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This guide was produced by the staff at the Ponte Vedra Recorder to prepare area voters for the primary election on Tuesday, Aug. 18.

ELECTION DATES

(Polls open 7 a.m.-7 p.m.) **Primary Election:** August 18 **General Election:** Nov. 3

(Deadline to register is Oct. 5)

PRECINCT LOCATIONS IN THE AREA

■ **401:** Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082 This is also an early voting site that transitions into a precinct come election day.

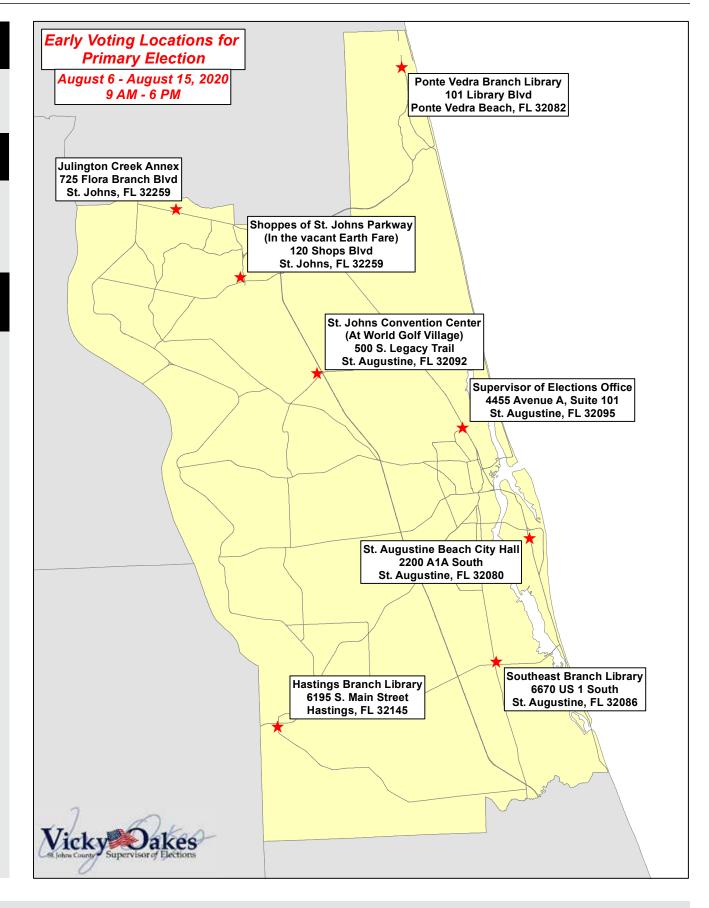
- **402:** Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 545 A1A North, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082
- **403:** Ponte Vedra Presbyterian Church, 4510 Palm Valley Road, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082
- **404:** Christ Episcopal Church, 400 San Juan Drive, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082
- ***405:** Ponte Vedra Concert Hall, 1050 A1A North. Ponte Vedra Beach. FL 32082

Residents north of the Nocatee Parkway and in Sawmill Lakes previously voted at Ponte Vedra Presbyterian Church.

- **406:** St. Francis in the Field, 895 Palm Valley Road, Ponte Vedra, FL 32081
- **407:** Ponte Vedra Concert Hall, 1050 A1A North, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082
- **408:** The Palencia Club, 600 Palencia Club Drive, St. Augustine, FL 32095

Note: Precincts denoted with an * indicate a change in the polling location.

On election day, voters are required to vote at their assigned polling place based on their address. To find your polling place, visit the St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections website at www.votesjc.com and click "My Voter Status" in the "Quick Links" section of the homepage.



NOTE: Some candidates who are unopposed in the primaries are not listed in this guide, but will be in the general election guide in October.

Chamber to host virtual Politics in St. Johns event

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce will again host Politics in St. Johns, St. Johns County's largest candidate meet-and-greet. This event will enable St. Johns County voters to get to know the candidates for public office and directly ask them questions prior to the Aug. 18 primary and the Nov. 3 general election.

This year, due to the crowd size restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Chamber has transitioned from the traditional in-person events held in Ponte Vedra Beach and St. Augustine to a new online format. The new approach will bring the same one-on-one feel of the in-person events to an engaging online opportunity — expanding the audience participation and interaction.

"We want St. Johns County citizens to have access to

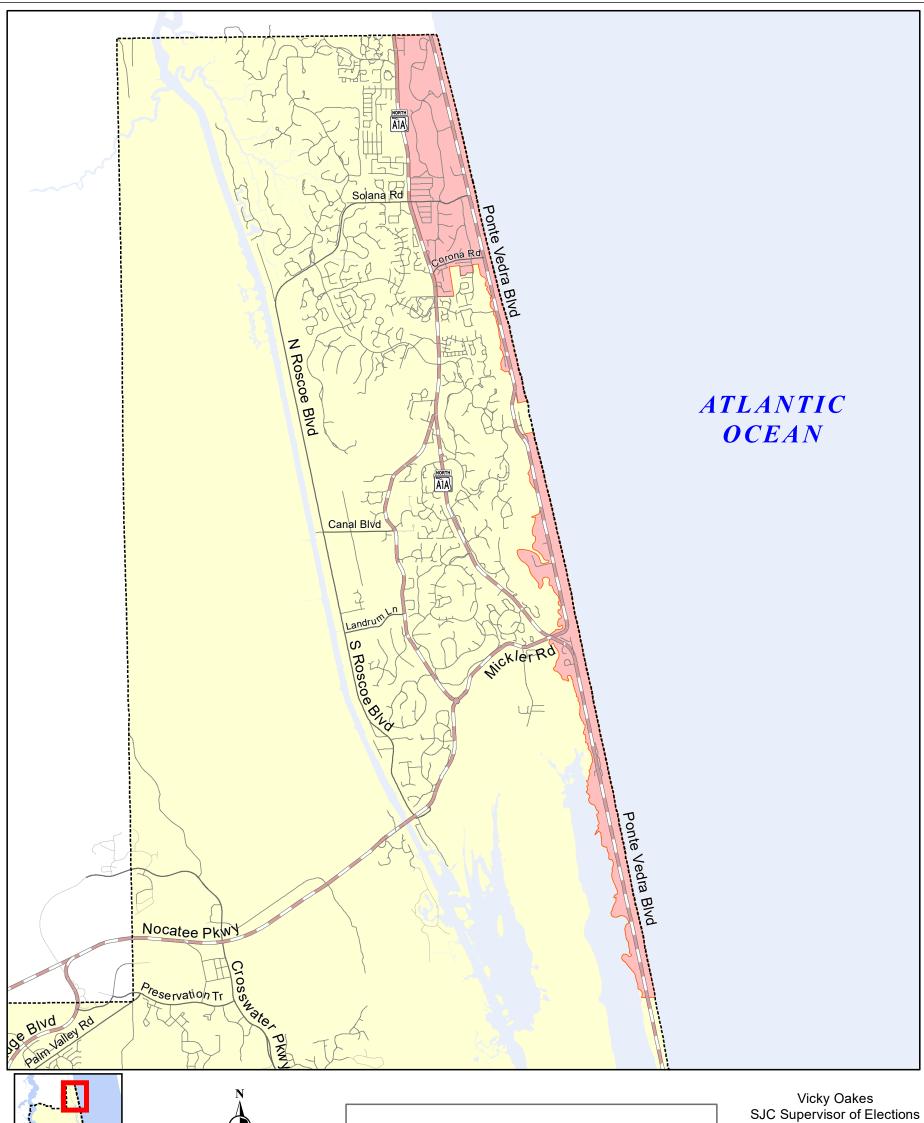
all our candidates and their platforms, so they can make informed decisions for the upcoming election cycle," said Isabelle Renault, president and CEO of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce. "The beauty about hosting this event virtually is that residents who may not have been able to travel to the events in the past are now able to join us and interact with candidates in a safe, efficient and convenient way. We are looking forward to reaching more residents than ever before with the information they need to make informed decision to cast their vote."

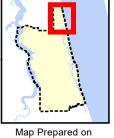
Candidates have been invited to submit a brief video about their platforms. These will be available for public viewing beginning July 27 on the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce website at www.sjcchamber.

com. Candidates can continue to register online at www. sjcchamber.com/candidate-information-and-registration, and submit videos through July 24. Each video will allow candidates to put a face and story to their candidacy and candidates will share contact information for voters to forward questions.

The Politics in St. Johns site will remain live on the chamber website from July 27 to Aug. 19. Live conversations via Zoom or Facebook Live featuring candidates from significant countywide races are being planned for the week of Aug. 10. Audience members will be able to ask questions via a moderator.

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U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (DISTRICT 4)

JOHN RUTHERFORD

Republican



John Rutherford is currently serving the 4th District in the U.S. House of Representatives and is seeking re-election. He sits on the House Judiciary Committee, and the House Appropriations Com-

Rutherford has lived in Jacksonville since 1958, and attended Florida Junior College and Florida State University where he studied

criminology. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, 171st Session and the National Executive Institute. He began his career in law enforcement in 1974 as a patrolman in the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO), working his way up through the JSO where he eventually served as director.

In 2003, 2007 and 2011, Rutherford was elected sheriff of Duval County. For three terms and 12 years, he ran a 3,200-employee office. Rutherford also served as chair of the Legislative Committee for Florida Sheriff's Associa-

Rutherford has been married to his wife Pat for 47 years. They have two children and six grandchildren, and are also members of Assumption Catholic Church in Jacksonville.

ERICK. J. AGUILAR

Republican



Erick Javier Aguilar was born in San Pedro Sula, Honduras in 1975. At the age of 7 (1982), he moved with his family to Brooklyn, New York.

After high school, Aguilar trained to be an automotive technician and graduated from Apex Technical School in 1995. As he continued his job search while working for a fast-food

restaurant, he found the U.S. Navy was recruiting for aviation maintenance. On April 8, 1996, he joined the U.S. Navy with no nautical experience. During his time in the Navy, he joined deployments in the Persian Gulf during Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. In 2016, Chief Petty Officer Aguilar retired after 20 years of naval service. While serving in the Navy, Aguilar lead sailors in aviation management, technology, logistics and fiscal administration operations. He also earned a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems from Saint Leo University in 2001; a Master of Arts in Business Administration from Saint Leo in 2005; a Master of Arts in History from the University of Nebraska in 2015; as well as other academic certificates and degrees.

Politics

According to Bob Porter, vice president of public policy for the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, straw polls may be held this year, as well.

"While the results won't necessarily reflect what will happen when the official polls open, they will provide excitement and feedback to participating candidates," Porter said. "The straw poll is less about who wins and more about encouraging and providing people incentive to be informed. The elected officials at every level of government make decisions that affect our lives and I am happy to see so many people taking advantage of an opportunity that will help them make an informed decision when entering the voting booth."

St. Johns County residents can register to vote and review the 2020 candidate list at the St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections website at www. votesjc.com.

To find out more about the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce or to become a member, go to www.sjcchamber.com, call (904) 829-5681 or find it on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/sjcchamber.

There are also a limited number of sponsorship slots remaining for the Politics in St. Johns event. Call Andrea Knight at (904) 829-5681 for more information.

7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

GROUP 6

ANNA HANDY



Anna Handy is a mother, a wife, a small business owner and the attorney who is running for a Circuit Judge. She will bring to the court fairness and impartiality, free of political influence

or intimidation and will follow the laws and Constitution.

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JOAN ANTHONY



Joan Anthony was admitted to the Florida Bar and the United States Court of Appeals in 1988. Joan has been a small business owner and manager of her own practice since 2004.

als, families and small businesses in the 7th Circuit and throughout Florida for the last 29 years. Osterndorf has worked tirelessly for her clients and for the

represent individu-

betterment of her community.

DAN HILBERT



Law with high hon-

ors. An attorney since 1989, he worked in private practice, first handling commercial and real estate litigation. From 2004 until he became a judge, he focused his work on mediation, arbitration and other forms of alternative dispute resolution. He hears civil cases at the Volusia County Courthouse Annex at City Island in Daytona Beach and Marchman cases at the S. James Foxman Justice Center in Daytona Beach.

Dan Hilbert's le-

gal career began as a State Prosecutor for the 7th and 4th Judicial Circuits in Florida. After a career handling the most serious of felony offenses, Mr. Hilbert entered private practice

with the goal of representing individuals and businesses in a variety of areas of law. After years of serving as an advocate for many members of our community, Mr. Hilbert is ready to return to public service where his career began.

MARYELLEN OSTERNDORF

MaryEllen Osterndorf grew up in Ormond Beach, in Volusia County, Florida. After law school, she returned home to join a general practice law firm. It has been her good fortune and privilege to

GROUP 27 BRYAN ROBERT RENDZIO



Bryan Rendzio was appointed circuit judge by the governor in 2019. He presides over **Unified Family** Court with a docket that includes dissolution and paternity matters; juvenile delinquency; de-

pendency; truancy; adoptions; Baker Act hearings; Marchman Act hearings; injunctions; and Risk Protection Orders. Now, he is running for election to remain in service as circuit court judge. Before his appointment, Judge Rendzio was an attorney, arbitrator and mediator. He earned Martindale-Hubbell's highest peer-review rating (AV Preeminent). Rendzio is board certified by the Florida Bar in the area of construction law. His honors and recognition include leadership positions on the Florida Bar's Construction Law Certification Review Course Committee and the Construction Law Institute Committee.

He is a recipient of the Construction Law Committee's "Rising Star" Award, an award bestowed upon only one individual each year. Rendzio is a family man and an active community volunteer. He credits his wife Stacy and their two sons with providing him a solid foundation for his demanding career. He enjoys coaching his sons' baseball teams. He is a volunteer on task forces dealing with the opioid crisis, domestic violence and unaccompanied/ homeless youth in the 7th Circuit.

ALICIA WASHINGTON

Alicia Washingon has worked in the 7th Judicial Circuit for the past 22 years. She has worked as an assistant public defender



and an assistant state attorney, as well as an insurance defense attorney and a personal injury plaintiff attorney. She has also provided legal services to the indigent through legal aid, and cur-

rently represents abused, abandoned and neglected children as a guardian ad litem attorney. She also works as an attorney in private practice, mainly handling family law and criminal cases. Washington has served the country as a combat medic in the Army National Guard. Washington received her undergraduate degree from Louisiana State University and attended law school at Texas Southern University. She is a wife and mother who resides in Palm Coast.

VOTE on August 18th CHRIS



STICE COLLEGE (Rep)

for ST. JOHNS COUNTY SHERIFF

Why did Historic City News Endorse Chris Strickland for Sheriff?

By Tom Verri St Johns County, FL

Last month I announced to the readers my endorsement of Chris Strickland for St. Johns County Sheriff. My decision was based on my 34 years of experience in law enforcement, working for two of our nation's largest police agencies as well as the US Department of State, in Command-level supervisory positions. I told you then how Chris Strickland's experience as former Director of The St Johns County Sheriff's Office far exceeds that of his opponent who runs a small agency of 21 officers. But there is more to this story. Far more. Last week the residents of this county were subjected to an embarrassing display at a local debate by our outgoing sheriff who endorses our opponent. This created a greater understanding of why we so desperately need change here in St Johns County. Read below why the Historic City News of Saint Augustine and its editorial Board has now endorsed Chris Strickland for sheriff. Get ready for an eye-opener. This was used with permission from Historic City News;

It has been 16-years since we made an endorsement for this important constitutional officer and over that time our volunteer editorial board has paid attention to the current officeholder so we could be prepared when this day finally arrived.

Historic City News endorsed David Shoar over Glenn Lightsey in 2004, and for the first six years, it looked like it was going to be a good fit. The former sheriff, Neil Perry, held the office for 20-years and would have been re-elected without opposition had he not been ready to retire.

Unfortunately, following the death of Michelle O'Connell on September 2, 2010, every interaction with Shoar, and later with many departments within the agency, became more and more strained. That is not a good sign. Shoar expected a "pass" from us on the mishandling of the case as each week brought to light another mistake or negligent step in the investigation.

It got to the point where I did not feel that I could trust what Shoar was telling me. I met Shoar for breakfast at Jaybirds and had planned to confront him with my doubts. As we were paying our check and getting up from the booth to leave, I told him to look me straight in the eye and tell me that he was telling me the truth about the death. I could tell that he wasn't expecting my question. He stuttered a minute, looked down and away as he responded, and he was having trouble holding eye contact with me. From that moment forward, every press release got fact-checked, we made public records requests to support almost everything his spokesman claimed, and what was reported was not always in lock-step with the sanitized version released by Chuck Mulligan. About three years ago, I was informed that the department would no longer issue me a "press pass" or allow me to make media inquiries because the sheriff would not approve what I was writing.

So, when Shoar came out with his endorsement of Robert Hardwick, I was concerned. It was clear that he would owe Shoar a considerable political debt. The land developers in Duval County started dropping \$1,000 personal donations into the campaign and before long, Hardwick's campaign account was in the six-figure range.

Then as I skimmed over Hardwick's financial report recently, I noticed that all of the people who played a questionable role in the Michelle O'Connell case were also \$1000 personal donors. A cold chill ran down my back and I knew that the only hope for Hardwick at that point was complete independence from Shoars influence.

The other members of our board felt the same way. We found that the closer we got to election day, the more influence Shoar was exerting over Hardwick. Then, the morning after Shoar shows up drunk or high at the Republican Club's candidate debate, a crew of ranking deputies in tow, and a loud, verbal disturbance breaks out in the men's room between Shoar and J. B. Burney, residents of the county received a campaign postcard with just Shoar and Hardwick's picture.

"We can find no evidence that the current sheriff will not exercise his influence over the Hardwick, if elected. Anything less than about face from the unaccountability of the past 16-years is not acceptable. For that reason, the Historic City News editorial board endorses Chris Strickland for Sheriff of St Johns County."

It's an impressive read to say the least. It illustrates some simple facts. Sheriff David Shoar wants you to vote for his guy, Rob Hardwick because he knows he will keep the curtain closed, and that the transparency and openness we the people of this county demand will be denied. Rob Hardwick has been backed by hundreds of thousands of dollars of money from outside St. Johns County. Rob Hardwick runs an agency of 21 officers and oversees 6 square miles in a community without schools, critical infrastructure, or serious crime and has never worked for The Saint Johns County Sheriffs Office. Rob Hardwick has never commanded more than a few people. Chris Strickland rose through the ranks of The Saint Johns County Sheriff's Office to the highest rank of Director of The Office of Sheriff. Chris Strickland found many broken things at that highest level of the agency and decided to run for sheriff. They want to stop him. Chris Strickland will bring the change, integrity, and honesty back. He will make sure we do not have another embarrassing embezzlement of taxpayer funds, he will not self-investigate on matters of police use of force. He has promised to equip all deputies with body worn cameras. He will restore the image of the office and give the people of this county an office they can be proud of once again. That is why I am behind him 100% and you should be too!

**** THE BODY CAMERA CANDIDATE **

ST. JOHNS COUNTY SHERIFF

ROBERT A. HARDWICK

Republican



Longtime local resident Robert A. Hardwick has served as the St. Augustine Beach police chief since January 2013.

Previously, he served as the assistant chief investigator with the Office of the State Attorney 7th Judicial Circuit. During his 26-year law enforcement career, he also worked at the St. Augustine Police Department, Flagler County Sher-

iff's Office and Florida Department of Corrections.

He is a veteran of the U.S. Army and Florida Army National Guard with 25 years of service. He was deployed to Operation Desert Storm in 1990 and Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003-04.

Most recently, he was assigned as a platoon trainer with the National Guard at Camp Blanding Regional Training Institute's Officer Candidate School.

In August 2016, he was appointed to the Criminal Justice and Standards Training Commission.

In addition to his many affiliations, he volunteers as a youth coach.

Hardwick and his wife of 28 years have two sons.

CHRIS STRICKLAND

Republican



Chris Strickland first got involved with the Sheriff's Office at age 14 through the Explorer program. After high school graduation, he attended the St. Augustine Law Enforcement Academy and was hired by the Sheriff's Office at age 19. He became a field training officer at 22. He holds a master's degree in public administration with a

major in justice administration from Columbus State University.

During his 30 years in law enforcement, he rose through the ranks to detective, sergeant, lieutenant, commander and finally director of the Office of the Sheriff.

He also served as an instructor at the St. Augustine Law Enforcement Academy for seven years, where he trained more than 2,000 recruits and in-service personnel. He has been a member of the S.W.A.T. team and the Green Halo street crimes unit. He and wife Tammy are frequent donors to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Among his many affiliations, Strickland is a longtime NRA member.

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

BRANDON PATTY

Republican (Unopposed)



Brandon Patty was appointed clerk of the circuit court and comptroller for St. Johns County in December by Gov. Ron DeSantis. He manages a \$7.5 million budget and a staff of 100. His office oversees court records, issues passports and marriage

licenses and more.

A second-generation Floridian, Patty was the first member of his family to graduate from college. He holds a master's degree from the London School of Economics.

Patty is a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve and has served on active duty at the National Maritime Intelligence-Integration Office in Washington, D.C., and in the Middle East in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Currently, he serves as an officer at Naval Air Station Jacksonville.

He has served as a special assistant to Gov. Jeb Bush and as policy director for U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio.

He lives in St. Augustine with wife Brittney, stepson Mason and their two dogs.

SCOTT C. BOUTWELL

Write-In

Scott C. Boutwell declined to participate in the primary election guide.



Keep Judge Bryan R. Rendzio

Judge Bryan Rendzio was appointed by the Governor to fill a vacancy...and now he is running for election. He presides over cases in the Unified Family Court Division cases in St. Johns County and he has served us well. He is widely respected for his knowledge of the law and his judicial demeanor. Whether you

vote early, vote by mail or vote in person, please vote to keep Judge Bryan Rendzio.

For more information keepjudgebryan.com

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7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT

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STATE ATTORNEY



DONALD B. DEMPSEY JR.No party listed

Donald B. Dempsey Jr. is a lawyer in Deland. He has more than 29 years of experience with clients throughout Central Florida. He focuses his practice on the needs of criminal defendants and men and women involved in divorce or family law matters. He is a former Deland/Daytona Beach prosecutor.



R.J. LARIZZA Republican

R.J. Larizza is a native of Jacksonville, where he graduated from Bishop Kenny High School. He attended Troy State University and obtained his bachelor's degree in criminal justice with a minor in English. Upon graduation he entered the workforce with the Florida Department of Corrections, working with young probationers and parolees.

He stayed with the Department of Corrections for almost 13 years and attained the rank of supervisor II at the time of his departure in 1993.

Larizza left the Department of Corrections to pursue a law degree at Mercer University's Walter F. George, School of Law, and graduated in the top one third of his class in May 1996.

Larizza returned to St. Augustine where he worked as an assistant state attorney with the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida. In January 2003 he pursued a private practice career and was later elected to the office of State Attorney for the Seventh Judicial Circuit.

PUBLIC DEFENDER (CIRCUIT 7)



GEORGE BURDEN Republican

Originally from New Jersey, George Burden served 10 years in the U.S. Air Force. Joining the ROTC allowed Burden to attend law school. As a commissioned officer, Burden was sent to intelligence school, then Strategic Air Command Headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska.

He volunteered for duty in the Middle East during the Iran/Iraq War.

He has served 30 years with the 7th Circuit Public Defenders' Office and a term on the Daytona Beach City Commission. In that position, he was appointed to the Daytona Beach Race and Recreation Facility District and the Central Florida Community Development Corp.

He has made 41 appearances before Florida's Supreme Court and has served as chief assistant to the public defender.

ANNE MARIE GENNUSA Republican

Anne Marie Gennusa began her legal career as a criminal defense attorney in Bronx County, N.Y., in 1994. She received her juris doctorate from Temple University School of Law that year and has since earned dual master certificates from Villanova University in government contracting (2012) and human resource management (2013). She was admitted to Florida bar in 1999 and New York bar in 1995. During



her 25-year legal career she has served as a public defender, criminal defense attorney, assistant state attorney and private practitioner. She began her career in law working to represent those accused of crimes who could not afford legal representation. She relocated with her family to Ponte Vedra Beach in 1999 and has

run her law firm since then and managed employees in the day to day operations of the business.



MATT METZ Republican

Matt Metz is a Daytona Beach native and has a background in business administration. As an attorney, he is board certified in criminal trial law and has been an assistant public defender with the 7th Circuit for the past decade. He has been

appointed chief of the office's felony division and currently leads a team of 12 attorneys and more than 30 staff members. He is a member of Daytona Beach Rotary, Tiger Bay of Volusia County, Volusia County Bar Association, Dunn-Blount Inns of Court, Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. and Volusia County Republican Executive Committee.

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"Please join me in voting for Anne Marie Gennusa to be our next Public Defender. She is from St. Johns County and has the common sense of a business woman that we need in the Public Defender's Office."



State Representative Cyndi Stevenson

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SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION

DISTRICT 3

NICOLE CROSBY (N/P) Nicole Crosby graduated from



Nicole Crosby graduated from the University of Texas School of Communication with a degree in Advertising and went to work for Doyle Dane Bernbach in New York where she became Sr. VP, Assoc. Creative Director. She garnered many awards for advertising creativity. She currently runs an internet business

called the Texas Fireframe Company. She co-founded Save Guana Now to protect 100 acres of conservation land from development and she remains focused on protecting the property. She also co-founded NEST (Never Endanger Sea Turtles).

JOHN "BUCKY" SYKES (N/P)

Sykes Originally was a board member from 1985



until 2005 and currently has been reappointed to the board. Bucky brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the board. Bucky is a fourth-generation farmer who, in the past, grew potatoes and cabbage on his farm. Bucky now grows specialty crops and currently owns and operates a corn maze. Sykes Family Farms.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY COMMISSION

DISTRICT 1 JIMMY JOHNSRepublican



James K. "Jimmy"
Johns grew up in Northeast Florida and has degrees in applied physics from Jacksonville University and civil engineering from the University of Florida. Upon graduation, he worked as a project manager for International Paper Company in Louisiana

where he was responsible for compliance with the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts. In 2004, he founded Solid Rock Engineering Consultants, which serves clients across the southeastern United States, providing land planning, design and permitting services for private and public developments.

Johns and wife Kathy raised their family in Julington Creek Plantation.

Johns has served as County Commission chair, St. Johns County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board chair, North Florida Transportation Planning Organization treasurer and vice chairman and UNF Small Business Development Center member.

He is a Rotarian, member of the Echota Cherokee Tribe and chairman of the St. Johns County Complete Count Committee for 2020 Census.

CHRISTIAN WHITEHURST Republican



A third generation Floridian, Christian Whitehurst moved to St. Johns County 22 years ago, and now lives in Julington Creek Plantation with wife Courtney and their children. They are active members of Christ's Church.

At age 17, Whitehurst went to work at Fast Fix Jewelry & Watch Repair at the Avenues. He eventually bought the franchise from the previous owner. Since then, he has opened a second Fast Fix

Jewelry & Watch Repair location at the St. Johns Town Center.
Whitehurst was appointed to the United Way of St. Johns
County campaign cabinet in 2015. He continues to volunteer
both time and resources to various organizations, including Dan-

iel Kids, March of Dimes and the Special Olympics of Florida.

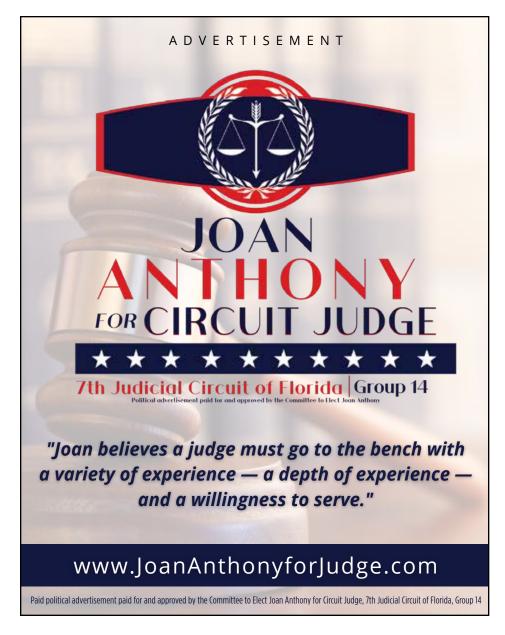
JOE MCANARNEY Democrat (Unopposed)

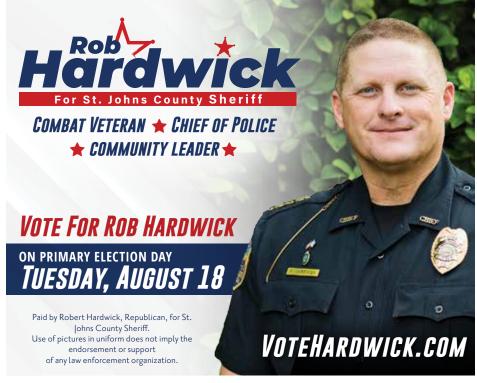
Joe McAnarney and his wife have lived in Julington Creek



Plantation for more than 15 years, attracted to the quality of life they saw: large areas of open space and wetlands, excellent schools and ease of traveling to work, shopping and cultural events. McAnarney is a retired architect and planner with more than 40 years of experience working with building codes and development standards.

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SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

VICKY OAKESRepublican (Unopposed)



Florida native Vicky Oakes has been a resident of St. Johns County since 1983. In 1988, she began her career in the county Elections Office as the assistant supervisor. She served in that position for 23 years. In 2011, she was appointed supervisor of elections by Gov. Rick Scott and was elected to that position in November 2012.

She is a State of Florida Certified Supervisor of Elections, a Master Florida Certified Elections Professional and a National Certified Election/Registration Administrator.

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Commission

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PAUL WALDRONRepublican (Unopposed)



Paul Waldron is a lifelong resident of St. Johns County. He grew up in the northern part of the city of St. Augustine.

Waldron graduated from St. Augustine High School in 1986 and received his associate's degree from

The University of North Florida in 1989. He attended Flagler College and earned a bachelor's degree in 1991 in business administration.

He has had a number of affiliations, including Ashlar Masonic Lodge No. 98, Kiwanis of Saint Augustine, the Ancient City Game Fish Association and the St. Augustine/St. Johns Sports Club.

DISTRICT 5 HENRY DEANRepublican (Unopposed)

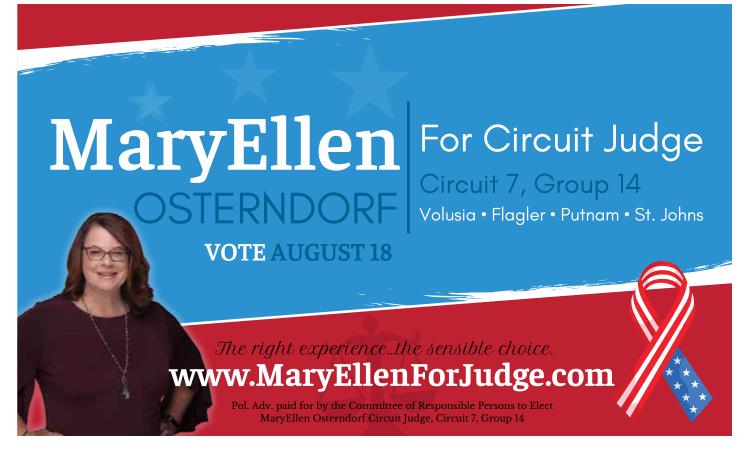


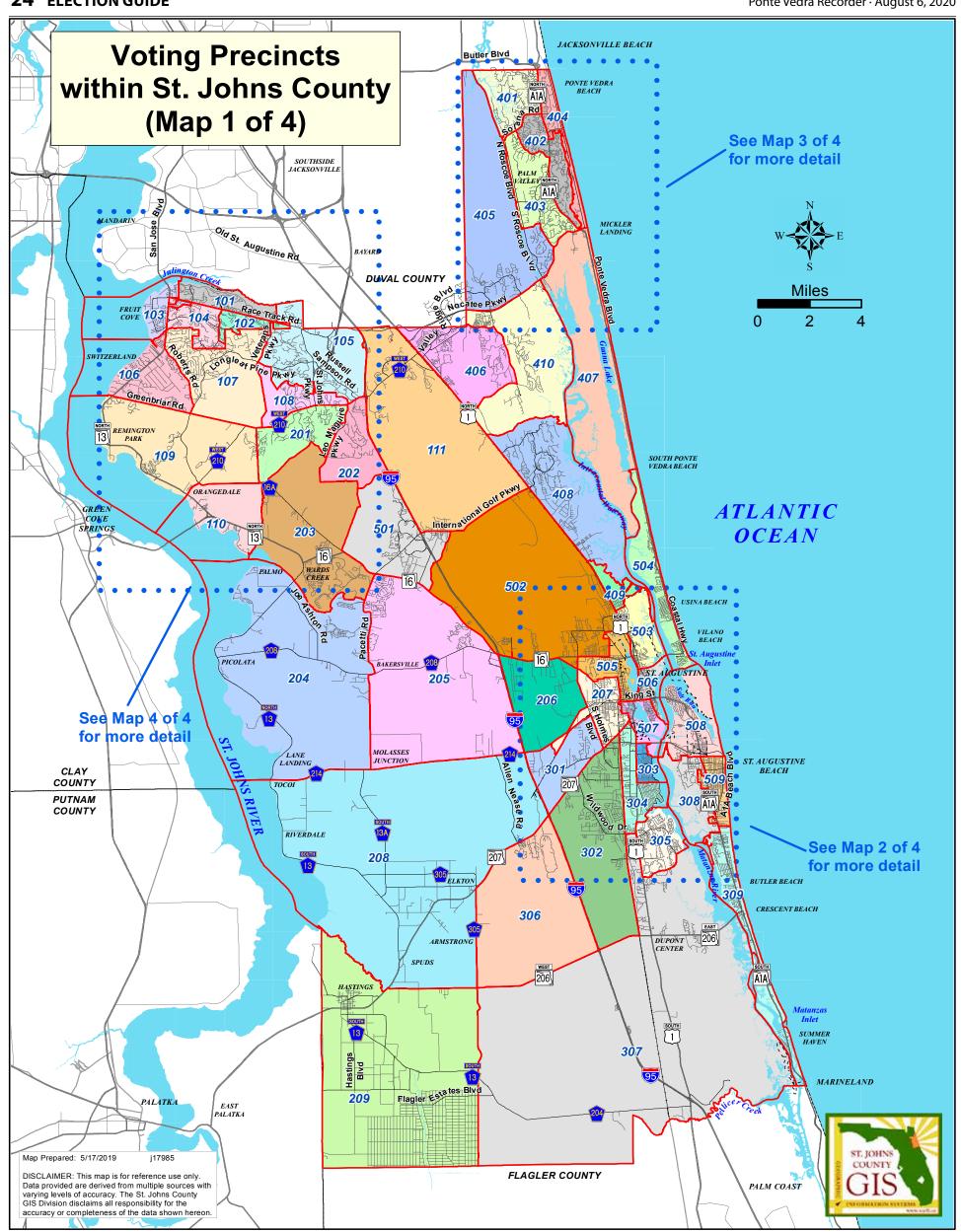
Henry Dean is a longtime St. Johns County resident running for re-election as a Republican for the St. Johns County Commission, District 5. Dean is the former executive director of both the St. Johns River and South Florida

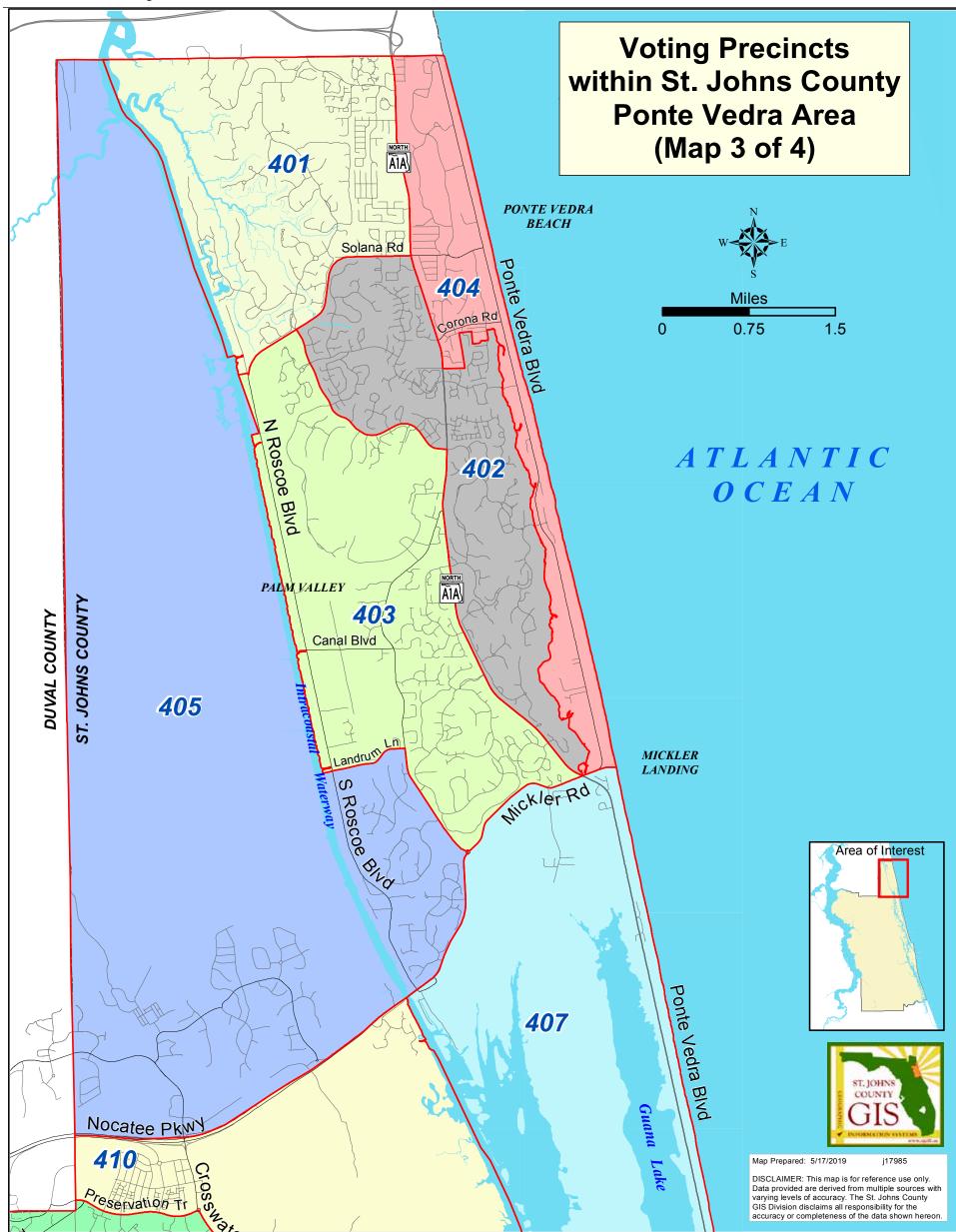
water management districts. In nearly 20 years at the helm of the St. Johns River Water Management District, he directed the acquisition of sensitive conservation lands, like the Guana Preserve, Julington-Durbin Preserve and Moses Creek Conservation Area.

Dean lives in St. Augustine. He is a member of the Florida Association of Counties Water Policy Committee.









SCHOOL BOARD

DISTRICT 2

ANTHONY COLEMAN



Anthony Coleman was born in Palatka and attended Hastings High School, where he played varsity football and ran track, and was the state champion for the 100-meter in 1982. After gradu-

ation, he completed the St. Augustine Technical Law Enforcement Academy and graduated from Vincennes University.

Coleman served as a deputy with the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office for more than 30 years. The last 20 of those years, he was a youth resource deputy, coach, mentor, teacher and role model to thousands of county children.

He was named Officer of the Year in 1999 and received the Guy White Award, the highest award given by the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office. Coleman also

received an award for exceptional service after saving a toddler from a home fire in Hastings in 2015.

NICK GRAHAM



Nick Graham grew up in St. Johns County and attended Bartram Trail High School. A proponent of youth sports and activities, he played ice hockey from ages 8 to 27.

He acquired an interest in education in

part due to his mother being a teacher in St. Johns County. He went on to become an employee of the district and has more than 10 years of experience as a technology specialist. He taught TV production at Hickory Creek Elementary School and web design at Bartram Trail High School.

He has served as a computer education advisory board member with St Johns River State College and as a courtappointed child advocate with the Florida Guardian Ad Litem Program.

REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE



KAREN G. HARVEY

A native of Flushing, N.Y., Karen G. Harvey has been a resident of St. Augustine for the past 30 vears. She is the author of several books about the

history of the city, including "St. Augustine and St. Johns County: A Pictorial History" and "Oldest Ghosts: St. Augustine Haunts." She has been a teacher and historic interpreter and holds degrees from the University of North Carolina,

Greensboro, and American University in Washington, D.C. She is a member of the St. Augustine Historical Society and Romanza and is active on local citizens' boards including the Historic Architecture

Review Board.



TAMARA **RENUART**

Married to former Florida Rep. Ronald "Doc" Renuart, Tamara Renuart is the incumbent Republican state committee person.

Ponte Vedra Democratic Club announces upcoming meetings

The Ponte Vedra Democratic Club gathers to discuss issues and concerns of Ponte Vedra-area Democrats and welcomes new members at any time. During the COVID-19 situation, the club is meet-

Upcoming meetings are: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, with local candidates on the November ballot; and 6:30 p.m. Sept. 9 to discuss Paul Begala's new book, "You're Fired."

For meeting information, go to the club's Facebook page or contact the vice president of membership, Jan Kary, at janetkary@gmail.com for meeting links and passcodes.

Coalition encourages voters

Blue Wave of St. Johns recently released a PSA encouraging everyone to vote. It can be found at bluewavecoalition.org/we-the-people-pledge.

The video there features a group of St. Johns County children as young as age 4 asking Americans to cast their votes in 2020.

Blue Wave Coalition brings together grassroots organizations in Florida to elect leaders who share progressive and democratic values. The St. Johns County coalition includes multiple organizations deploying a data-driven regional campaign to ensure that principled leadership becomes and remains a reality at all levels — locally, statewide, and nationally — in 2020 and beyond.

Blue Wave Coalition of Florida is not affiliated with any political party but functions as a broad umbrella that welcomes and engages organizations of all kinds in creating change through the electoral process.

For more information, go to BlueWave-Coalition.org.

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Julington Creek Annex 725 Flora Branch Boulevard Saint Johns, FL 32259

Southeast Branch Library 6670 US 1 South St. Augustine, FL 32086

St. Augustine Beach City Hall 2200 A1A South St. Augustine, FL 32080

Hastings Branch Library 6195 South Main Street Hastings, FL 32145

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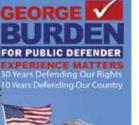
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