



**UPRD SUPERVISORS' ELECTION
FORUM UPDATES AND VOTING NEED TO KNOW INFORMATION**

(Please take time to read this message all the way through)

CANDIDATES' FORUMS

Two in-person Forums have been held to date. This week two more are scheduled.

On **Thursday, November 17 at 1PM a Zoom only Forum** will be held. You can be an active participant in a format suited to plentiful dialogue with emphasis on focused questions and answers. [Click here](#) for the Zoom link and information on how to sign in.

Many questions were received in advance of previous Forums. If you would like to add yours, please email them to Election Chair, John Bondur (jmbondur@gmail.com).

Of course, you can personally present questions by following the Zoom "raise your hand" feature. Please structure your question(s) to be asked within a one-minute time limit and identify the candidate you wish to answer. The process will be reviewed at the opening of the Forum.

On **Friday, November 18 at 1:30PM** the final Forum will be an in-person event in the Lakeside Room.

Responding to input received from the voting public this Forum will be structured to maximize the opportunity for questions to be presented. Emphasis will be placed on concise questioning and succinct responses from Candidates. The length of the session will be open-ended to ensure voters can be heard.

BE AN INFORMED VOTER – PARTICIPATE IN THE FORUMS!

VOTING PROCESS – KEY FACTS

This election will choose two people to serve four-year terms as RD Board Supervisors. Final Election Day is Tuesday, December 6.

The RD Board oversees the operation of the Country Club business, and the many issues swirling about for the last few years. They make the decisions on all aspects of the facilities and the spotlight has been on spending to date and the future.

The people you elect will join with their incumbent colleagues to fine tune the continuing evolution of the Club. Their decisions will determine how much that will cost you, and that's important.

Two weeks ago, the first mailing of ballots went out to Owners of the 1,202 lots in UP as then listed with the Manatee County Tax Appraiser. Keep in mind that the list is fluid to reflect new Owner information filed.

Ideally the list includes all names on the deed for a UP property, but we have found that may not be the case in 100% of the cases. When we have been alerted that an Owner did not receive a ballot, we installed a process to generate a ballot.

In addition to Owners some of you may fit the description of a non-Owner such as a spouse not listed on the deed, or someone who resides at a specific address such as a companion, renter, relative.

Since none of our volunteers pretend to be omniscient, a diligent effort was made to identify people who do reside at a specific address and previously asked in blast emails for those people to identify themselves so we could get ballots in their hands. We've received a small flurry of notices, but certainly not all.

If you have not yet received a ballot, we are here to help. Send an email to Election Chair, John Bondur (jmbondur@gmail.com) and one of our volunteers will follow-up. Please understand that in some situations a person's link to an address is complex, so we may ask for information to verify the status.

OUR GOAL FROM THE START HAS BEEN TO MAKE THE VOTER LIST AS INCLUSIVE AS POSSIBLE, SO YOUR ASSISTANCE WILL BE APPRECIATED!

Please read on!

BALLOTING ISSUES – HOW TO CORRECT PROBLEMS

When ballots started to roll-in we encountered several problems in validation. Here are examples of what was encountered, and actions taken, or actions needed.

Marked Ballots Deposited Without an Envelope

To protect the anonymity and security of individual ballots pre-addressed return envelopes with an ID number in the upper left corner were included in the ballot package. When mailed in the envelope there's no problem. Unfortunately, some ballots were deposited in the ballot box without a covering envelope. These ballots are disqualified and will not be tallied.

Without knowing who submitted the ballot it is impossible to back track and identify who made the deposit error.

Ballot Packages Discarded

Notice has been received from some folks who realized a ballot package was discarded or all or some of the contents were discarded. If the entire package is gone, we will make every effort to send a new package, including cancelling the original ID and issuing a new one. Supplying a discarded ballot page can also be arranged, but it must be returned in the envelope originally supplied. Once we are notified, we will proceed, but the remedy is a multi-step process so please be patient.

Changed My Mind and Want to Amend My Ballot

This can be accomplished but you must make the amendment in-person at the polling place on December 6, 2022. This will require you notifying the Election Chair no later than December 2, 2022, so the election volunteers will have time to locate the ballot envelope among the anticipated large number received.

Voting on December 6, 2022

Voters may vote in-person. The polling area will open at 9AM and will close at 12 Noon. You may use the ballot sent to you and deposit it in the ballot box; or you may request a special ballot form from the election volunteers and then mark and deposit it in the ballot box.

Election Volunteers: John Bondur, Election Chair (jmbondur@gmail.com), Jim Corrigan, Todd Emmerson, Marc Loundy, Dale Otterman, Marcia and Greg Selep, Pat Singletary.