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## Remember D-Day June 6, 1944

### A Letter from AFSWFLC President Barbara Vaughn

Hello AFSWFLC Members and Friends,

This is.....The Great Adventure!!

The month of May was a whirlwind for me. How about you? Graduations, weddings, planning summer vacations, maybe getting a young one ready for college, and my favorite, Memorial Day! I hope among the cookouts and other fun ways to enjoy the beginning of summer, you made time to attend one of the Memorial Day programs held in Patriots Park or at the Sarasota National Cemetery.

A phrase you might have heard – probably more than once - over the weekend is one that's familiar to us but it bears repeating: "Greater love has no man but this to lay down his life for his friends." None of us are likely to ever be called to make that terrible decision. We're not involved in warfare or civil unrest...but we could be.

We're hearing constantly these days about the upcoming midterm elections and how critical they are to our future. But do you really believe that our great nation is on the edge of a deep chasm and in grave danger of going over? I know, I know, you've heard the same thing every election: this one will be the most critical of our lives. I pray you'll believe it this time.

Some of you might have heard me speak on The Great Reset. Well, this is it, friends.

But, please understand, our fight is not between democrats and republicans, blue against red, lefties against right wingers. Not anymore. We're fighting for our lives against evil. It's against a large cabal of people who have been planning this "great reset" for most of our lives. What they're striving for is a One World Government with their chosen ones in charge; no borders, no individual nations with their own laws, their own economies, or their own cultures. Just a world-wide "one big happy family," ruled over mostly by people you've never even heard of, much less voted for.

I could say I'm not trying to scare you, but I am. You need to be frightened enough to take action. Do your homework, learn about the history of the people you're thinking of voting for, then get busy and work for the people you've decided on; make phone cards, go door knocking, use your social media ties, or maybe write letters to the editor.

Understand, please that we're in the mess we're in because our parents and grandparents simply weren't paying attention. Is that what you're going to leave to your children and their children? With God's help and our constant prayers, We the People will ensure that our great nation, our Constitutional Republic will go on as our forefathers designed for at least another 250 years!

Saddle up your horses! We've got a trail to blaze!

Yours truly,  
Barbara Vaughn, President AFSWFLC

**78 Days Until the August 18<sup>th</sup> Primary**

**VOTE 'AMERICA FIRST'**

**BECAUSE WE ARE THE GRASSROOTS OF AMERICA**

**In the end, elections aren't won by the side with the best arguments.**

**They're won by the side that shows up, puts in the work, and follows through to convert voters. It's a proven fact.**

**But will the right and the **AFSWFLC** act on it?**



We are having a fundraiser. Grab your dancing shoes and get ready to rock! Saturday, June 6th, join fellow conservative patriots for an afternoon of pure fun from 2:30 to 6:30 as we kick off the celebration of America's 250th anniversary. Venice's own DJ Mike will be spinning classic hits from the 60s through the 90s with food buffet style included and tickets just \$35.

Can't attend or just looking to sponsor the event? Get your tickets or make a donation and celebrate with us. Let's party like it's 1776! 🇺🇸 🎸 The link to our dance page is front and center on the first page of our website. <https://americafirstswflc.org/>

## **June Meeting Date**

**June 10, 2026**, is the next AFSWFLC meeting at 11 am to 1 pm at the Venice Community Center, 326 Nokomis Ave. S., Venice 34285.  
<https://www.yelp.com/biz/venice-community-center-venice> The speaker is Rachel Rodriquez who is running for Governor.

**As of 6/1/2026, Sarasota County has 325,449 total active voters, with nearly half (160,474) registered Republicans.**

**So why do so many Democrats win?**

**Too many Republicans complain instead of voting to throw the bums out. It is shameful that Republicans don't win every election.**

**A big change is necessary at the Republican Executive Committee (REC) Chairman and other REC leadership levels – fewer Uni-Party running things and more America First leaders representing the majority of the Republican grassroot America First and MAGA voters.**

**In this year as we celebrate our nation's 250th birthday, let's remind ourselves of the incredible work our Founding Fathers did in putting together the governmental machinery that makes this country work.**

***Strong Local Self-Government is the Keystone to Preserving Human Freedom.***

**"Political power automatically gravitates toward the center, and the purpose of the Constitution is to prevent that from happening." The Golden Key to preserving freedom was what was considered to be the "New England town spirit where every person had a voice and a vote." America's Anglo-Saxon forefathers were strong in local self-government until the Crown began to deprive the people of local rule.**

**Thomas Jefferson emphasized local rule. He said, "The way to have good and safe government is not to trust it all to one, but to divide it among the many, distributing to every one exactly the functions he is competent to perform."**

## Sarasota School Board Meetings

The board's next meeting time is **3 pm** scheduled for **June 10**.

- July 22, 2026 (3:00 pm)
- August 19, 2026
- September 16, 2026
- October 21, 2026
- November 18, 2026
- December 16, 2026

*Note: The July meeting starts at 3:00 pm due to summer schedule adjustments.* 1960 Landings Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34231

To email all School Board members:

[schoolboardmembers@sarasotacountyschools.net](mailto:schoolboardmembers@sarasotacountyschools.net)

## Sarasota Memorial Hospital Board Meetings

Contact Lisa Roulet [lisaroulet@proton.me](mailto:lisaroulet@proton.me) for any information.

### Meeting schedule:

Tuesday, July 28 2:00 pm

Tuesday, Sept. 22 3:30 pm Regular board meeting, 5:00 pm Final Budget and Tax Millage meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 17 2:00 pm First meeting with newly elected board members

## Sarasota County Commissioner Meetings

June 2,3 and 16, 17, 22, 4000 S. Tamiami Trail., Venice 34293 9-5 pm

## Charter Review Board Meeting

6 pm Location and date to be determined.

## Sarasota MAGA Patriots Meeting

**June 22** Covenant Life Church 8490 McIntosh Rd., Sarasota Check-in 5:30. Meeting 6-8 pm. Rep. Greg Steube will be the speaker.

**July 29** S. Sarasota Tiger Bay "Hob Nob"/Meet the Candidates (candidates invited by Venice Chamber). Hotel Venezia [425 U.S. 41 Bypass N, Venice, FL 34285](https://www.hotelvenezia.com)

Go to: [www.sctigerbay.com](http://www.sctigerbay.com) 4:30-7 pm

## Coastal Conservative News

Welcome to Coastal Conservative News (CCN)—Your trusted source for faith-based, family-focused & freedom-driven news. <https://www.youtube.com/@coastalconservativenews>

## Red Tent Time Again

Sarasota MAGA Patriots will set up **Red Tents** again. We always have fun meeting other patriots at the “**Red Tent**” early voting extravaganza! August 8-August 16. A list will start next month, so **sign up early and sign up often.**

### 2026 Candidates

**Michelle Pozzie** Is a candidate in District 5 School Board  
**June 3** Fundraiser for Michelle Pozzie. Details and registration on this link <https://michellepozzie.com/events>

**Teresa DeWitt** Is a candidate in District 1 School Board  
[www.electteresadewitt.com](http://www.electteresadewitt.com)

**Frank DiCicco** Is a candidate in District 4 School Board  
[www.frankforschoolboard.com](http://www.frankforschoolboard.com) Fdicicco50@gmail.com

**Joe Neunder** for Sarasota County Commission District 4

**Mark Smith** for Sarasota County Commission District 2  
[Marksmithforsarasota.com](http://Marksmithforsarasota.com)

**Vic Rohe** for FL Senate District 22  
[www.vic4fl.com](http://www.vic4fl.com)

**Bill VanAllen** for Sarasota County Charter Review Board

**Greg Steube** for US Congress District 17

**Chris Gleason** for FL US Senate

True American-born, America-loving, Christian and other religious citizens are NOT the establishment’s choice. But we should be your choice—because we are you.

Visit our **America First Southwest Florida Caucus website at:**  
**AFSWFLC.ORG**

**Call to Action: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SARASOTA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, AND PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF CRITICAL CONCERN.**

Post Date: 05/21/2026 10:00 AM

**These guys are not giving up** on this 5,700-residence development project in an area of critical concern, and the Live Local Act creates a cause of action for the lawyers to take it to court if the Planning Commission denies approval.

**This needs to be stopped again at the Public Hearing on June 4th, or at least delayed until the transportation, water, sewer, and other infrastructure is adequate to support the increased population density.**

The Sarasota County Planning Commission, acting as the Local Planning Agency, will hold a Public Hearing on **June 4, 2026**, at the **Robert L. Anderson Administration Center, County Commission Chamber, 4000 South Tamiami Trail, Venice, Florida**, at **5:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible, to consider:

**1) CPA No. 2024-D** (Accela Record No. PLN-AMEND-24-000009), a privately initiated Comprehensive Plan text Amendment to Chapter 8 – Sarasota 2050 RMA, amending VOS Policies 1.2.A, 2.1, 2.3 and 2.5 to include an optional Town Center concept with increased intensity for Village Planned Development and to expand the qualifying criteria for requesting exceptions to the Greenbelt requirements,

**2) UDC Amendment No. 2025-4** (Accela Record No. ZON-VERIFY-25-000033), a privately initiated Unified Development Code amendment to section 124-271 and section 124-272 (Village Area Regulations) to implement the changes proposed by CPA No. 2024-D, and

**3) Palmer Ranch East DOCC** (Accela Record No. PLN-DOCC-24-00001), that proposes a Master Development Order and Plan for a mixed-use Village project of up to 5,702 residential units and up to 1,480,000 SF of commercial/office and/or light industrial uses, utilizing the Sarasota 2050 RMA development form.

The petitions relate to the property located east of the intersection of I-75 and S.R. 681, Sarasota.

**Call to Action Call 202-224-3121**

Farm bill - **[H.R.7567](#)** - **Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026**, was received in the Senate on 05/19/2026.

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/7567>

Section 12006 of that bill corresponds with '**[H.R.4673](#)** - Save Our Bacon Act'

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/4673>

The Save Our Bacon Act and Section 12006 of HR-4673 essentially results in **nationalizing** our food supply. See <https://merylnass.substack.com/p/the-save-our-bacon-act-section-12006> **This is bad, bad, bad.**

Urge Senators Ashley Moody and Rick Scott and Rep. Steube to maintain protections for local farmers, and **remove Sec 12006** (the Save Our Bacon language) **from [HR-7567](#)**.

<https://www.rickscott.senate.gov/>

<https://www.moody.senate.gov/contact-us/>

## **#2 Call to Action Call Steube, Moody and Scott 202-224-3121**

**ACT NOW:** U.S. Representative Andy Ogles (R-Tenn.) has introduced the American System for Sustainable Immigration and Mass Immigration Limitations Achieved Through Imposing Oversight Nationally (ASSIMILATION) Act ([H.R. 8827](#)). Introduced on May 14, 2026, **it would repeal key provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965, the Hart-Celler Act.**

If enacted, **the ASSIMILATION Act would limit family-based immigration to immediate family members only — spouses and minor children — ending the endless chain migration that has allowed one immigrant to sponsor dozens of extended relatives.** It would also repeal the “Green Card Lottery” U.S. Diversity Visa program.

"America is not a boarding house for the world. For decades, our immigration system has been weaponized against American workers, American families, and American culture.

**[Contact your U.S. representative and senators, and urge them to co-sponsor and support H.R. 8827, the ASSIMILATION Act, while removing the unconstitutional E-Verify provision.](#)**

## **Offices Up for Election in 2026**

### **Federal**

U.S. Representative, 17th Congressional District

### **State**

Governor, Lt. Governor, Cabinet Members (Attorney General, Chief Financial Officer, and Commissioner of Agriculture), State Senate District 22, 73rd House District, 74th House District, 75th House District

### **County**

County Commissioner Districts 2 and 4

Charter Review Board District 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Hospital Board Northern District Seats 1 and 2

Hospital Board Central District Seat 2

Hospital Board Southern District Seats 1 and 2

**School Board District 1, 4 and 5** (This is THE CRITICAL RACE!) - as of this date, vote for **Teresa DeWitt, Michelle Pozzie and Frank DiCicco.**

Judicial – Numerous

Visit [RightVotes.com](https://RightVotes.com) for Conservative Voting Information



### Join AFSWFLC Telegram

Click the link below to join our club's Telegram social media messenger.

[CLICK THIS LINK](#)

### Mark Your Calendars

**Deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed: **Thursday, Aug. 6, 5 p.m. 941-861-8618****

The Sarasota County Supervisor of Elections is looking for poll workers, and the training schedule is posted. The newsletter is in the link: [<news@sarasotavotes.ccsend.com>](mailto:news@sarasotavotes.ccsend.com)

**June 8<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to file as a candidate; the 12<sup>th</sup> to qualify for the office.**  
**August 18, 2026: Primary Election**

Training window:

July 20-25; 27-31 (Sarasota)

August 3-7 (Venice)

August 10-13 (North Port)

**Early Voting: August 8 - 16**

**November 3, 2026: General Election**

Training window:

October 5-10; 12-16 (Sarasota)

October 19-23 (Venice)

October 26-29 (North Port)

**Early Voting: October 19 - November 1**

## Call Our Officials

Gov. DeSantis	850-717-9337
Sen. Rick Scott	202-224-5274
Sen. Ashley Moody	202-224-3041
Rep. Greg Steube	202-225-5792
Fiona McFarland	941-361-2465
James Buchanan	941-429-4560
Danny Nix	941-899-0810
White House	202-456-1414

## Legislation on Florida Bills

Stay informed.

Watch tracked bills: <https://flsenate.gov>

Meredyth Morrow 908-343-5104 and Andy Dubois 352-933-6353  
andy@libertycitizen.com

The 2A group works to get bills supported. - **This takes action from the members to call and set appointments**- contact Kevin McAuliffe to get involved.

401-924-1744 [km727@aol.com](mailto:km727@aol.com)

12 Govt Operations House committee bills all passed last Nov. or Dec. that take away freedom of information. It is very concerning that with every single bill this committee passed this session, more is hidden from us. **We need to be diligent and vocal.**

Link to the Government Operations Subcommittee site:

<https://flhouse.gov/Sections/Committees/committeesdetail.aspx?CommitteeId=3303>

**FastDemocracy** <mailto:notifications@fastdemocracy.com> Sign up to get House and Senate bill updates.

**Our goals are:** 1. SOE must verify citizenship, 2. Continue cleaning up voter rolls, 3. More in-depth audits of election machines as well as precinct and count options, 4. Tighten VBM requests.

**Defend Florida has Voter Integrity ZOOM calls on Tuesday nights at 7pm.** [DefendFlorida.org](http://DefendFlorida.org)

**Citizens Renewing America Alliance** Phone call every Thursday, 5-5:30 pm  
<https://slingof david.com/signup> 4919 Pass WG8Fw2

## **MAKE CONTACT: Congress at your Fingertips**

If you call 877-827-3321 you can get the **Congress at your Fingertips** book for \$20. Request the book by email at: [books@cqrollcall.com](mailto:books@cqrollcall.com)  
The Congressional Quarterly (CQ) website is <https://info.cq.com/demo/>  
Then call any governor, senator or representative directly.  
Call: Rep. Greg Steube **202-225-5792**. Tamzin Rosenwasser

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## **The John Birch Society**

The JBS provides many easy-to-read brochures to hand out to reach others and to take back control of Congress.

**Educational Materials** - books; literature; the *New American Magazine* - a monthly printed and online publication with timely articles about current events

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## **Sharia-Free America Caucus**

The newly organized Sharia-Free America Caucus stated purpose is to oppose the influence of **Sharia law** in U.S. legal and immigration systems, promoting legislation like the **No Sharia Act** and the **Preserving a Sharia-Free America Act**. However, the **Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)** has designated the caucus as an **anti-Muslim hate group**, citing what it describes as dehumanizing rhetoric and policies targeting Muslims.

Co-Chairman Keith Self (R-Texas) has over 50 members in the Caucus. **Call and ask Rep. Greg Steube and other Representatives to join this group. 202-224-3121**

*"Volunteers are not paid  
-- not because they are  
worthless, but because  
they are priceless."*

## **Donations and Volunteers Are Needed**

We appreciate and welcome volunteers' **stamp** donations for our mission to reach new registered Republicans. We have a total of **160,546** total active registered Republican voters as of 5/23/2026. Our outreach program has welcomed over 10,000 newly registered Republican voters to Sarasota County. **First class stamps are \$.78. Postcard stamps are \$.61.** <http://www.americafirstswflc.org>

**America First SWFLC** website: <http://www.americafirstswflc.org> Visit the website to see our pictures and newsletters, plus updates throughout the month.

**Spend Cash on Fridays!**  
**Support our economy by using cash.**

AFSWFLC Members Met **Matt the Welder** Running for  
Agriculture Commissioner



**Eddie Speir for Congress Team 941-726-9956**

## **Master Gardeners Plant Clinic – Jacaranda Library**

On Thursdays between 1:30 to 3:30 drop-in for gardening advice from the Sarasota County Extension Services' Master Gardeners. Get started on your Victory Garden this spring. 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice 34293.

## Get Involved!

Write a 250 word or less letter to The Venice Gondolier editor. Ronald.dupont@yoursun.com Sign your full name, include an address and phone number, but it won't be used. Mail letters to: The Venice Gondolier, Letters to the Editor, 200 E. Venice Ave., Venice, FL 34285. PLEASE make rebuttals to liberal letters. Jump in and voice your opinion.

### What is America First Southwest Florida Caucus?

We are an active grassroots organization dedicated to traditional economic and social conservative Constitutional Republic values. We pool our talents and energy into electing conservatives to public offices. Patriots to save our country. We're a working and social club where you can share your ideas for America's future with friends to implement political plans into action.

Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month (except December) at Venice Community Center (Ballroom D), 326 S. Nokomis Ave. near Jervey Library on the island. Light refreshments served at 11:00 am. Guest speakers are scheduled.

**We make it happen! We are America First SWFLC!**

### MEMBERSHIP DONATIONS DUE

If you know a Republican, NPA, or patriotic conservative who wants to join the America First SWFLC, bring them to a meeting for informative, political news and entertainment plus meet new conservatives with a similar heart for America, or send them to our website at <http://www.americafirstswflc.org>

**Annual membership dues:** \$35 individual, \$60 couple, and \$20 each additional family member.

**Time to renew your membership dues.** Bring cash or a check to the meeting, or use the link below to pay by credit card. Send checks to America First SWFL, 2357 S Tamiami Trail Ste 3, PMB# 200, Venice, FL 34293.  
<http://www.americafirstswflc.org>

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