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EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS WILL BE CLOSED TUESDAY, AUGUST 19 DUE TO TROPICAL STORM FAY

Lee County, FL: Due to Tropical storm Fay, early voting will be suspended at all five locations on Tuesday, August 19, 2008 and resume normal hours Wednesday, August 20, 2008.

The final day of early voting for the Primary Election will be Saturday, August 23, 2008. Early voting hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00am to 6:00pm and Saturday, 9:00am to 5:00pm.

"We now have the DS200 Optical Scan voting system that uses a paper ballot. This requires voters to read and fill in the ovals to mark their selections, and then get in line to scan their ballots. This system is new to both the voters and our Poll Workers. I encourage people to take advantage of early voting!" states Lee County Supervisor of Elections, Sharon L. Harrington.

A current photo and signature identification, such as a Florida driver's license, is required by law for early voting and on election day. If you do not have a current Photo & Signature ID, you will be required to vote a provisional ballot until voter eligibility can be verified.

This easy and convenient method of voting is available to all registered voters in Lee County AND regardless of where you live you can vote any one of these early voting sites:

Bonita Springs Branch Office 24951 Old US 41 Suite #10 Bonita Springs 949 -1581

Cape Coral Branch Office 1031 SE 9th Pl. Cape Coral 533-7031

East Lee County Regional Library 881 Gunnery Rd Lehigh Acres LEE-VOTE (533-8683)

Lee County Elections Main Office 2480 Thompson St. Fort Myers LEE-VOTE (533-8683)

South Branch Office 13180 S. Cleveland Ave. Fort Myers 533-6918

To request a Ballot By Mail call 533-6919 OR 533-8683. There is no excuse required to request a ballot by mail. All registered voters can take advantage of this no waiting in line method of voting. The last day to request a Ballot By Mail for the August 26, 2008 Primary is Wednesday, August 20, 2008.

An instructional video demonstrating the new DS200 Optical Scan voting system is now featured on the home page of the Lee County Website, www.leeelections.com .