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Democrats:**31,345** Republicans:**72,555** Others:**30,684** Total:**134,584**

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NEW EARLY VOTING SITE TO OPEN IN OAKLEAF/ARGYLE AREA

Chris Chambless, Clay County Supervisor of Elections, is pleased to announce the opening of a sixth early voting site in Clay County at the Eagle Landing Resident's Club. Early voting will be available at the new site during the 2014 Primary and General elections.

"We, as a society, are becoming increasingly hurried. Early voting is about convenience. The appeal of early voting is the ease and flexibility to meet today's hectic schedule. Through this partnership with Eagle Landing, the surrounding communities voters will now have more access to early voting," said Chambless.

"Our analysis show that because there has not been a viable option for early voting in the Oakleaf/Argyle area, there has been a decrease in early voting participation in that region," said Chambless.

Prior to 2013, per Florida statute, early voting could only be held at the Supervisor of Elections office or branch, city hall or permanent public library, leaving the Oakleaf/Argyle area without a viable option for early voting. The Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections (FSASE) heavily lobbied the Florida legislature for greater flexibility in early voting site selection. In 2013, the Florida legislature extended the law to allow early voting to be held at any city hall, permanent public library facility, fairground, civic center, courthouse, county commission building, stadium, convention center, government-owned senior center or government-owned community center.

After hours of research and driving around the area, the Eagle Landing Resident's Club was identified as a possible early voting site, meeting all of the law's requirements. Supervisor Chambless then reached out to Roger Arrowsmith, Florida Division President of East West Partners, to form a new partnership with Eagle Landing.

Other Clay County early voting locations include: the Fleming Island Library, the Orange Park Library, the Middleburg-Clay Hill Library, the Keystone Heights Tax Collector's Office and the Clay County Supervisor of Elections Office. For early voting dates and times, please visit www.ClayElections.com

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Early voting has grown from 7% participation in its first year in 2004 to 43% in the 2012 General Election.

For more information, please contact the Clay County Supervisor of Elections office at (904) 269-6350 or visit www.ClayElections.com.

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