



From the Desk of Jim Cameron.....

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Congressional Issues

Congress raised the US debt ceiling by \$500 billion to \$28.9 trillion avoid a government shutdown and allows the federal government to pay obligations already incurred. It does not authorize new spending.

By a 50-48 vote, the US Senate voted to extend the government's borrowing authority to December 3 thus avoiding a federal default that many say would disrupt the economy (**Sens Marco Rubio, Rick Scott voted NO**). The House later voted to raise the debt ceiling 219-206 (**Cong Michael Waltz voted NO**).

The debt ceiling is money the federal government is allowed to borrow in order to pay its bills i.e. Social Security payments, military/federal employee salaries, and tax refunds (the US also has to pay interest on debt it has already taken out to pay older bills).

Congress is dealing with several other issues which involve the debt ceiling is a part of that....

- The debt ceiling issue—the debt ceiling is suspended through Dec. 3.
- The federal budget for FY 2021-22 —Congress has extended funding through December 3. The new fiscal year started on October 1.
- The \$3.5 trillion Build Back Better package, for health, safety net programs and the environment. It's stalled in Congress due to debate over its price tag.

NOTE - the BBB act could provide 12 weeks of paid family/medical leave; and would cap childcare costs at 7% of income for middle-class families and aims to make preschool free for 3- and 4-year-olds.

- The \$1 trillion infrastructure bill.

And at the State level.....



Daytona Regional Chamber's Shawn Richmond addresses delegation

On October 6, the Volusia Legislative delegation held its annual meeting to hear from the County, cities, and other local entities.

Senators Tom Wright, Jason Brodeur, Travis Hutson and Representatives Tom Leek, Webster Barnaby, Elizabeth Fetterhoff and Paul Renner heard community requests for the upcoming legislative session which starts January 11.

Speakers included **Volusia County Chair Jeff Brower, Space Florida President Frank DiBello, Deland Mayor Bob Apgar, Daytona Regional Chamber's Shawn Richmond, CareerSource President Robin King Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ President Barry Butler, Daytona State College President Tom LoBasso, Team Volusia's Heather Shubirg, DeBary City Manager Carmen Rosamonda, Ponce Inlet Mayor Elect Lois Paritsky, Daytona Beach Govt Relations Director Hardy Smith, Ormond Beach City Manager Joyce Shanahan Deltona Mayor Heidi Herzberg, Port Orange Mayor Don Burnette, Oak Hill Mayor Doug Gibson** and others.

A MAJOR request came from several city and county officials to draft legislation allowing increased fines as a means to address the "truck meet" that has caused numerous problems on A1A.

Interim House and Senate Legislative Committees will resume in Tallahassee.....
October 18 – 22
November 1 – 5
November 15 - 19
November 29 – December 3



Florida's NEW \$10 per hour minimum wage....As of September 30, Florida's NEW minimum wage increased from the current \$8.65 (\$17,800 per 40 work week) to **\$10 per hour**. The wage for tipped workers will increase to \$6.98. Florida's wage will increase \$1 each year until it reaches \$15 in 2026.



Special Events Task Force Meeting

Special Events Task Force Begins Work....

On September 29, local police chiefs and city managers, the Sheriff, County Chair, County Manager and Volusia County Beach Safety officials began meeting to find means to address unpermitted social media events that create excessive noise. Entities involved were Holly Hill, Daytona Beach Shores, Ormond Beach, South Daytona, Port Orange, Ponce Inlet, New Smyrna Beach, Edgewater and Flagler Beach.

Ideas raised at this meeting included pursuing new state laws to significant hike in fines and using social media to caution uninvited partiers what they'll face from law enforcement if they show up and break laws.....vehicles towed and impounded.

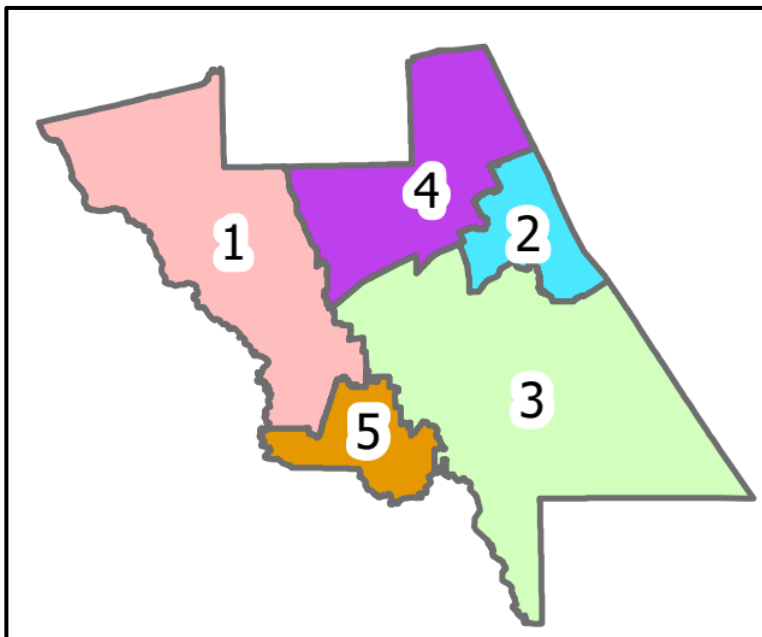
Task force members discussed social media about Trucktoberfest on October 23, a cruising event with nothing organized. Daytona Beach City officials having already been seeking legal possibilities to quell unsanctioned special events.

The recent three-day Daytona Truck Meet saw some 5,000 oversized vehicles and 40,000 visitors....Daytona Beach police wrote 940 citations including seven DUIs, towed 25 vehicles and handled 13 crashes.

The task force was suggested by **DB City Commissioner Stacy Cantu**.



County Council News.....



A Special Joint County Council/School Board meeting was held October 18. A final meeting will be held October 28.

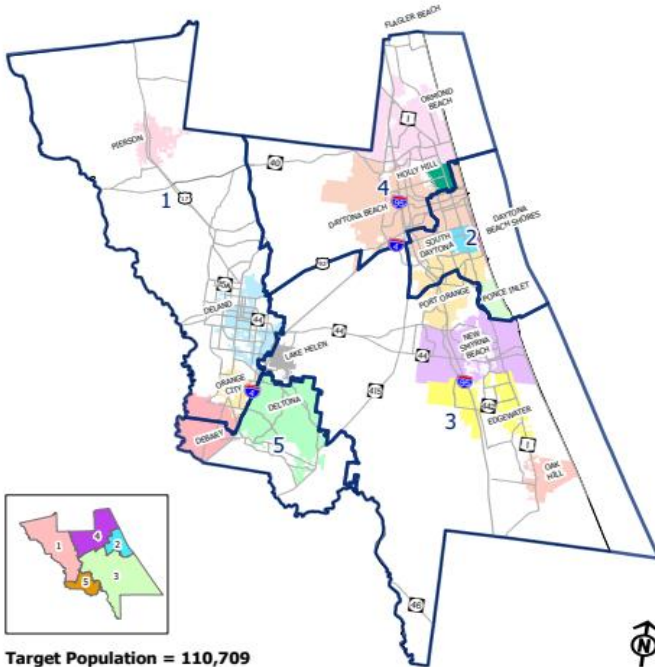
The goals of both entities are similar — creating an even split between districts, not splitting cities, keeping current representatives' homes in the same districts and not splitting large groups of minorities. At the same time, the School Board wants to keep schools in their same districts.

Upon agreement at the October 28 meeting, staff will draft an ordinance

between November 2 and 24. Both the County Council and School Board are scheduled to approve the final map by December 14. (County Council meets December 7 and School Board meets December 14).

A motion was made to consider both Maps F and I and was approved unanimously. See maps below.....

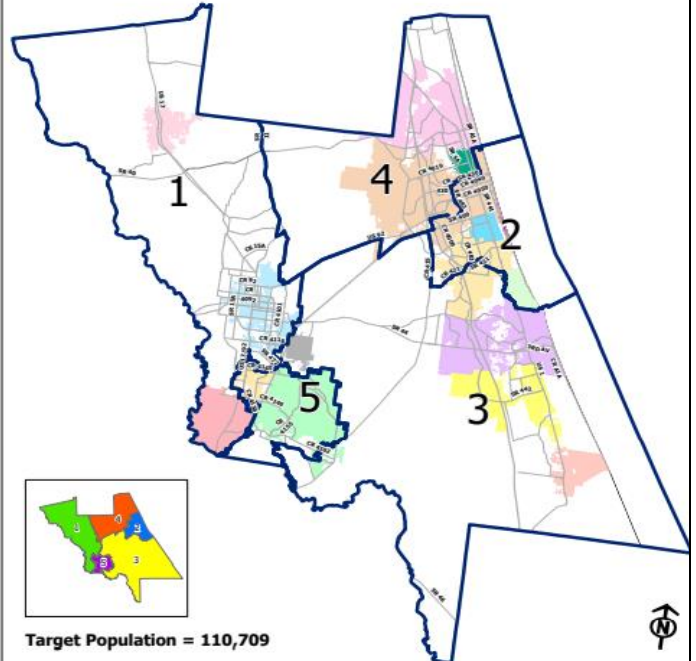
Volusia County Council Districts Redistricting Plan F



Target Population = 110,709

DISTRICT	Total Pop	Target Pop	Dev	% Dev	Hispanic	Amer Indian	Asian	Black	Hawaiian	Pacific	Other	More than One R
1	111642	933		0.84	21593	1725	2444	10015	81	1442		373
2	110054	-655		-0.59	8659	1645	3013	19670	105	1282		554
3	110850	-807		-0.73	6039	1900	2077	4116	76	1358		315
4	110850	141		0.13	8581	1561	3350	14697	91	1410		438
5	111095	386		0.35	37780	1604	2071	11740	114	1487		610

Volusia County School Board Districts Plan I



Target Population = 110,709

District	Population	Deviation	Percent
1	111,545	836	0.76%
2	110,321	-388	-0.35%
3	110,205	-504	-0.46%
4	110,776	67	0.06%
5	110,696	-13	-0.01%

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Volusia Elected Officials Roundtable Monday, November 9, 9 – 11 am Daytona Bch Intl Airport (Dennis McGee Rm)



Includes elected officials from Volusia's cities, county government and school system.

Open to the public and bring your own lunch. For information, call Kevin Captain 822-5062.



A Special GENERAL Election for Daytona Beach City Commission will take place **Tuesday, November 2.**

Results from the September 21 PRIMARY election were **Ken Strickland 384 votes, Larry McDermott 371 votes, Tony Servance 219 votes, Kristine Gray 110 votes.**

Candidates for Zone 2 GENERAL election include.....



[Larry McDermott](#)



[Ken Strickland](#)

And we say good-bye to some old friends.....



Mary Swiderski, 65, of DeLand passed away October 11.

She served as a Deland City Commissioner. She also worked as the Executive Director for Volusia Council of Governments (VCOG).

For several years, she played an integral role in Volusia Days at the Capitol.

We're gonna miss you, Mary.....

Get Ready for Elections 2022!!!!

Click the candidate link for more info....

Current Filed Candidates

October23 (Primary) November 8 (General)

Congressional District 6

[Joe Hannoush](#) (LPF)

[Gerry Nolan](#) (NPA)

[Richard Thrupp](#) (DEM)

[Michael Waltz](#) (REP) *Incumbent

Florida Senate District 7

[Travis Hutson](#) (REP) *Incumbent

Florida Senate District 9

[Jason Brodeur](#) (REP) *Incumbent

Florida Senate District 14

[Tom Wright](#) (REP) *Incumbent

Florida House District 24

[Paul Renner](#) (REP) *Incumbent

[Timothy Sharp](#) (REP)

Florida House District 25

[Tom Leek](#) (REP) *Incumbent

Florida House District 26

[Elizabeth Fetterhoff](#) (REP) *Incumbent

[Jacob Johnson](#) (DEM)

[John Navarra](#) (DEM)

Florida House District 27

[Webster Barnaby](#) (REP) *Incumbent

County Filed Candidates

County Council, District 1

[Wallace Bailey](#)

[Barb Girtman](#)

County Council, District 2

[Danny Fuqua](#)

[Chase Tramont](#)

County Council, District 3

[Danny Robins](#)

County Council, District 5

[Victor Ramos](#)

School Board, District 1

[Georgeann Carnicella](#)

[Jaclyn Carrell](#)

School Board, District 3

[Kim Short](#)

[Jessie Thompson](#)

School Board, District 5

[Ruben Colon](#)

[Ronald Jungk](#)

City Filed Candidates

October30 (Primary) November 8 (General)

Daytona Beach Commission Zone 3

[Quanita May](#)

DeLand Mayor

[Christopher Cloudman](#)

[Buz Nesbit](#)

[Reginald Williams](#)

Port Orange Council District 2

[Cathleen \(Kat\) Atwood](#)

Deland Commission Seat 3
[Jessica Davis](#)

Ormond Beach Mayor
[Bill Partington](#)

New Smyrna Bch Commission Zone 2
[Joel Paige](#)



[Click here](#) to see status of
ACTIVE (PROPOSED) STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

LOOK FOR OTHER CANDIDATES TO FILE SOON!!!!

2021 City Election Results

Lake Helen Mayor
[Vernon Burton](#)
[George Cameron Lane](#)

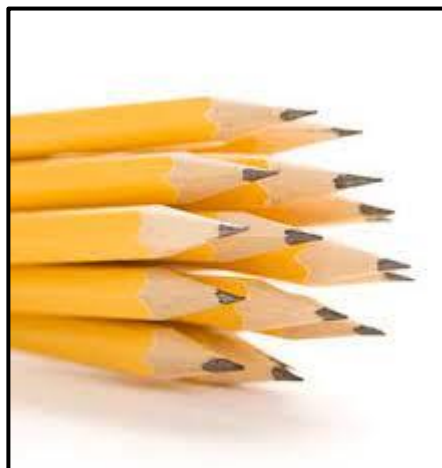
Lake Helen Commission Zone 1
[Kelly Frasca](#)
[Heather Rutlidge](#)



Local Officials Adopt their FY 2021-22 Budgets....

Numerous budget hearings were held in September as local entities adopted their new FY 2021-2022 budgets.

A comparative chart of cities, County and School Board budgets/tax rates are attached to this email.



Click the link for Local Government

<u>Volusia County Council</u>	October 19, 9:30 am Cty Adm Bldg
<u>Daytona Beach City Commission</u>	October 20, 6 pm City Hall
<u>Ormond Beach City Commission</u>	October 19, 7 pm City Hall
<u>Port Orange City Council</u>	October 19, 6:30 City Hall
<u>Holly Hill City Commission</u>	October 26, 6 pm City Hall
<u>South Daytona City Council</u>	October ----, 6 pm City Hall
<u>Daytona Bch Shores City Council</u>	October 26, 6 pm City Hall
<u>DeBary City Council</u>	October 20, 6:30pm City Hall
<u>Deland City Council</u>	October 18, 7 pm City Hall
<u>Deltona City Commission</u>	October 18, 6:30 pm City Hall
<u>Edgewater City Council</u>	October -----, 6:00 pm City Hall
<u>Lake Helen City Commission</u>	October -----, 7:00 pm City Hall
<u>New Smyrna Bch Commission</u>	October 26, 6:30 pm City Hall
<u>Oak Hill City Commission</u>	October ----, 6 pm City Hall
<u>Orange City City Council</u>	October 26, 6:30 pm City Hall
<u>Ponce Inlet Town Council</u>	October 21, 6 pm City
<u>School Board of Volusia</u>	October -----, 5:30 pm Deland
<u>River to Sea TPO</u>	October 27, 9 am TPO Office