

From the Desk of Jim Cameron...... Jim Cameron Consulting LLC November, 2021

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Congressional Issues

Infrastructure Legislation

Approved.....Congress approved a \$1 trillion infrastructure bill that funds roads, bridges, ports, rail transit, safe water, the power grid, broadband internet and more.

The bill cleared the House on a 228-206 vote (Cong Michael Waltz voted NO). However, 6 progress wing Democrats wanted the legislation linked to a larger, \$1.75 trillion social spending bill i.e. Build Back Better.



The reason both bills were not coupled with one vote for both? The price tag.

Click here to see breakdown on how money will be spent.

State Issues



Gov DeSantis is calling a Special Session November 15-19 to pass legislation to contest COVID vaccine mandates sanctioned by business......

Gov DeSantis' special session seeks to protect workers who refuse to comply with COVID-19 vaccine requirements and bolster the state's efforts to fight those policies in court.

It is in response to **President Biden and Occupational Safety Hazard Administration (OSHA)** requiring all federal workers, AND contract employees (plus companies with more than 100 employees) to get vaccinated.

Click here for more information.....

Sports Betting Amendments....During the last legislative session, Gov DeSantis and Seminole Tribe reached a compact allowing the tribe to operate online sports betting throughout the state. It requires the tribe to contract with pari-mutuel operators that will market sports betting and get a cut of profits generated by online wagers.

In return, the Seminoles will pay the state \$2.5 billion over the first five years of the 30-year deal.

After the legislature approved the compact in a May special session, other major gambling organizations-initiated petitions for two proposed constitutional amendments on the November 2022 ballot. However, a tight timeline to gather petition signatures could stifle their efforts.

Click here for more information.....

Interim House and Senate Legislative Committees will resume in Tallahassee......

November 1 – 5

November 15 – 19

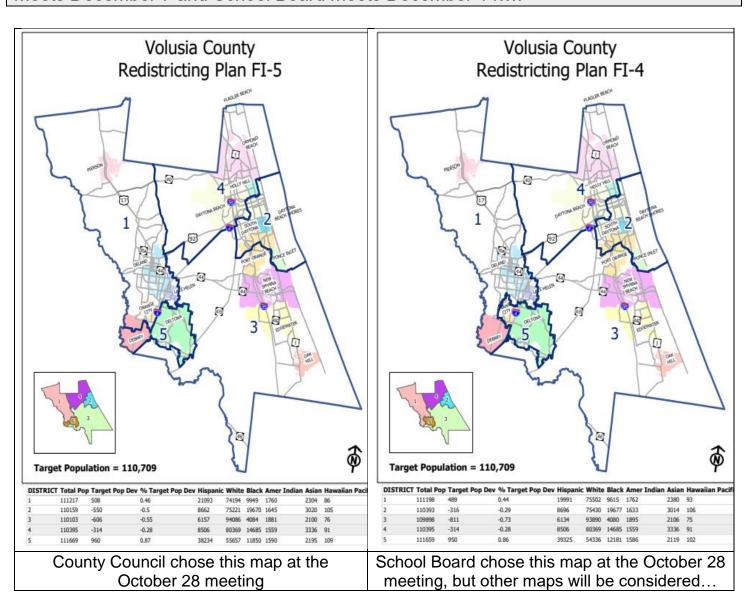
November 29 – December 3

County and City News......

Redistricting.....A Joint County Council/School Board meeting was held October 28. However, they were unable to agree on a joint map....so separate Council and School Board maps will be adopted.

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.

Staff is currently drafting an ordinance to adopt each map. Both the County Council and School Board must approve their final map by December 31. (County Council meets December 7 and School Board meets December 14....



SEV Manufacturing & Technology Coalition hosts....The Future of Space in SE Volusia

Cong Michael Waltz

commented that while he opposed the Infrastructure bill last week, the Florida delegation will work to bring federal dollars to the State.

He also commented about how NASA and private sector's



Space Florida's Todd Romberger addresses audience

SpaceX and Blue Origin are making tremendous strides in new space ventures.

Space Florida's Todd Romberger stated that Commercial satellite activity plays the largest potential for new growth...much of this is tied to the increasing demand for bandwidth. He also stated REUSABLE launch vehicles are the coming trend and we should look for more human space flights and commercial space stations in the future.

At the same time, Florida is facing competition from other space launch site in the US and internationally.

I'd like to congratulate **Bliss Jameson** and the **SE Volusia Manufacturing & Technology Coalition** for this informative program!



Helga Van Eckert presents new economic statistics

Volusia County Economic Development Division Hosts Q 3 Report Breakfast

Economic Development
Director Helga Van Eckert
provided numerous details
regarding Volusia County
economic trends....

Since 2010, Volusia's population has increased 11.9% to 550,543.

During that same time, the lands population has increased 38% followed by Daytona Beach Shores at 22%, Daytona Beach at 19%.

Click here for more information...

Volusia Elected Officials Roundtable...On November 8, more than 30 county, city and school board officials were present to hear updates.

At this meeting, Community Services Director Dona Butler discussed the County's affordable housing initiative.

Over the past several months, there have been Virtual Webinars covering a variety of housing topics including funding.....

On December 7, am in-person Housing Summit will take place 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at the Ocean Center. The agenda for this event is still being prepared. It's a FREE event. To register, click Eventbrite.com.

Click here for more information.



Roundtable Chair Heidi Herzberg running the agenda



Mayors Russ Owen, Chris Via & Governor's Regional Director Amanda Thorpe

Volusia Elected Officials Roundtable Monday, January 10, 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. For information, call Kevin Captain 822-5062.

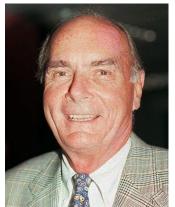
November 10......The Fla Department of Transportation hosted an event outlining the forthcoming proposals for East ISB, Main Street, Seabreeze Blvd/Oakridge Blvd and A1A.

Plans are already in place for Oakridge Blvd, However, public input is being sought for A1A, Main St and Seabreeze.

More information will be forthcoming.



And we say good by to an old friend.....



Bud Fleuchaus served two terms on the Volusia County Council and was Chair twice during those terms. During this time, he dealt with several major issues affecting the County including the 1986 Charter amendments that expanded the County's purview over the beach, growth management and environmental matters.

He also ran for Congress in 1972 and his campaign manager was a young man named Jack Latvala.

In 1970, Bud worked with T Wayne Bailey to craft Volusia's

County Charter. Bud will be missed.

Results of November 2 City Elections......

Daytona Beach.....Ken Strickland was elected to Zone 2 City Commission. He will be sworn into office at their November 17 meeting.

Lake Helen.....Heather Rutledge was elected to Zone 1 City Commission and Cameron Lane was elected as Mayor.

Get Ready for Elections 2022!!!!!

Click the candidate link for more info....

<u>Current Filed Candidates</u> August 23 (Primary) November 8 (General)

Congressional District 6

Joe Hannoush (LPF) Gerry Nolan (NPA)

Richard Thripp (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

<u>City Filed Candidates</u>
August 23 (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
<u>Jessica Davis</u>

Ormond Beach Mayor Bill Partington

New Smyrna Bch Commission Zone 2 **Joel Paige**

<u>Click here</u> to see status of ACTIVE (PROPOSED) STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

LOOK FOR OTHER CANDIDATES TO FILE SOON!!!!

Click the link for Local Government

Volusia County Council November 16, 9:30 am Cty Adm Bldg

Daytona Beach City November 17, 6 pm City Hall

Commission

Ormond Beach City November 16, 7 pm City Hall

Commission

Port Orange City Council November 16, 6:30 City Hall

Holly Hill City Commission South Daytona City CouncilNovember 23, 6 pm City Hall

November ----, 6 pm City Hall

Daytona Bch Shores City

November ----, 6 pm City Hall

Council

DeBary City Council November 17, 6:30pm City Hall

Deland City CouncilNovember 15, 7 pm City Hall

Deltona City CommissionNovember 15, 6:30 pm City Hall

Edgewater City Council November -----, 6:00 pm City Hall

Lake Helen City Commission November -----, 7:00 pm City Hall

New Smyrna Bch Commission November 16, 6:30 pm City Hall

Oak Hill City Commission November ----, 6 pm City Hall

Orange City City Council November ----, 6:30 pm City Hall

Ponce Inlet Town Council November 18, 6 pm City

School Board of Volusia November 16, 9:00 pm Deland

River to Sea TPO December 1, 9 am TPO Office