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## Governor Delivers \$37 million Post Hurricane Aid to Volusia

January 18 - **Gov Ron DeSantis** delivered a \$37 million check to support beach nourishment projects. This money came from a \$100 million allocation ([SB 4-A: Disaster Relief](#)) approved during the Legislature's Special Session (Dec 12-14), for 16 coastal counties.

These funds are on top of \$5 million the county recently received for emergency sand replacement through the Fla DEP.

**Dept of Environmental Protection Secretary Shawn Hamilton** said the intent is to provide a healthy beach to serve as a buffer preventing destructive waves from reaching the dunes and upland developments.

**Gov DeSantis was joined by House Speaker Paul Renner, Cong Cory Mills, and Emergency Mgmt Director Kevin Guthrie.**

Some of the attendees included:

- **DB Shores Mayor Nancy Miller**
- **Daytona Bch Mayor Derrick Henry**
- **Holly Hill Mayor Chris Via**
- **NSB Mayor Fred Cleveland**
- **Edgewater Mayor Diezel Depew**
- **Port Orange Mayor Don Burnette**
- **Ponce Inlet Mayor Lois Paritsky**



Gov Ron Desantis, Councilmembers Danny Robins, Matt Reinhardt, County Manager George Recktenwald

While Volusia suffered more than \$852 million in TOTAL hurricane damages, an estimated \$30.6 million was beach asset damages...dune walkovers, coastal parks, beach ramps. Recently, the County has opened:

- 67 of 141 walkovers
- 14 of 17 coastal parks
- 13 of 33 beach ramps

The County has -

- focused on sand replenishment, and to prevent new sand from washing away
- advocated for private property owners with the Florida Legislature
- sought federal/state reimbursement and reduce the financial burden on local property owners/county residents.

Jan 19 - **Coastal Director Jessica Fentress**

- explained Volusia’s coastal destruction to the Fla House/Senate Resiliency Committees
- requested \$77.7 million earmarked for Volusia through the state’s recovery plan
- requested clarification on permitting questions
- advocated for private property needs, which include multiple cost assessments for condo owners, financial burdens for repairs, available sand, and ability to build during sea turtle nesting season.

**Working with State agencies:**

- **Fla Emergency Management** deployed Tiger Dams Daytona Beach Shores...early December.
- Fla DEP held 2 permitting open houses and developed a Beaches/Dune System Recovery Plan
- **Fla Inland Navigation District (FIND)** has worked to replenish beach compatible sand
- FDOT is working on SR A1A in Ormond-by-the-Sea (see story below).

The State will outline how the County can utilize that \$37.6 million in state funds including:

- pumping sand from Rattlesnake Island on critically vulnerable areas of the beach
- work with the Army Corps of Engineers on more dredge projects.

**County Mgr George Recktenwald,**

“Restoring our coast isn’t going to happen overnight....we must first find a huge source of beach compatible sand.”



Ormond Mgr Joyce Shanahan, Cty Public Works Ben Bartlett, FDOT’s Ty Garner, County Councilman Jake Johansson

**NEW A1A Team to Revamp Damaged Roadway**

January 19 – **FDOT’s Ty Garner, Volusia’s Public Works Director Ben Bartlett and Coastal Director Jessica Fentress** discussed plans as members of a “SR A1A Resiliency Strike Team” assigned to repair/strengthen approx 13 miles of A1A in Volusia/Flagler making it functional and resilient for decades to come.

The team includes reps from the Army Corps of Engineers and Dept of Environmental Protection working with coastal engineers to consider constructability, environmental/wildlife impacts, maintenance needs, aesthetics, cost sharing and other factors.

Four options being considered:

- a buried seawall
- dune renourishment
- scant seawall
- granite revetment



Debbie Phillips reviews A1A alternative plans





Holly Hill Mayor Chris Via addresses legislative delegation

January 9 - **Volusia's legislative delegation held their annual meeting** in Deland. Attending were **Senators Tom Wright, Travis Hudson, and Representatives Webster Barnaby and Chase Tramont**. **Representatives Tom Leek and Stan McClain** had conflicting meetings.

Requests to included

- assistance with homeless
- flood control
- road projects
- beach restoration
- septic to sewer projects
- social service agency funds

Individuals making presentations included :

- Deland Mayor Chris Cloudman
- Orange City Mayor Gary Blair
- South Daytona City Mgr Les Gillis
- Deltona Interim Mgr Jim Chisholm
- Daytona Bch City Mgr Deric Feacher
- Ormond Bch City Mgr Joyce Shanahan
- DB Shores Mayor Nancy Miller
- Volusia County Chair Jeff Brower
- Port Orange Mayor Don Burnett
- Ponce Inlet Mayor Lois Paritsky
- Oak Hill Mayor Doug Gibson
- Holly Hill Mayor Chris Via
- NSB Mayor Fred Cleveland

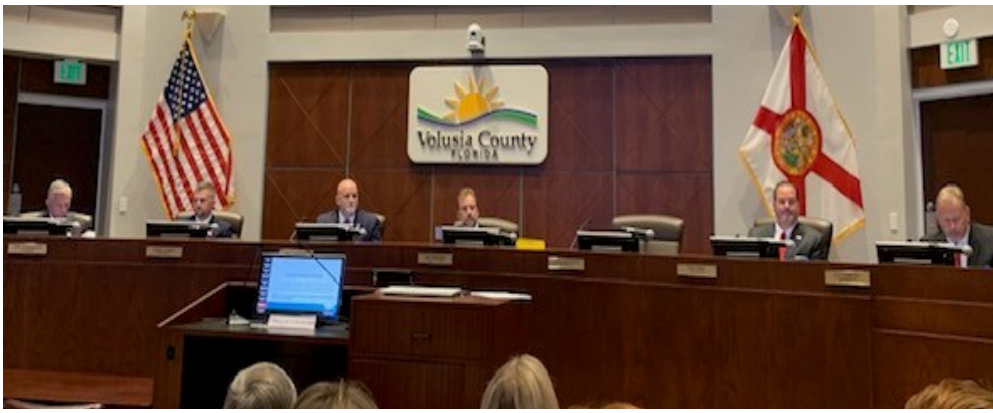
and numerous other agencies. Session begins March 7....House/Senate Committee weeks ongoing.

January 12—**Pre-session meeting with Sen Tom Wright included County Councilman Danny Robins, Mayors Don Burnett (Port Orange) Fred Cleveland (New Smyrna Beach), Diezel Depew (Edgewater), School Board Member Anita Burnett and Real Estate Broker Loretta Arthur.**

Wright said the upcoming session will focus on hurricane recovery efforts and permitting with DEP. He was concerned about delays in for beach front property owners getting permits. He stated the budget coffers were healthy and there should be ample funding for the Sadowski affordable housing fund.



**Look for Legislative Updates each week during the Session beginning March 7.**  
**Keys bills of interest and news from our Volusia House/Senate members.**



January 17 – the County Council approved their new Legislative Priorities for the 2023 Session.

- **Support Medicaid Reform for incarcerated inmates....**it'd mean a reduction for inpatient medical costs and could save the County's Corrections Division estimated \$1 million
- **Vacation Rentals Support clarification to state statues for vacation rentals.** IF the State amends vacation rentals statute language....it should NOT apply to local laws/ordinances adopted on/before June 2011 thus allowing counties the flexibility to amend their local laws/ordinances. [Click here](#) for more details.
- **Housing Proposal Support** – support flexibility for counties allowing them to maximize LOCAL funds for affordable housing
- **Rural Broadband** - Support efforts to increase infrastructure improvements for internet access in rural communities
- **Support additional state funding for veterans' services.**

- **Support additional state funding for Public Libraries.**
  - **Support grant application for agriculture education facility** at the Volusia County Fairgrounds
- [Click here](#) for more details.



**Gov DeSantis is recommending a \$114.8 billion Budget for FY 2023-24** which continues the State's commitment to Florida's K-12 students, parents and teachers, environmental resources, and law enforcement.

The General Revenue portion is \$42.4 billion with \$15.7 billion in reserves for any unforeseen circumstances.

The 2022 Legislature passed a record \$112.1 billion budget. After adjusting for other appropriations and vetoes, appropriations for FY2022-23 total **\$110 billion**. The state budget has grown by nearly 20 percent in last two fiscal years

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## Issues for the 2023 Legislative Session.....

**House Speaker Paul Renner and Senate President Kathleen Passidomo** have indicated the following issues to be addressed.....

- confronting the costs of rising inflation
  - ◊ taxes reduction
  - ◊ stabilized insurance market
  - ◊ identify/develop affordable housing
  - ◊ fuel/utility bill relief
- parental rights in education
- water supply, water quality, land conservation, resiliency
- policies/demands under Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) and State's credit rating
- Select Committee on Hurricane Resiliency and Recovery to help state rebound from Hurricanes Ian/Nicole and prepare for future storms
- Vacation Rental Units

### House Committees:

#### **Rep Tom Leek, Appropriations Chair:**

- drafts House's proposed budget
- oversees expenditure of appropriated funds
- reviews Governor's budget recommendations and agency legislative budget requests

#### **Rep Bob Rommel, Commerce Chair:**

- considers matters related to Fla's economy
- business/professional regulation
- energy, utilities, telecom, cybersecurity policy
- regulation insurance/financial entities, gaming

#### **Rep Ralph Massullo, Educ/Employment Chair:**

- matters related to Florida's education system
- early education to postsecondary education...

#### **Rep Bobby Payne, Infrastructure Strategies Chair:**

- infrastructure planning i.e. transportation, water, resilience, and land acquisition

#### **Rep Randy Fine, Health & Human Services Chair**

- addresses healthcare provider AND health insurance regulation,
- public health and provide safety net for low-income citizens

#### **Rep Tommy Gregory, Judiciary Chair:**

- considers civil/criminal law issues i.e. public safety, court system

#### **Rep Daniel Perez, Rules Committee Chair:**

- prepares/oversees Special Order Calendar

#### **Rep Lawrence McClure, State Affairs Chair:**

- matters related to state agency governance, local govt oversight, emergency mgmt, affordable housing, govt benefits, elections

#### **Rep Stan McClain, Ways & Means Chair:**

- addresses state/local taxes and select non-tax revenue sources, plus tax rates/ administration

#### **Rep Grant, Hurricane Resiliency/Recovery Chair:**

- recovery from recent storms, lessons learned to achieve best practices for future storms.

### Senate Committees

#### **Sen Travis Hutson – Fiscal Policy Chair–**

- new committee to work in conjunction with Appropriations

#### **Sen Debbie Mayfield –Rules Chair-**

- prepares/oversees Special Order Calendar

#### **Sen Doug Broxson – Appropriations Chair**

- drafts Senate's proposed budget;
- oversees expenditure of appropriated funds,
- reviews Governor's budget recommendations and agency legislative budget requests

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2023 Legislative Preview continued.....

House Democratic Caucus

- Rep Fentrice Driskell - Minority Leader
- Rep Dotie Joseph – Leader Pro-Tempore
- Rep Kelly Skidmore – Policy Chair
- Rep Mike Gottlieb – Demorcat Floor Leader
- Rep Christine Hunschofsky – Minority Whip
- Sen Lauren Book - Minority Leader
- Sen Jason Pizzo - Minority Leader Pro-Tempore

Starting February 7, **County Council** will STILL meet the **FIRST Tuesdays at 10 AM** and the **THIRD Tuesdays at 4 PM** at County Administrative Bldg in Deland.....

County Council meetings dates..  
10 AM — February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, July 11, August 1, September 5, October 3  
November 7, December 5

4 PM — February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21, December 19

**Mark the Date.....**

**State of the County Luncheon**

**Tuesday, Feb 28,**

**11:30 am-2:00 pm**

[Click here](#) for more details



**County Council to discuss beach access costs**  
**March 21, 4 PM meeting**



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**Volusia County Economic Report Q4**

Volusia’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew 5% (2012–21)

Volusia GDP by Sector

- Finance, insurance, real estate rental/leasing - \$4.6 b  
9% increase (2019 - 21)
- Educ services, health care, social assistance \$2.4 b  
3% increase (2019-21)

Volusia’s exports increased \$295 m to \$304 m ...3% increase (2019–21)

2021 top export sectors

- transportation equipment \$55 m
- machinery \$46 m
- computer/electronic products \$43 m
- electrical equipment \$34 m

A complete economic report will be given at the Volusia Q4 breakfast this month.....

**GDP is the value of goods/ services—produced in a country in a given time period...**

I forgot it too



## President Biden to deliver a State of the Union address Feb 7.....

It will be his first address to a joint session of Congress since Republicans took control of the House chamber.....some of the issues to likely to be covered

will include.....

- economy/Inflation
- current labor market with a 3.5% unemployment rate
- additional weapons for Ukraine;
- update on his Infrastructure package approved by Congress in 2021.....
- debt ceiling (see next article)



## US Debt Ceiling...

The US govt recently hit its formal borrowing LIMIT and the Treasury Dept is still paying debts *for now* but Congress must vote to raise that borrowing limit/debt ceiling this summer.

If Congress does not do so, the federal govt could face a debt default....which would severely affect the country's credit rating and interest rates. Alarmed about the US debt - \$31 trillion (and growing), House Speaker [Kevin McCarthy](#) has threatened to oppose raising the debt limit UNLESS SPENDING REDUCTIONS ARE AGREED TO.



He wants to negotiate a balanced budget with the Democrats to start paying down the \$31 trillion debt.

The Democrat-controlled Senate and White House, would prefer TO increase the borrowing limit [carte blanche](#) "as it's always been done before". Biden Administration, "it should be done in a bipartisan way. And it should be done without conditions."

Both sides have until about June to agree before the government starts to default on payments.

## Senator Rubio Outlines his third term agenda



### [Bring Back Manufacturing](#)

- [Natl Development Strategy/Coordination Act](#)
- [MMEDS Act](#)
- [American Innovation and Manufacturing Act](#)
- [Facilitating Reshoring of Energy Grid Component Manufacturing Act](#)
- [ONSHORE Manufacturing Act.](#)
- [Agility in Manufacturing Preparedness Act](#)

### [Make Life Better For Working Families](#)

- [Providing for Life Act](#)
- [New Parents Act](#)
- [Lifting Local Communities Act](#)
- [Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act](#)
- [Helping HANDS for Families Act](#)
- [Community Mentors for Moms Act](#)
- [Standing with Moms Act](#)

### [Keep Florida Great](#)

- replenish Southeast Florida's beaches,
- expand our state's access to water quality project funds
- support long-term efforts to revitalize aquatic ecosystems
- defend its shores from intrusive oil and gas drilling (see article next page)



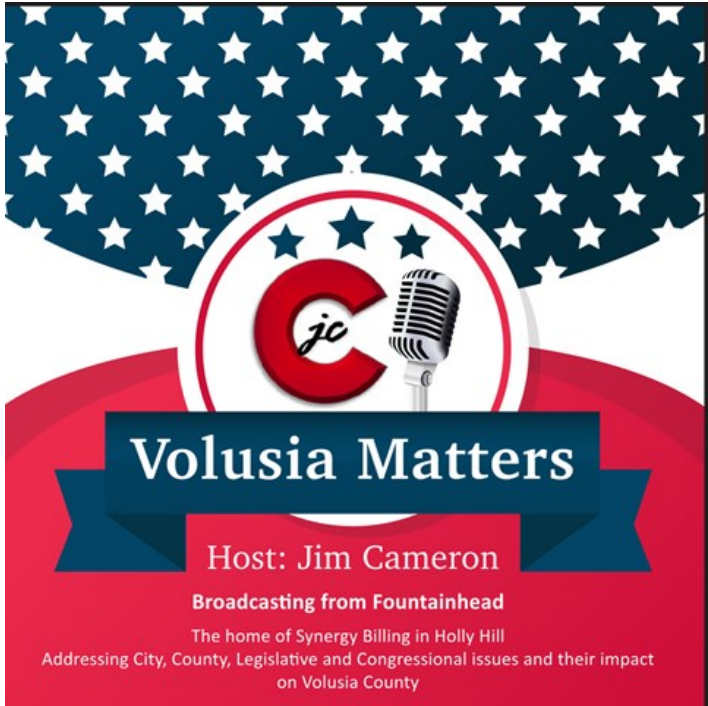
**Cong Mike Waltz and Fla Republicans Re-Introduced American Shores Protection Act H.R.4696**

to codify the moratorium on oil/gas drilling off Fla’s coasts that was put in place by a Sept 2020 Exec Order by then-President Trump. Under the legislation, the moratorium would apply to the S Atlantic, Eastern Gulf, and Straits of Fla planning areas.

Senators **Marco Rubio** and **Rick Scott** introduced the Senate companion.... **S.2468**

**Cong Waltz**, "I am committed to promoting conservation efforts to keep Fla’s shores clean and our economy thriving. Fla cannot afford offshore drilling operations that could invite devastation to our coastal environment, marine life, and tourism industry, as well as negatively impact military training that takes place off of Fla’s coast."

**What is ESG investing? A lot is being said about companies’ policies regarding Environmental, Social and corporate Governance matters. And that pertains investing and political philosophy. New House Speaker Paul Rener mentioned it and State CFO Jim Patronis just withdrew \$2 billion of Florida’s investments from ESG companies. You’re going to hear more about it.**



**Volusia Matters podcast** will start this week. The broadcast will come from **Fountainhead**, the home of **Synergy Billing** in Holly Hill. The program will focus on city, county, legislative and some congressional issues and their impact on Volusia County. It’ll include interviews with elected officials and news blips. 30-40 minutes. I am currently looking for sponsors. Interested? Please call me 566-2140.



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**January 19 - Vonda Morris selected as Volusia's 2024 Teacher of the Year!**

She's a probability and statistics/AP statistics teacher at Spruce Creek HS... a Math Educator for 28 years and has taught at the middle, high, and collegiate levels.

She's also a member of the:

- Spruce Creek leadership team
- mathematics department chair
- new teacher liaison
- class sponsor
- sunshine committee chairperson

Her test scores exceed district, national and state averages.

There were 69 nominees representing schools countywide. The TOTY ceremony was hosted by FUTURES Inc.

Congratulations Vonda! She will now represent Volusia in the state Teacher of the Year program.



[Click here](#) for more information



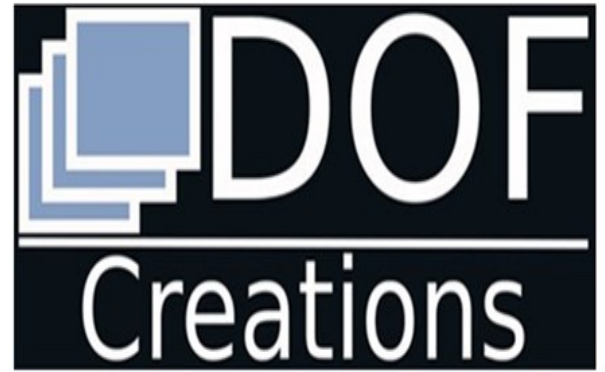
I recommend his chicken orzo soup and baked bread

**Volusia Economic Report Q1 Breakfast**  
**Friday, February 17, 7:30 - 9 AM**  
**Daytona Beach Intl Airport**  
**Call 248-8048 to RSVP**  
**Very informative....It'll be time well spent!**

**Starting salary for Volusia School District Teachers - \$47,500**

**Volusia School District**

- 61,400 students
- over 7,600 employees
- 14<sup>th</sup> largest district in Fla



[Click here](#) for more information

February 1- **Daytona Beach City Commission modified their use standards for family occupancy and definition of “family” as it pertains to their Land Development Code.**

For clarification, staff wants to simplify the term family while still allowing for a range of non-traditional family units:

- remove term “family” and replace with “household”
- “household” is six or fewer adults and minor kids in their care residing together in a single dwelling unit on a monthly or longer basis as a single housekeeping unit.
- stipulate that Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU’s) shall be occupied solely by a single household (to reaffirm that no more than a single household to occupy any ADU)
- stipulate that “dwelling unit” to clarify that dormitory uses are not allowed.

This was done to address “dormitory living” taking place in single family neighborhoods....a problem that is being seen more in today’s society.

[Click here](#) for more information.

**Quote of the Week....**  
**DB Deputy City Manager**  
**Jim Morris explained that the current definition of family in the Land Code “could INCLUDE the MANSON FAMILY.”**

January 31 – **Ormond Beach City Commission hosted a strategic planning session to discuss long term goals.**

**Budget Director Kelly McGuire** reviewed their budget status showing Commissioners their financial parameters. Total funds - \$112.4 million.

Commissioners expressed interest in

- building a new police department on the City west side
- expanding the city’s reclaim water system/septic to sewer conversion projects
- redeveloping the former church property on N Beach St.

**Mayor Bill Partington** announced **Gov DeSantis’ [Moving Fla Forward](#)** road construction plan that allocates \$340 million for the U.S. 1 and I-95 interchange.







January 10 - **Ormond Beach City Commission approved a \$50 million oceanfront hotel.** Ormond Holdings plans to build a five-story, 137 room oceanside Residence Inn by Marriot hotel with 137 rooms at 251 S. Atlantic Ave.

It'll also include a single-family subdivision and a secondary parking area *on the west side of A1A.*

A public beach access is planned next to the Seminole Ave walkover.

More news to come...[click here](#) for more information.



January 17 – **Deland City Commission approved a Resolution to purchase Volusia Groves & Cattle property in Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) with the County.....128 acres of Environmentally Sensitive Land on the MLK Beltway.**

The property:

- has rare species of plants/animals including Fla scrub jay
- is a high groundwater recharge area per St Johns River WMD's map.

Purchase price - \$4,300,000

- County/ Volusia Forever contributing \$3,010,000 (70%)
- Deland contributing \$1,290,000 (30%)

Property to be owned/managed by City with a conservation easement defining allowable/prohibited activities consistent with conservation land program. City will be required to develop conservation land management plan to be reviewed by the County.



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[Hotel - Golden Magnolia Resort](#)

**Port Orange Named a 2022 Tree City** - Arbor Day Foundation

named Port Orange 2022 Tree City community based on its commitment to urban forest management....40<sup>th</sup> year!



To qualify, the Foundation requires cities to:

- have a tree board/department
- celebrate Arbor Day
- have a tree ordinance
- spend min \$2 per capita on urban forestry

Arbor Day Foundation, trees:

- absorb carbon dioxide
- increase property values
- reduce energy costs and noise

Port Orange is one of 3,600 other cities to be recognized as Tree City USA community.





**Commissioner Stacy Cantu** announced that **No Panhandling signs will be more visible around Daytona Beach.** Daytona Beach is committed to ending homelessness by contributing to the solution.....

Last August, Volusia County Sheriff’s Office partnered with the First Step Shelter (3889 W. Intl Speedway Blvd) to address homelessness in East Volusia with an outreach program and new public hotline 386-999-HELP (4357)..... it allows anyone to request services for someone that they believe need help or are homeless.

Signs will show QR Code to provide info to anyone seeking help or anyone wanting to contribute money directly to the website.

Contributions will go to the First Step Shelter.... to support the street outreach team, helpline, support for meals, transportation services and safe zone. Donate to First Step Shelter.....click [#firststepshelter](https://www.firststepshelter.org)



January 25 - **River to Sea TPO** had a marathon meeting that included a request by FDOT to amend the **2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for improvements to the interchange of I-95 at Pioneer Trail (Southeast Volusia).**

The project received federal stimulus funds (ARPA) for FY 2023 and has been advanced in programming and production schedules. A LRTP amendment is required so funds for the project can be authorized and production can continue to move forward.

*The TPO Board voted to include funding and advance the project in their Long Range Transportation Plan (it was already in their Plan) to FY 2023.*

In addition, TPO Admin Offices must vacate their 2450 W Intl Speedway Blvd location (due to hurricane damages). They’re talking with City of Daytona Beach about temporary office space. *NOTE—TPO meetings will be take place at the Daytona Beach Intl Airport.*

### **Deltona City Commission begins search for new City Manager**

Commission members hosted a workshop to discuss what they want in a permanent city manager prior to selecting a search firm. [Click here](#) for more info.....

**Jim Chisholm** is Interim Manager. More information forthcoming.





January 10 - the **New Smyrna Beach City Commission** voted 5 – 0 to impose a moratorium certain types of development in the town’s flood zones. It applies to projects that are 10- acres or more.

Commissioners want a comprehensive study to evaluate what led to the severe flooding and make recommendations on new developments

In the flood prone areas impacted by Hurricane Ian.....which produced 21 inches of rain and flooded more than 800 homes.

The moratorium will last until June 27. After that, the city has one month to make recommendations on future projects.

Commissioners say no projects currently in the pipeline would be impacted by the moratorium.

	<p><b>Attorney – Bethany Schonscheck</b>  <b>(386) 492-4880</b>          444 Seabreeze Blvd Ste 890 Daytona Beach  <a href="#">Halifax Law Group</a>  <a href="#">Keeping Your Business On the Right Path</a></p>
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**Volusia County Definitions.....**

**Bulkhead:** a structure/partition to retain/prevent sliding of the land....and to protect the upland against damage from wave action. A form of rigid armoring.

**Bulkhead line:** a governmentally ordered line, set in or along the Atlantic Ocean, a river, watercourse or other body of water, that establishes the minimum distance from the water any property improvements must be located. "Bulkhead line" shall include the term "seawall line."



## News about Administrative Staff



**Joe King** was confirmed by Council as **Volusia's new Fire Chief**. The Dept has 221 employees and 19 fire stations.

A 32 year firefighter veteran, he joined Volusia Fire Rescue in 2021 as deputy fire chief and was named interim director last year. He's also worked with Flagler and Ormond Beach Depts

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**Jay Williams, Volusia's new Director for Traffic Engineering Division**....will oversee transportation planning, traffic studies and the construction, operations and maintenance of traffic signals for the county. Previously, he was FDOT's

Traffic Operations Dept.

Jay....can you synchronize the lights on Nova Rd when I'm going to work?

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**Jeaneen Witt is the new Holly Hill Human Resources Manager**. Previously, she was Ponce Inlet Town Manager (2010 – 2022). She will oversee employee benefits and wellness; labor relations; recruitment employee pension (FRS); workers compensation; payroll; employee training and other duties. Glad to have you on board Jeaneen!

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On a sad yet happy note, our friend **Trey Price has left Fla Housing Finance Corp** (FHFC directs federal/state resources to finance development of affordable housing projects for ownership and rental housing.



Trey came to Volusia several times to speak at seminars and workshops on the topic of affordable housing in the state. We wish you the best, Trey!

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**Recently elected Port Orange Councilmember Kat Atwood has resigned from the Council due to health reasons**...She ran unopposed for Chase Trammont's District 2 seat.

Atwood, "Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. I will continue to seek out ways to serve the City of Port Orange as I am able, but for now I need to focus on my health."

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**District 7 Cong Corrie Mills** representing SOUTH Volusia has moved into Port Orange City Hall....his new regional staff members include **Amy Dunn and Vanessa Horgan**.

District 6 **Cong Michael Waltz** representing NORTH Volusia has moved to Ormond Beach City Hall. **District Director Ernie Audino and Brandi Aderson** will serve in that office.

*(see info on the Congressional delegation page 19)*

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**New Smyrna Beach Police Chief Mike Coffin officially retired.**

During his tenure, their dept had some great programs such as Shop with a Cop and they built relations in the community. Coffin said he doesn't not plan to relocate or to stop working.



**Deputy Chief, Eric Feldman**, will serve as interim Police Chief . Wish you the best Mike!



**Volusia Elected Officials Roundtable  
March 13, 9 AM  
Daytona Beach Intl Airport**

This meeting is open to the public and elected officials from County government, Volusia School system, and Volusia cities.



**Fla legislature meets in special session this week regarding Walt Disney World’s Reedy Creek special taxing district.**

**Senate President Kathleen Passidomo and House Speaker Paul Renner** said legislators will address other issues relating to relocating migrants, college athletes and hurricane recovery..

Reedy Creek has been the governing body for Walt Disney World Resort since it was created in 1967. It can tax itself at a rate that is higher than allowed by county and cities in the region. However, legislators dissolved the Reedy Creek Improvement District effective in June 2023.

**FOR BUSINESSES SEEKING ASSISTANCE**  
**- SBA DISASTER LOANS for HURRICANE NICOLE**  
**Filing Deadlines:**  
 Physical Damage: February 13  
 Economic Injury: September 13  
**- SBA DISASTER LOANS for HURRICANE IAN –**  
**Application Filing Deadlines:**  
 Economic Injury: June 29



3309 S Atlantic Ave Daytona Beach Shores



**Backers of a proposed constitutional amendment allowing recreational use of marijuana have passed a preliminary hurdle to get on the 2024 ballot, submitting more than enough petition signatures to trigger a Supreme Court review of the measure. Stay tuned.....**

**And we say good bye to an ol’ friend...**

**Sid Frazer**, 88, of Ormond Beach passed away peacefully last month following a brief illness.



Sid was from the Bronx borough of New York City. He had an extraordinary career in marketing, producing movies in Hollywood, owning radio stations in Daytona Beach, as well as an advertising agency...Frazer, Berner Advertising where he became involved in numerous campaigns. Sid will be missed.

February 4, First Step Shelter hosted their 1st Mayor's Gala. Daytona Beach Mayor Derrick Henry was Emcee. It was a GREAT event! Speakers included Sheriff Mike Chitwood, Board member Mike Panagio and Congressman Cory Mills...but the REAL speakers were the FSS residents telling their story how the facility has turned their lives around. And I'd like to thank and congratulate Board member Rose Ann Tornatore and Executive Director Victoria Fahlberg for this superb event. Below are some FSS stats.....

# IMPACT 20 REPORT 22

a year in review by the numbers

First Step Shelter  
A PATH TO HOUSING CHANGES EVERYTHING

96

gained  
employment

223

found  
housing

In this brief review, our team is pleased to share our success for 2022, including those 223 residents, representing 60% of our annual total, who are now off the streets and living in homes. This summary will familiarize you with some of the challenges faced by our residents and the much-needed benefits we helped them access that enabled them to live independently. We were grateful to operate the shelter this year, for the first time, without the constant threat of covid. But mostly, I am grateful for the FSS staff, who are both compassionate and disciplined, for the support and encouragement from our Board of Directors, our donors' generosity, and all our friends throughout the community. Though homeless, our residents are not hopeless. We look forward to this new year of 2023.

Victoria Fahlberg, PhD  
Executive Director

over 3,560

rides provided  
Thomas Truhlar  
Legacy Van

445

stays

ROSE ANN TORNATORE SAFE ZONE

# referrals by city

Daytona Beach	252	Ormond Beach	20
Daytona Beach Shores	12	Ponce Inlet	2
Holly Hill	14	Port Orange	21
		Volusia County Sheriff	124

66,795

meals  
served

61%

OF OUR RESIDENTS  
REQUIRE PSYCHIATRIC  
MEDICATIONS

Our resident's individual success plan is key to our holistic approach and coordinated connection to care.

CASE MANAGERS & RESIDENTS

Our case managers & residents develop individual plans.

Resulting in residents receiving services & medical care

RESIDENTS  
Connected to an Agency or Service

21,900

bed stays  
x nights

1

OUT OF 10 U.S. Military  
RESIDENTS Veteran

90%

OF OUR RESIDENTS  
HAVE UNDERLYING  
CHRONIC MEDICAL  
CONDITIONS -  
DEPRESSION,  
ADDICTION, BI-POLAR,  
PTSD, DIABETES,  
CANCER AND MORE.

89,394

life  
supporting  
interactions

199

obtained  
healthcare,  
Medicare or  
Medicaid

226

received  
income from  
Disability,  
Social Security  
or employment

249

received Food  
Stamps

50%

OF THEIR  
INCOME

DID YOU KNOW?  
OUR RESIDENTS  
ARE REQUIRED  
TO SAVE

3889 W International Speedway Blvd  
Daytona Beach, FL 32124

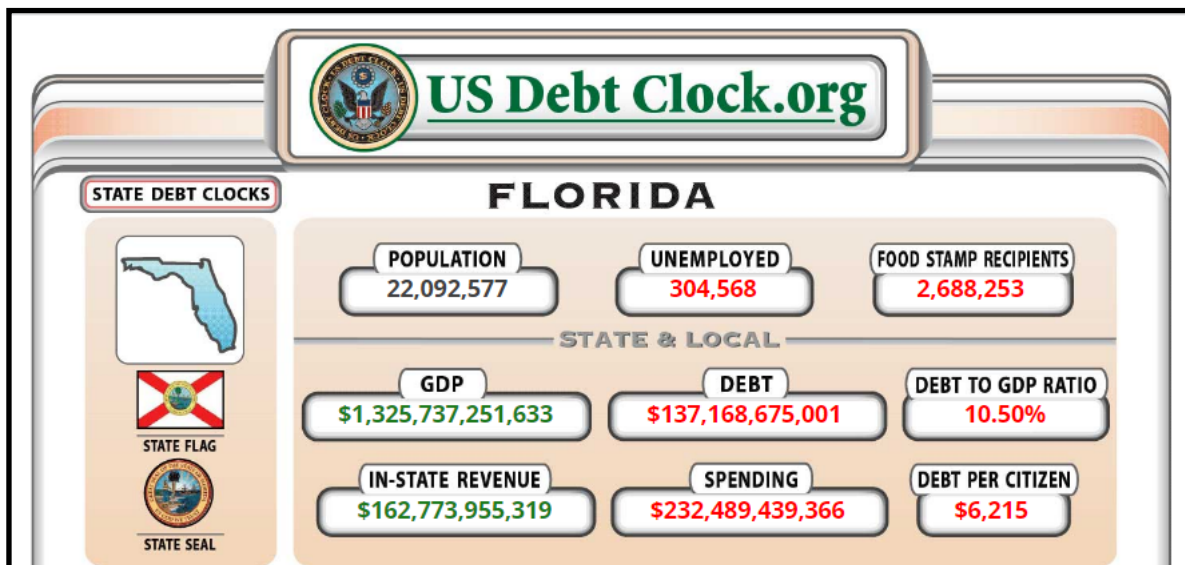
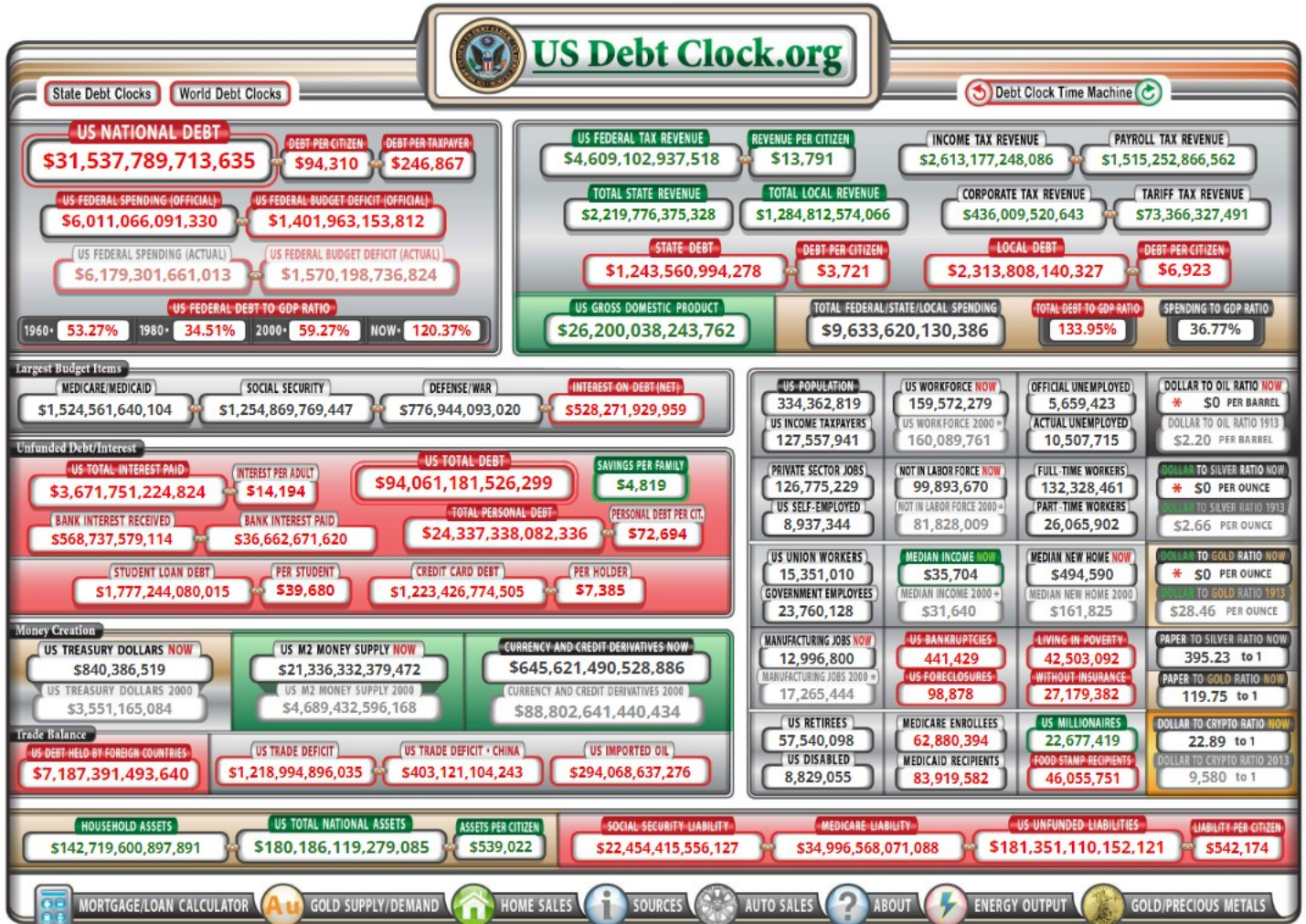
phone 386-361-3800 x 202  
email donations@firststepshelter.org

www.firststepshelter.org



....when my daughter, Holley was little and wanted something....she'd say, "you don't need money Dad, just write a check."

These amounts recorded at 2:15 pm February 6....are continuous.....







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February 1, 15 - 6 pm City Hall

February 7, 21 - 7 pm City Hall

February 7, 21 - 6:30 City Hall

February 14, 28 - 6 pm City Hall

February 14 - 6 pm City Hall

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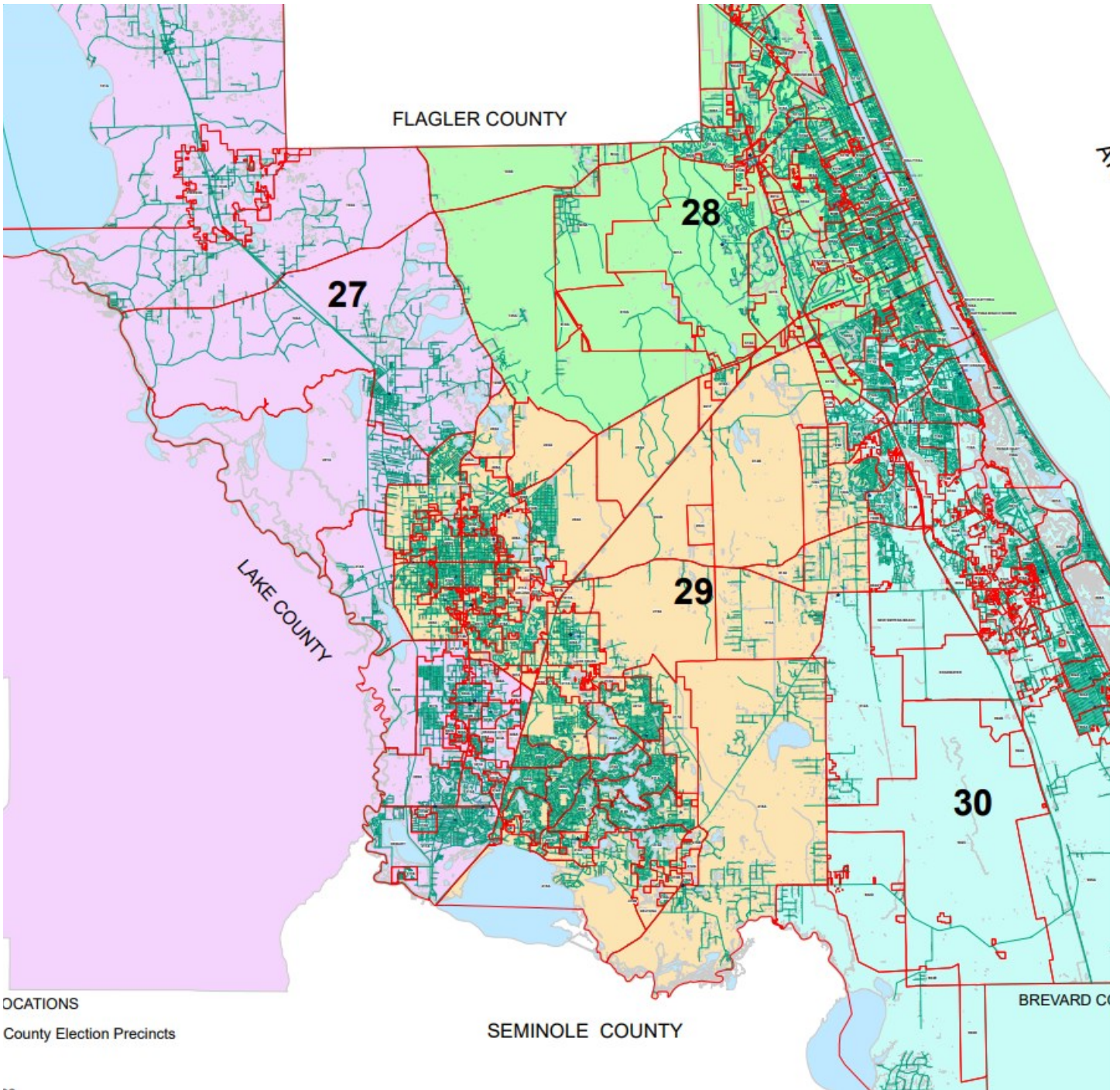
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# Elections 2022

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### Volusia area

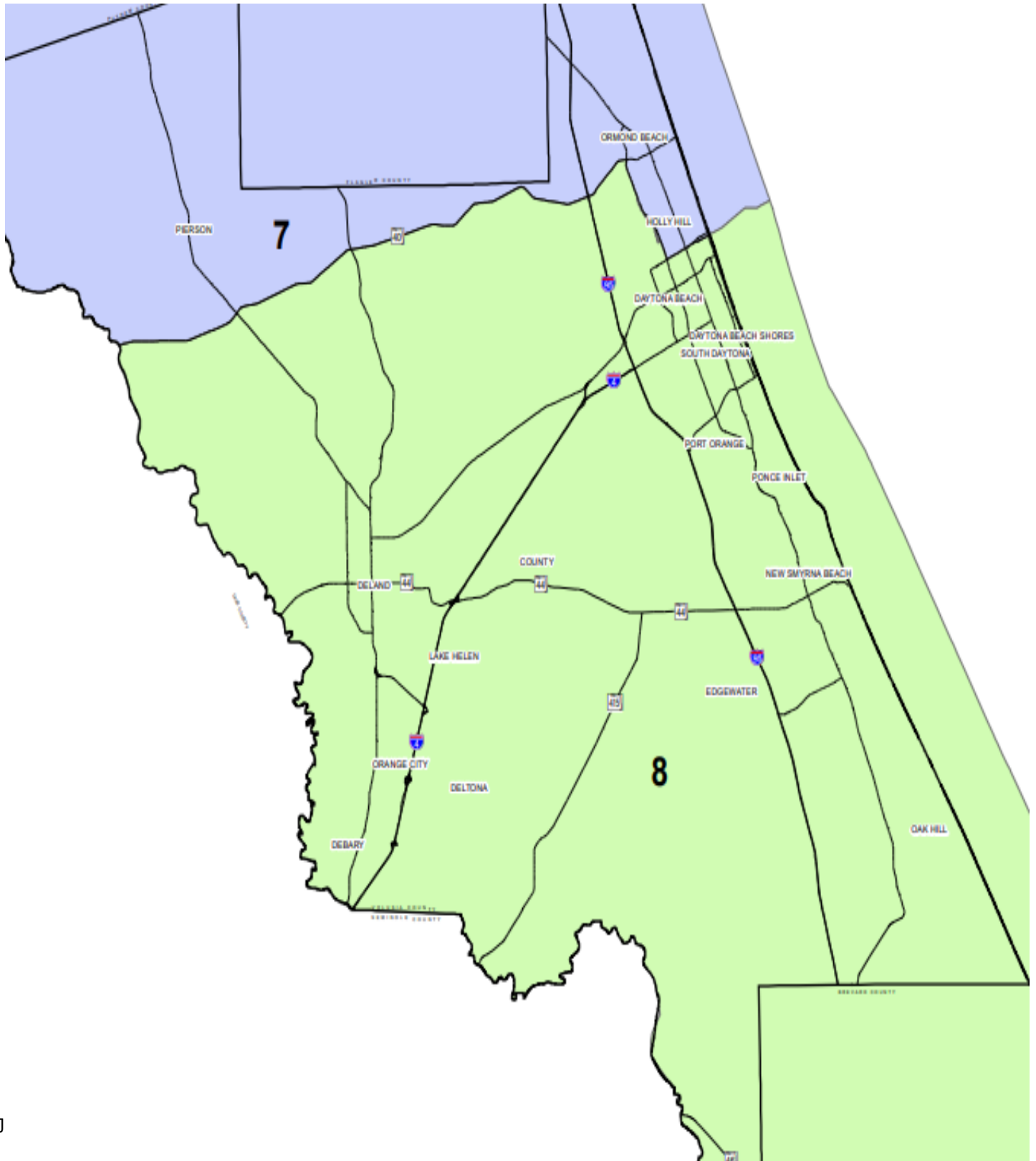




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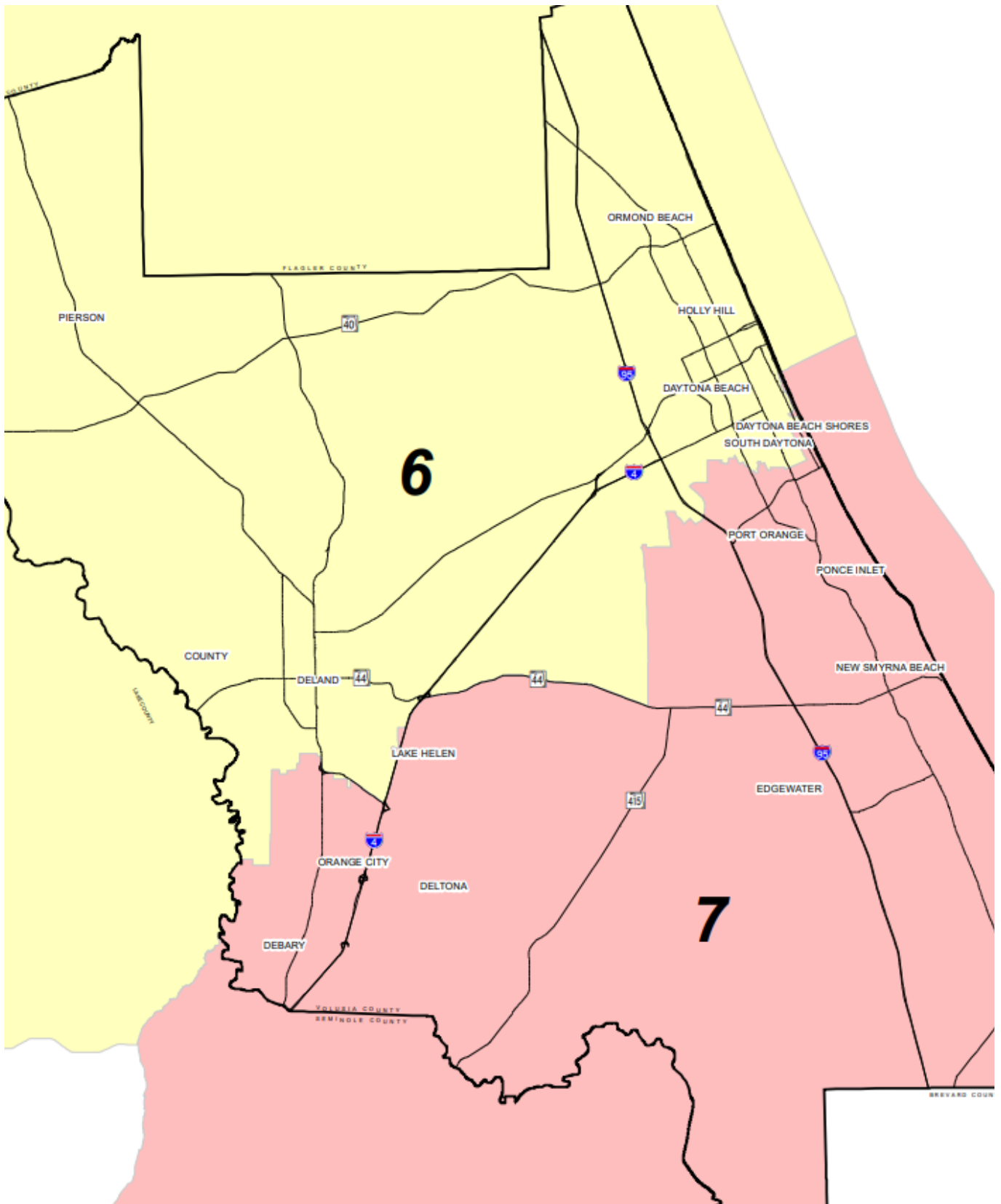
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### Volusia area



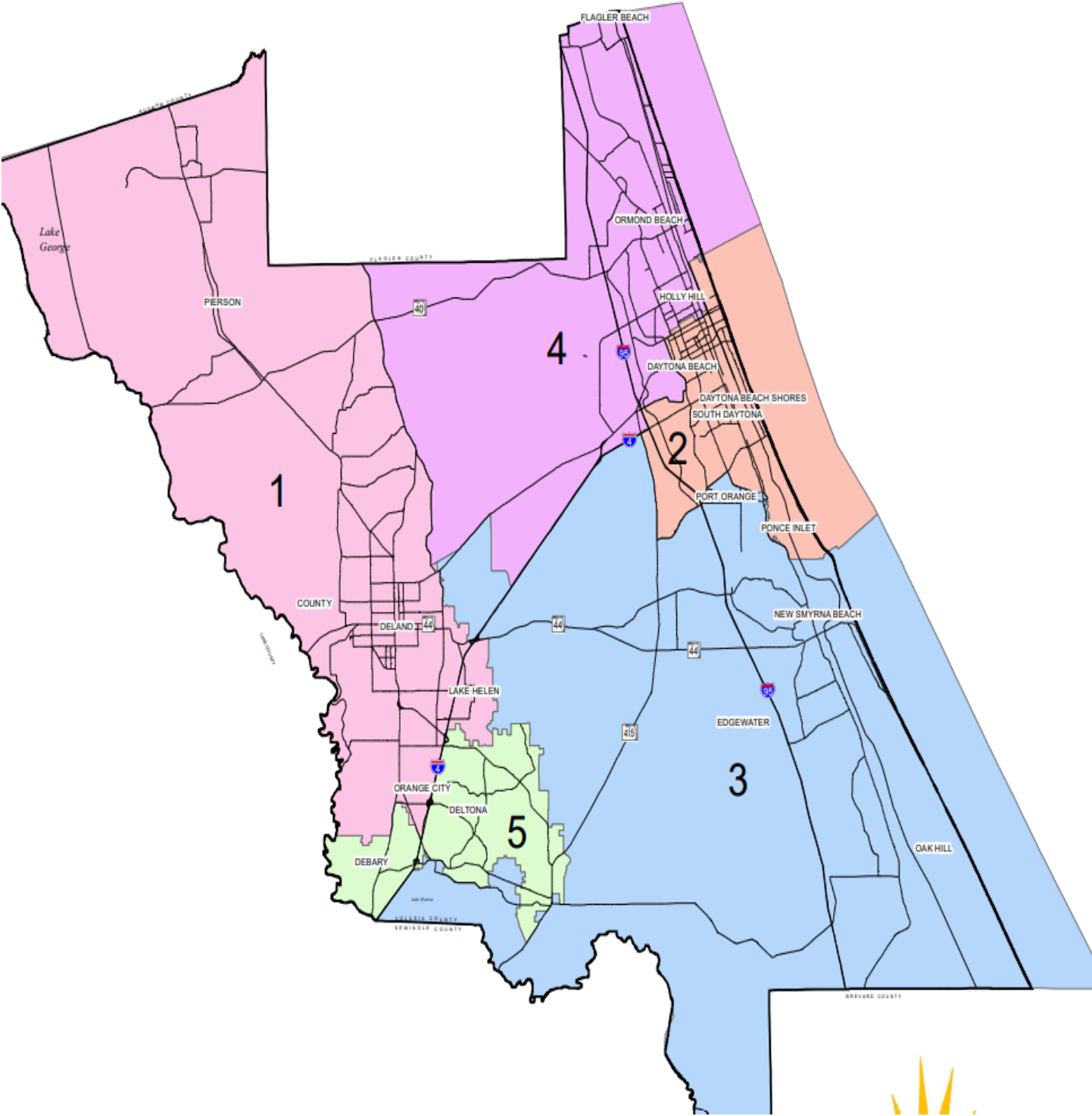
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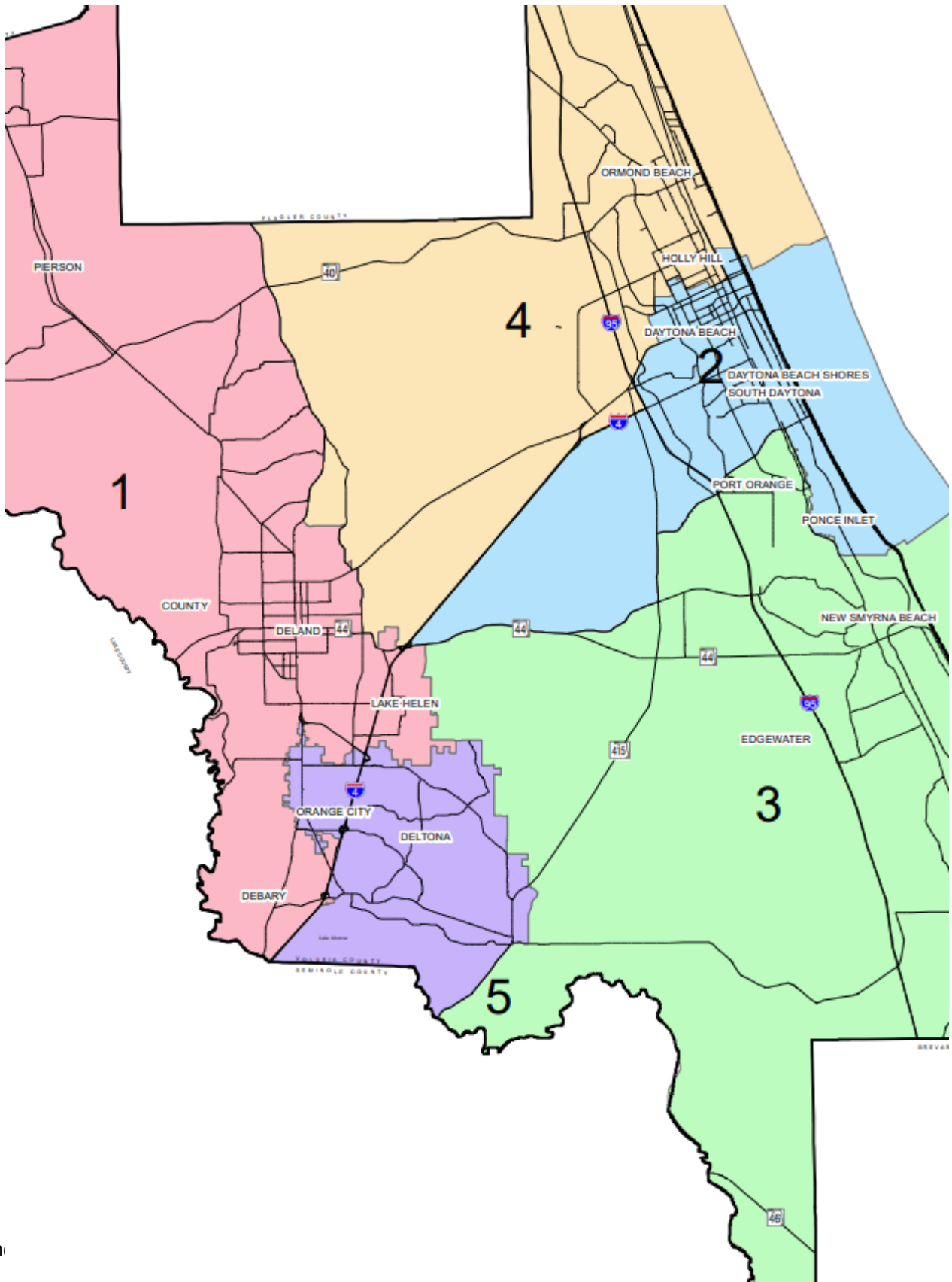


Volusia County Council Districts



# Elections 2022

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## What are you reading?

Do you have a book that you're reading now or recently read?  
If so, text it to 566-2140

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**Abbas Abdulhussein** - *Seeking Wisdom from Darwin to Munger* by *Peter Bevelin*

**Alhadi Abduhl** *The Dictators Handbook- Why Bad Behavior is Almost Always Good Politics* by *Bruce Bueno de Mesquita*

**Amanda Thorpe**— *The President's Club* by *Nancy Gibbs and Michael Duffy*

**Ammie Olsen** - *The Body Keeps the Score* by *Blessed Van De Kolk MD* and *Smoke and Iron* by *Rachel Cain*

**Anne Ruby**—*Walkable City, How Downtown Can Save America* by *Jeff Speck*

**Anthony Millitello**— *Essentialism* by *Greg McKeown*

**Ben Johnson** - *Last Man Standing* by *David Baldacci*

**Bill Partington** - *Traffic, Why We Drive the Way We Do* by *Tom Vanderbilt*

**Billie Wheeler** - *The Artic Fury* by *Greer MaCallister*

**Bob Davis** - *So Help Me God* by *Mike Pence*

**Bob Williams** - *Comrades* by *Stephen Ambrose*

**Carl Persis**—*The Maid* by *Nita Prose*

**Charlie Lydecker** - *Bibi* by *Benjamin Netanyahu*

**Christos Manavros** - *The Art of War for Executives* by *Donald Krause*

**Colby Allman**—*How to Have impossible Conversations* by *Peter Boghossian*

**Dana McCool** - *The Prince* by *Niccolo Machiavelli*

**Danny Fuqua** - *In His Arms* by *Tony Thompson*

**David Batten**— *The Art of War* by *Sun Tzu*

**Deb Dolbow** - *Give and Take* by *Adam Grant*

**Debbie Phillips** – *How to Lead* by *John C Maxwell*

**Deric Feacher** - *Never Split the Difference* by *Chris Voss*

**Mayor Derrick Henry**—*Sapiens* by *Yuval Noah Harari*

**Diego Handel** - *Surrender* by *Bono*

**Mayor Don Burnette** - *How to Swim with Sharks without Being Eaten*— by *Harvey McKay*

**Duncan DeMarsh** - *Vanishing American Adult* by *Ben Sasse*

**Elizabeth Albert** - *The Fourth Tier, Leadership and the Power of Charisma* by *Dr Chris Colwell*

**Ernie Audino** - *A Nation of Victims* by *Charles Sykes*

**Frank Molnar** - *10X* by *Grant Cardone*

**Fred Cleveland** - *Forces of Nature* by *Clay Henderson*

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**Fred Guzman** - Strength to Love *by Martin Luther King*

**Fred Lowry** - Simple Church *by Thom S Rainer*

**Gary Kreisler** - The Hostage *by Peter O'Mahoney*

**Georgia McKeown** - Boys from Biloxi *by John Grisham* and Surviving the Forest *by Adiva Geffen*

**Gigi Bennington** - Fairy Tale *by Stephen King*  
Breathless *by Dean Koontz*

**Glenn Storch** -  
Tropic of Stupid *by Tim Dorsey*

**Greg Snell**  
Morgan—American Financier *by Jean Strouse*

**Hardy Smith** - Start *by Jon Acuff*

**Jake Johannsen** - The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams *by Stacy Shiff*

**Jami Gallegos** - The Personal Librarian *by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray*

**Jeff Brower** - The Rise of Sprawl & Decline of American Dream *by Duany, Plater-Zybeck, Speck*

**Jessica Lovatt** - Queen of Shadows *by Sarah J Maas*

**Jim Rose** - The New Map *by Daniel Yergin*

**Joe DeBlasi** - Holy Moments *by Mathew Kelly*

**John Danio** - The Bezo's Blueprint *by Carmine Gallo*

**Jonah Powers** - Best Development Practices *by Reid Ewing*

**Joni Hunt** - The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue *by V E Schwab*

**Jordan Jiloty** – The Indomitable Florence Finch *by Robert Mrazek*

**Kathy Smith** - Because of Bethlehem *by Max Lucado*

**Larry McDermott** -  
Killing Crazy Horse *by Bill O'Reilly*

**Loretta Arthur** –  
Travels *by Michael Crichton*

**Mary Bennett**—Mystery *by Jonathan Kellerman*

**Marty Shuster** - Race Vehicle Dynamics *by William & Douglas Millikan*

**Matt Reinhardt** - The Whistler *by John Grisham*

**Mike McLean** - Hail Yes 25 Years Later *by Detroit Free Press*

**Mike Panaggio** - The Intelligent Exit *by Mark Carmichael*

**Mike Scudiero** - The Nazi Conspiracy *by Brad Meltzer*

**Mayor Nancy Miller** - Extreme Leadership *by Jocko Willink & Leif Babin*

**Patrick Mooney** - Political Prisoner: Persecuted, Prosecuted, But Not Silenced *by Paul Manafort*

**Penny Currie** - Alcatraz #1259 *by William G Baker*

**Rep Webster Barnaby** - Capital for Keeps— Limit Litigation Risk While Raising Capital *by Russell Wiegel*

**Richard Bryan** - Preventing Heart Disease *by Dr Richard Moore MD*

**Rob Littleton**- Never Split the Difference *by Chris Voss*

**Rose Ann Tornatore** - More Beautiful Than Before  
*by Steve Leder*

**Mayor Santiago Avila** – Federalist and Anti-Federalist

**Sheriff Guindi** - Explore Diabetes with Owls *by David Sedaris*

**Sherry Brianza** - The Real Anthony Fauci *by Robert Kennedy Jr.*

**Stacy Cantu** - Because They Hate *by Brigitte Gabriel*

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**Ted Rover** - The Daily Stoic *by Ryan Holiday*

**Tom Self** - The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks *by Rebecca Skloot*

**Sen Tom Wright** - Full Throttle Leadership *by Steven Foster*

**Travis Sargent** - Can't Hurt Me *by David Goggins*

**Vic Baker** - Woking Dead *by .....*

**Wendell Delarosa** -  
My Boss / Mentor Small Little Book: Make Your Bed

**Yen Le** - Tuesdays with Morrie *by Mitch Albom*

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