



**From the Desk of Jim Cameron.....**

**Jim Cameron Consulting LLC**

**September, 2021**

Jim Cameron Consulting LLC brings 38 years of working with local governments and is now available to serve on a clientele basis...be it new land development projects, bids, campaign assistance.

For more information, go to my website, [www.jimcameronconsulting.com](http://www.jimcameronconsulting.com)

Call my cell 566-2140...day, night, or weekends if you'd like to discuss further. And my guarantee still stands that if I miss your call and don't return it in eight business hours, I will pay you \$1000 cash.



**And at the State level.....**



Sen Tom Wright



Sen Travis Hutson



Sen Jason Brodeur



Rep Tom Leek



Rep Webster Barnaby



Rep Elizabeth Fetterhoff



Rep Paul Renner

The Volusia Legislative delegation annual meeting will be Wednesday, October 6, 10 at Deland City Hall.

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

[Click here](#) for the speaking appearance card as well as additional details. For more information, contact Robbie Vogan (in Senator Brodeur's office) at 407-333-1802.

Anyone wishing to provide additional materials or handouts for their presentation, should mail or deliver nine (9) copies to Senator Jason Brodeur's office by Wednesday, September 15, 5:00 pm....see address below. They will be placed into binders for the Delegates to access during your presentation. Documents that are emailed will not be printed.

Office of Senator Jason Brodeur  
922 Williston Park Point, Suite 1300  
Lake Mary, FL 32746  
(407) 333-1802

Any speaking request forms or documents received after September 15th will not be included in the member packages or the agenda.

Each individual or organization addressing the Delegation will have three minutes to discuss their topic.....this is subject to change

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### **Gov DeSantis appoints Maryam Ghyabi-White to the St. Johns River Water Management District**

She is CEO of Ghyabi Consulting and Management. She previously served on the St Johns River WMD and is a former member of the Transportation Outreach Committee, and East Central Fla Regional Planning Council. She is a member of the Suntrust Bank Board of Trustees, PACE Center for Girls Board of Directors, Past Chair of Floridians for Better Transportation, Chair of the ISB Coalition and Past Chair of the Volusia County Association for Responsible Development. She has bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from the UCF.

This appointment is subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate.



Maryam Ghyabi

- **Gov DeSantis recently named Emile "Shawn" Hamilton as Secretary of the Fla Dept of Environmental Protection (DEP).**

## Interim Legislative Committee Meeting Schedule

Senate and House Committees will meet the SAME weeks in Tallahassee

September 20 – 24

October 11-15

October 18 – 22

November 1 - 5

November 15 - 19

November 29 – December 3

**Florida Realtors Assn dropping 2022 ballot initiative to require that Sadowski Trust Fund dollars could ONLY be used for affordable housing. More news to come...**

### County Council News.....

- On August 31, County Councilmembers held a **special budget workshop** and discussed the delivery of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

By a 4-2 vote, Councilmembers reduced their proposed general fund by \$2.8 million (3.8%). These reductions included beaches, environmental management, economic development, Marine Science Center, parks, land management. See budget sheet attached.

- The **County's Affordable Housing Webinar** which was to take place August 27 has been rescheduled to the Fall.
- **County Council approves changes to ECHO program.** These changes include increasing the Standard grants \$400,000 to \$600,000; exceptional grants increased from \$1.8 million to \$2.5 million and maximum grants increased to \$3.1 million. ECHO funds (vs County General funds) will pay for the two designated staff members.....other changes included match requirements making it easier for small nonprofits to participate. [Click here](#) for more details.

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### City Commission/Council news.....

At their August 18 meeting, Daytona Beach City Commissioners approved the receipt of \$7.5 million in federal COVID-19 relief funds. Their plan is to use the money develop vaccine distribution sites as well as helping local businesses.

This plan was based on recent public meetings input and money will be applied to

Affordable Housing, Outdoor Art, Reading/Math Literacy, Small Business Recovery and Rehabilitation Grants and Landscape Grant Program.

The plan allocated \$350,000 for the Mayor while each commissioner will receive \$250,000 for their zone.

The remaining \$4.2 million will go toward developing and rehabilitating affordable housing, addressing educational disparities, and creating a small business equity, diversity and inclusion resource center.

[Click here](#) for more information.



A Special PRIMARY Election for Daytona Beach City Commission will take place **Tuesday, September 21, with a General Election on November 2.** Candidate qualifying will be **September 16-20.** The City Commission will be working with a 6-member Commission until a replacement is elected.

Candidates for Zone 2 include.....



## **Staff Changes**



**Charlene Gagnier** is a new legislative assistant in Senator Tom Wright's office. She'll be working out of the District Office, 4606 Clyde Morris Blvd, Port Orange. Her email is [gagnier.charlene@flsenate.gov](mailto:gagnier.charlene@flsenate.gov) She previously worked with the Volusia Supervisor of Elections office. She earned a degree in Communications from FSU.

We look forward to working with her!

## **County Council confirms new EMS director**

On August 3, the County Council confirmed **Michael Colman** as the new emergency medical services (EMS) director.

He brings 29 years of EMS and public safety experience as he replaces former EMS Director Jason Brady, who took a position in Newark, NJ. In collaboration with area hospitals and city fire departments, EMS provides pre-hospital 911 medical care and transportation in the county – averaging in excess of 60,000 transports per year.



**County Manager George Recktenwald** noted that Colman's experience in special event management and a nurse triage program integrated into dispatch operations.

Colman was previously with the Richmond Ambulance Authority since 2018. Prior to that, he worked with the Atlanta-based Grady Health System

He has a bachelor's degree in applied science from Clayton State University and a master's degree in public administration from Columbus State University.

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





**George Mirabal** – Heaven’s Chamber of Commerce got a new Exec last month. George ran the Daytona Regional Chamber for more than 20 years and oversaw some major projects in the Halifax Area including the relocation of LPGA HQ, Take Part II which included OceanWalk project, Parking Garage and Daytona Lagoon Water Park....plus numerous other projects.

Back in the 1980’s, George helped the Chamber get involved in legislative issues in Tallahassee.

George will be missed,,,,,

**Marc Bernier** – the host of WNDB’s afternoon talk show since 1991, Marc’s show was a centerpiece of discussion of current issues. Not only that, for years....Marc brought in some special guests for his Speaker Series....and these shows were FREE to the public! Since 1992, Marc ran a Live Broadcast from the Chamber HobNob events for which I will be forever grateful. And while I was not able to listen to his show live, I loved his Podcasts!



Marc will be missed.....

**Get Ready for Elections 2022!!!!**

Click the candidate link for more info....

**Current Filed Candidates**

September 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

**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**

**School Board, District 1**

[Wallace Bailey](#)

[Jaclyn Carrell](#)

County Council, District 2  
[Danny Fuqua](#)  
[Chase Tramont](#)

School Board, District 3  
Kim Short  
[Jessie Thompson](#)

County Council, District 3  
[Danny Robins](#)

School Board, District 5  
[Ruben Colon](#)  
[Ronald Jungk](#)

**City Filed Candidates**

September 30 (Primary) November 8 (General)

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](#) 220  
[George Cameron Lane](#) 258  
[Lauren Olsen](#) 73

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

Runoff to be decided November 2

Lake Helen Commission Zone 3 - [Rick Basso](#) ELECTED

Ponce Inlet Mayor  
[Tony Goudie](#) 291  
[Lois Paritsky](#) 986

Ponce Inlet Council Seat 3  
[Elizabeth Caswell](#) 842  
[David Loh](#) 417

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**Volusia Elected Officials Roundtable**  
**September 13 meeting **POSTPONED****  
**Daytona Bch Intl Airport (Dennis McGee Rm)**



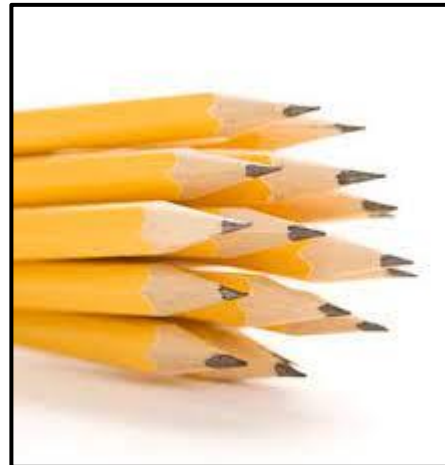
Includes elected officials from Volusia's cities, county government and school system.

Open to the public and bring your own lunch.  
For information, call Kevin Captain 822-5062.  
For anyone interested in local government issues, this is a GREAT meeting to attend!

LOOK FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF THEIR NEXT MEETING DATE....

**Local Officials to Sharpen their Budget Pencils....**

With the new fiscal year starting October 1, look for city and county government to conduct FY 2021-2022 budget workshops over the next several months.... see schedules below....



This is where they will be setting the Truth in Millage (TRIM) rate and plan their overall budgets for the coming fiscal year.

*A comparative chart of cities, County and School Board budgets/tax rates are attached to this email. Look for regular reports to come thereafter.*

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**Click the link for Local Government**



[Volusia County Council](#)

September 7 / 21, 9:30 am Cty Adm Bldg  
Budget Hearing 6 pm

[Daytona Beach City Commission](#)

September 8 / 22, 6 pm City Hall

[Ormond Beach City Commission](#)

September 8 / 22, 7 pm City Hall

[Port Orange City Council](#)

September 7 / 21, 6:30 City Hall  
Special Budget Hearing, Sept 8

[Holly Hill City Commission](#)

September 13 / 28, 6 pm City Hall

[South Daytona City Council](#)

September 13 / 28 6 pm City Hall

[Daytona Bch Shores City Council](#)

September 13 / 28, 6 pm City Hall

[DeBary City Council](#)

September 8 / 22, 6:30pm City Hall

[Deland City Council](#)

September 8 / 20, 7 pm City Hall

[Deltona City Commission](#)

September 9 / 20, 6:30 pm City Hall

[Edgewater City Council](#)

September 13 / 27 6:00 pm City Hall

[Lake Helen City Commission](#)

September 9 / 10 7:00 pm City Hall

[New Smyrna Bch Commission](#)

September 14, 6:30 pm City Hall

[Oak Hill City Commission](#)

September ---, 6 pm City Hall

[Orange City City Council](#)

September 13 / 28, 6:30 pm City Hall

[Ponce Inlet Town Council](#)

September 9, 6 pm City

[School Board of Volusia](#)

September 9, / 14, 5:30 pm Deland

[River to Sea TPO](#)

September 29, 9 am TPO Office