



Volusia Matters Newsletter

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Economic Development Q1 Breakfast

New Economic Development Director Lou Paris reported.....that Volusia average wage was \$49,165 (vs \$63,350 for Fla).

1st Quarter employed labor force 264,247
 Commercial Construction Bldg Permits 50 \$125 m
 Commercial Redevelopment Permits 44 \$10.9 m
 Residential Construction Bldg Permits 888 \$369 m

For more info, go to <https://www.floridabusiness.org>

With all the graduations this month, Paris also spoke of different types of degrees that Volusia students are receiving.

Next Economic Q2 breakfast will be Friday, August 16, 7:30—9 AM Daytona Intl Airport

Q1 Sector Highlights – New Commercial Construction

Leisure/Hospitality	Healthcare	Municipal
\$34M	\$24.5M	\$22M
Multi-Family	Retail/Storage/etc	Utilities
\$21.6M	\$6.9M	\$1.3M

Local Employment Rates	1Q'24	1Q'23
Volusia	3.6%	3.1%
Daytona Beach	4.2%	3.7%
Deland	4.1%	3.3%
Deltona	3.9%	3.4%
New Smyrna Beach	3.5%	3.0%
Port Orange	3.4%	2.9%
Ormond Beach	3.2%	2.7%



Matt Chesnutt addresses Team Volusia

Team Volusia held their Board Meeting June 7

President Keith Norden provided an update of prospects and including 25 outreach activities....

Space Florida's Matt Chesnutt spoke of our advantages including sales tax and ad valorem exemptions, special dirt, no developer fees. He also discussed their statewide capital project pipeline including more than 22 projects in central Florida and 53 projects in the Space Coast region. Chesnutt also stated that Fla now has 4 spaceports.....in Jacksonville, Cape Canaveral, Patrick SFB, and Space Coast.

Tywan Arrington and Harry Jorgenson updated the group on the status of current prospects.



Cyrus Callem addresses Roundtable members

Volusia Elected Officials Roundtable which includes all mayors as well as County Council members and staff throughout the county, met May 13.

Halifax Area Advertising Exec Lori Campbell Baker provided tourism update on Daytona Beach area. She pointed out that 2023 Volusia had 10.1 million visitors that spent \$5.5 billion. Tourism industry employs over 32,000 locals with wages that amounted to \$939 million. Sales tax paid by visitors was 38%.

W Volusia and SE Volusia Advertising Execs Georgia Turner and Debbie Mehlis focused on trails arts/ culture, events and historical sites in their communities. All 3 execs work together to attract more visitors to the County.

Emergency Management Director Clint Meacham said Colorado State Univ Hurricane Ctr predicts 23 named storms and 11 could become hurricanes and 7 could become Category 3 or larger.

The hurricane season lasts June 1 to December 1 with the peak of the season being September.



Aviation/Economic Resources Director Cyrus Callem discussed traffic at Daytona Intl Airport which has Deltona/American providing 10 daily Non-Stop flights to Atlanta and Charlotte with 2x Week, Non-Stop flights to New Haven, CT by Avelo.

Next Roundtable meeting will be Monday, Sept 9, 9 AM at the Daytona Intl Airport.



Gov DeSantis signed HB 7073...a tax package that will provide a one-year exemption on taxes on residential property/flood insurance premiums. This is in addition to that \$200 million for the My Safe Florida Home Program. On that note, since the legislature's insurance reforms.....8 new companies entered the property/casualty market, 10 companies filed a zero percent increase and 10 more have filed a rate decrease.



The tax cut package included several sales tax holidays as well as other tax relief measures including a corporate income tax credit for businesses that hire persons with disabilities. [Click here](#) for more details.



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Team Volusia EDC was certified by the Accredited Economic Development Organization (AEDO)....meaning they are one of 81 economic development entities to be selected.....furthermore less than 2% of the 5,000 economic development organizations in US have achieved this designation.



Hurricane Season has begun.....

Be sure to.....

- Secure Your Home (My Florida Safe Home applications open July 1)
- Stock Up on Supplies
- Create Emergency Plan
- Review Insurance Policies/consider flood insurance

[Click Here](#) for more information.....

A hotel developer wants to locate a new 101-unit, eight-story upscale Cambria Hotel to replace the 54-year-old Sea Scape Inn in DB Shores.



The City's Planning & Zoning Board recently recommended approval and it'll come before the City Commission on June 11.

City Planner Stewart Cruz said “the new hotel will expand the City's commercial opportunities, tax revenue to the city, job production and revitalization and redevelopment of this portion of the city.”

Assessed value is just value minus assessment limitations i.e. Save Our Homes





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If you listen to my Volusia Matters podcast.....I'd like to recommend the SMOKING TRUTH! Hosted by Deltona Commissioner Dana McCool and Eric Ramundo.....it also covers county, school district, city and legislative issues.....lots of good dialogue...while it's not as good as Volusia Matters podcast, it comes close and I recommend it !





The Brevard County Commission and Cocoa City Council are seeking \$49 million in federal funds from the US Dept Transportation as part of a future \$75 m Brightline station in Cocoa.

The Space Coast TPO designated \$15.5 million in federal grant money it's to receive in future years to help cover design/construction work for the proposed station.

Brevard County Commission and Cocoa City Council \$5 million each towards the station..... BUT without federal funding, local money won't be enough.

A US DOT grant would be based on increasing rail ridership, regional rail development and development of multimodal stations which is what Cocoa plans to build.

Brightline has stops at Orlando International Airport, West Palm Beach, Boca Raton, Fort Lauderdale, Aventura and Miami and carried 1.6 m passengers in 2023 with a goal of 4 million passengers by December 2024.



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Starting teacher salaries Volusia County School District are:

- Beginning teacher with a **bachelor's degree/no experience**, starting salary **\$48,670**.
- With a **master's**, starting salary **\$51,661**.
- With a **doctorate**, starting salary **\$54,563**.

Additionally, the district provides state-mandated performance pay to eligible teachers. It's important to note that these figures reflect the starting salaries, and there are ongoing efforts to address salary compression and support veteran teachers in the district

ANNUAL REAL ESTATE VALUES FORUM

June 11th, 2024



Volusia County Association for Responsible Development
and its Flagler County Chapter

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**101 N Atlantic Avenue
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9:00 A.M. Program Begins

11:00 A.M. Program Ends



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Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is an economic indicator representing total monetary/market value of all the finished goods/services produced in a country's borders in a specific time period. It measures the country's economic health i.e. an economic snapshot that estimates size of an economy and its growth rate.





Sen Rick Scott is running for Republican leader in the US Senate....

South Dakota Sen [John Thune](#), the Senate's No. 2 Republican in the Senate, and Texas Sen [John Cornyn](#) are also running.

Current Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell will step down from the post after November's election but stay in the Senate.

Republican senators haven't chosen a new leader since 2007, when McConnell was elected — before most current GOP senators took office. The minority leader election will take place in a closed-door secret ballot conference meeting sometime after the November elections.

As part of his platform, Scott pledged -

- to give Senators more time to review bills before bringing them up for votes
- not to pressure Senators to vote contrary to the interests of their constituents
- 6-year term limit for the next Senate GOP leader.

Scott is also up for reelection this year, facing a challenge from former **Democratic Rep Debbie Mucarsel-Powell**.

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Join us for the Riverfront Market at the Riverfront Esplanade on the last Sunday of each month!

Sip, Shop & Stroll with us at our next one on June 3010am-3pm with local vendors, music, and FREE yoga with Renew Yoga Studio at 9am in the Rose Garden! Be sure to bring your own mat and water!

Mark your calendars! Can't wait to see everyone there!

Riverfront Market - 179 S. Beach St.

Yoga in the Rose Garden - 255 S. Beach St.



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Actions by County Council - June 4

- February 2023, Council approved their 2023 audit plan, which included an audit of the assessment and collection process for County impact fees. **Internal Auditor Jonathan Edwards** presented internal audit report, 2024-02 Impact Fee Assessments. Collections. [Click here](#) for a detailed report.
- Approved an Interlocal Agreement to establish between Flagler, Brevard, and Volusia counties, a three-member Consortium (with equal representation from each county) which will govern the new tri-county workforce development board and administer the workforce development program. [Click here](#) for more info.

Councilman Jake Johansson was appointed to represent Volusia on the Career Source Consortium; **Deputy County Manager Suzanne Konchan** will be the alternate.



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Volusia Republican Party opens new HQ at 800 Nova Rd Ormond Beach.....stop by for information, to volunteer or pick up literature. See attendees below.....



David Santiago, Matt & Stephanie Reinhart, Nancy & Tom Coriale, Erika Benefield, Don Burnette

**Lincoln Day Dinner
Sunday July 21,
DB Ocean Center
For more info....call
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Landlord Jayson Meyer and his son Michael attend the opening ceremony



Paul Deering, Reps Webster Barnaby, Tom Leek, Diezel Depew, Richard Gentry, Debbie Phillips

Registered Voters as of June 4, 2024

Political Affiliation	Active	Inactive	Total
Democrats	103,459	26,372	129,831
Republicans	154,754	20,929	175,683
No Party Affiliation	98,065	31,971	130,036
Other Parties (Green, Libertarian, etc)	11,302	1,645	12,947
Totals	367,580	80,917	448,497

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Address: 355 N. Beach Street



Here's the latest updates on SunRail:

DeLand Expansion: SunRail is planning a debut this summer for its DeLand expansion. The new DeLand SunRail connectivity includes 12.2 miles of track from DeBary. Non-passenger trains will begin running on June 24 for review and approval from the Federal Rail Administration.

FDOT recently revealed new details about a **proposed SunRail extension** down to Polk County.

Ownership Transition: After 10 years of operating SunRail, the FDOT will hand over the reins at the beginning of next year to the five local funding partners: the city of Orlando and Osceola, Orange, Seminole and Volusia counties. They'll be responsible for the estimated \$50 million to \$65 million deficit to operate SunRail annually



City of Daytona Beach is considering expanding recreational options for citizens while increasing its ability to host sports tourism events. They're working with a 600+ acres site located west of I-95, between US-92 and I-4 AND they want your input on activities and events you'd like to see take place.

They're hosting a public meeting tonight May 14, at the Cherry Cultural & Educational Center on George Engram Blvd. if you can't attend, they still want your thoughts via a survey that can be found on the City's website

Volusia Property Appraiser's Office appraises various types of property in the County. Their mission is to **discover, list, and value all real and tangible personal property** in the county including:

Real Property: encompasses land, buildings, and other permanent structures.

Tangible Personal Property: machinery, equipment, furniture, and other movable assets.

Centrally Assessed Properties: properties assessed at the state level, often related to utilities and railroads.

The office creates the annual ad valorem tax roll, which helps determine property taxes based on the assessed values. They maintain a comprehensive real estate/economic database to assist in accessing relevant information.

The appraiser *determines property values*, actual tax rates are set by County Council, City Commissions/Councils and School Board

Click link below.... Volusia's [Attainable Housing Dashboard](#)

Volusia County is home to over 14,000 enterprises that produce or provide a variety of goods and services. These companies transact business locally and globally, contributing annually to the \$17 billion GDP generated within Volusia County



New Smyrna Beach to meet their four finalists to decide on their next city manager 6:30, TONIGHT at the Live Oak Cultural Center at 1050 Live Oak St.



The City Commission selected these finalists.....

- James Slaton, City Mgr...Lake Wales
- Kevin Cowper, City Mgr... Dothan, Ala
- Robin Hayes, City Mgr...Cocoa Beach
- Scott Moye, County Mgr...Ware Cty, Ga

Each candidate will discuss their initial plans for the City prior to a full session with the City Commission tomorrow, June 8, 7:30 AM at the Commission Chambers at 214 Sams Ave where it's likely that they'll finalize their decision for a new Manager.

Their selection will take over for **City Manager Khalid Resheidat**, who is retiring in August.

Last month, the **City of South Daytona** installed emblems of our 6 branches of the **Armed Forces on the wall north of their Riverfront Veterans Memorial Park: US Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force, and Space Force.**

In July, a new monument sign honoring our Veterans will be installed in the center of the Park. This sign will replace the memorial bricks adjacent to the playground which have deteriorated over time.



Port Orange Stormwater Improvements

Since mid-May, City crews have cleaned and regraded more than 600 feet of the Southport/Whiporwill Dr ditch.



Additionally, crews continued their routine maintenance of the City's stormwater system using the Vactor truck to remove any potential blockages and have worked to restore the swales on Norman St and Palmetto St and hydroseeded the banks for





New Deltona City Manager Dale "Doc" Dougherty to start next week.....he was the previous Manager of Garden City Michigan for the last six yearspopulation - 27,000170 employees...Budget - \$48 Million..... in the greater Detroit Metro area.

In Deltona, he'll oversee daily operations of the City with over 400 employees and 101,000 residents....Budget - \$210 Million.

Earned his MBA from Notre Dame and was a Scout Master with Boy Scouts. We look forward to working with you Dale!

SunRail annual operating revenue/ expenses:
Operating Revenue: The revenues for SunRail amount to about \$34.2 million.
Fares paid by riders account for only about \$2.2 million, or about 2.5 percent of the costs.
Operating Expenses: SunRail's operating costs total some **\$81.6 million per year¹.**
This leaves a deficit of more than \$47 million.
FDOT has covered these expenses for the last several years. Finances will NOW shift to Center Fla Commuter Rail partners on Dec 31.
Volusia's annul portion will be \$6-7 million???

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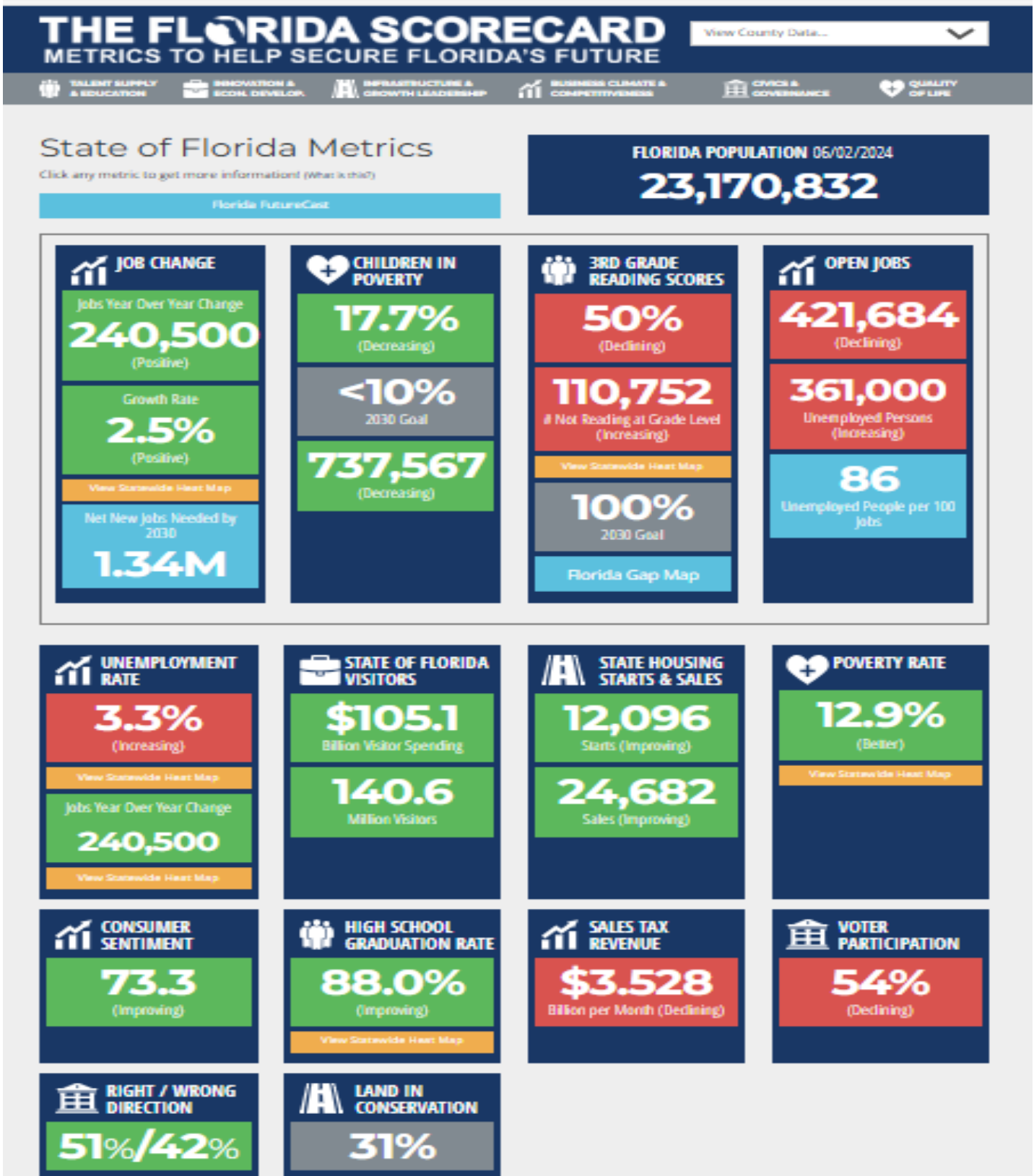
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UPCOMING EVENTS!

- June 12, 3 pm Affordable Housing Advisory Cty Courthouse, 125 W NY Ave
- June 12, 5:30 pm Hurricane Preparedness Town Hall- Port Orange 1000 City Center Circle
- June 13, 3-4 pm Business Incubator Adv Bd DBIA, 601 Innovation Way
- June 19..... Southeast Volusia Chamber Regional Economic Summit 9:00 - 11:00 am..Brannon Ctr 105 S Riverside Dr, NSB
- June 19, 9 am W Volusia Tourism Advertising Authority Main St Deland 125 Woodland Blvd
- June 26, 2 pm Daytona Beach CVB 140 S Atlantic Ave Ormond Beach
- June 26, 9 AM River to Sea TPO Daytona Intl Airport
- June 26, 6 pm Volusia Growth Mngt Commission VGMC Cty Admin Bldg

Consumer Price Index compared with a year ago, prices are up 3.1%.

The Federal Reserve is tracking these figures as they provide a good read of where inflation is headed. March figures are the 3rd straight month of inflation readings well above the Fed's 2% target.

Inflation continues to occur despite a healthy job market, and a near-record-high stock market. These latest numbers could torpedo the prospect of multiple rate cuts this year.

Investors will watch inflation numbers and the Fed meeting for clues for a soft landing.



Volusia County Land Use Terminology

Volusia County Zoning Code governs land use regulations. Zoning determines how land can be used, the types of structures allowed, and other specific requirements. [It covers aspects such as permitted land uses, dimensional requirements, and more](#)

Future Land Use Designation: outlines the intended use of a parcel of land in the future. It considers factors like residential, commercial, industrial, or recreational purposes. [To find your future land use designation, go to Volusia County Zoning & Future Land Use Web Map](#)

Zoning Classifications: These specify the allowable uses for different areas within the county. Examples include residential, agricultural, commercial, and industrial zones.

June 19..... **Southeast Volusia Chamber Regional Economic Summit** 9:00 - 11:00 am..Brannon Ctr 105 S Riverside Dr, NSB

It will include the cities of New Smyrna Beach, Edgewater, and Oak Hill to further their strategic plan adopted in 2022. [Click here](#) to RSVP



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Candidates update.....
(8/20/2024) (11/5/2024)

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[Laura Roth \(REP\)](#) *
[John Flemm \(REP\)](#)

Supervisor of Elections

[Lisa Lewis \(REP\)](#) *

State Attorney

[Larizza, RJ \(REP\)](#) *

Sheriff

[Mike Chitwood \(IND\)](#) *
[James L Powers, Jr \(REP\)](#)

Public Defender

[Matt Metz \(REP\)](#) * UNOPPOSED

Tax Collector

[Will Roberts \(REP\)](#) *

Property Appraiser

[Larry Bartlett \(REP\)](#) *

County Chair

[Jeff Brower](#) *
[Don Burnette](#)
[Deb Denys](#)
[Randy Dye](#)

County Council District 2

[Matt Reinhart](#) *

County Council District 4

[Troy Kent](#) *

School Board District 2

[Cassandra Gonyer](#)
[Krista Goodrich](#)
[Angela Kopnicky](#)

School Board District 4

[Donna Brosemer](#)
[Merrick Bruncker](#)
[Sarah Marzilli](#)
[Carl Persis](#) *

County Judge

[Rachel Myers](#) * UNOPPOSED

County Judge

[Bryan Feigenbaum](#) * UNOPPOSED

Daytona Beach Mayor

[Derrick Henry](#) *

Daytona Beach Commission Zone 2

[Laurie Kay Christie](#)
[Nicholas Edgar](#)
[Ken Strickland](#) *

Daytona Beach Commission Zone 4

[Stacey Cantu](#) *

Daytona Beach Commission Zone 6

[Paula Reed](#) *

DB Shores Commission Seat 2

[Mark Card](#) *

DB Shores Commission Seat 3

[Stephen Dembinsky](#) *

DB Shores Commission Seat 4

[Michael Politis](#) *

DeBary Commission Seat 1

[William Sell](#) *

DeBary Commission Seat 2

[Jim Pappalardo](#) *

Deland Commission—Seat 2

[Charles Paiva](#) *

Deland Commission—Seat 4

[Daniel Reed](#)

Deltona Commission Zone 1

[Morris Gunny Froscher](#)
[Davison Heriot](#) *

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[Elizabeth Chavez](#)
[William Mabery](#)
[Emma Santiago](#)
[Troy Shimkus](#) *

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[Dori Howington](#)
[Dana McCool](#) *

Deltona Commission Seat 6

[Dominic Nick Lulli](#)
[Jody Lee](#)

Edgewater Commission Dist

[Gigi Bennington](#) *

Edgewater Commission Dist 4

[Gary Conroy](#)
[Robert Wilkie](#)

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[John Penny](#)

Holly Hill—Dist 1

[Arthur J Byrnes](#)
[Debra Kay Snow](#)

Holly Hill—Dist 2

[Jeffrey Delanoy](#)

Lake Helen Commission Zone 2

[Roger Eckert](#) *

Lake Helen Commission Zone 4

[Charlene Bishop](#)

New Smyrna Beach—Mayor

[Fred Cleveland](#) *
[Frank Dalton](#)
[Louis Joseph Pate](#)

New Smyrna Beach—Zone 3

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[Larry Westley](#)

New Smyrna Beach—Zone 4

[Brian Ashely](#)

[Randy Hartman*](#)

Oak Hill Mayor

[Doug Gibson](#)

[Ricky Taylor](#)

Oak Hill Commission Seat 2

[Carrie Werning](#)

Orange City Mayor

[Kelli Marks](#)

[William O'Connor](#)

[Laurie Scotton](#)

Orange City At Large

[Dana Knight](#)

[Anthony Pupello](#)

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[Harold Briley*](#)

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[Jair Kessler](#)

[Joe Villanella*](#)

Port Orange Mayor

[Derek LaMontagne](#)

[Scott Stiltner](#)

Port Orange Council Dist 3

[Shawn Michael Goepfert](#)

[Barry Pitek](#)

Port Orange Council Dist 4

[Lance Green](#)

[Joseph Mialki](#)

South Daytona Mayor

[Bill Hall](#)

South Daytona Council

[Brandon Young](#)

South Daytona Council

[Theodor Sander](#)

Fla Senate District 7

[Michael Levone Gist \(NPA\)](#)

[George Hill \(DEM\)](#)

[Gerry James \(REP\)](#)

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Fla House Dist 27

[Ferrari, Andy \(DEM\)](#)

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[Stephen Shives \(REP\)](#)

[Beckie Sirolli \(REP\)](#)

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[Joseph Hannoush \(LPF\)](#)

[John Navarra \(DEM\)](#)

[Bill Partington \(REP\)](#)

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[Smith, Kelly Anne \(DEM\)](#)

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[Scott, Rick* \(REP\)](#)

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[Richar Paul Dembinsky \(WRI\)](#)

[John David Stockton \(DEM\)](#)

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

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City of Daytona Beach news.....

Fla Dept of Transportation is dredging the Nova Canal to remove silt, debris, vegetation and muck. Using historic plans from the mid-1970s, the \$875,000 project will restore the canal’s original depth and width.

While the entire project will cover a 7.5-mile stretch from Port Orange to Holly Hill, crews are currently working in Daytona Beach.....just north of Beville Rd. They expect to be completed late this year.

Latest news from First Step Shelter.....

FSS had 54 intakes this month and housed 25 people (their highest number of intakes since it opened in 2019).

They are averaging over 80 residents a day (23% increase over last year) and have been using the Health Unit and quarantine space as overflow.

Over 1 out of 10 residents is a veteran. They still have space in top bunks, especially for the men, because many residents can’t climb in and out of a top bunk.

They’ve also cleaned out a large closet in the women’s dorm and will be putting 2 bunks into that space.

See next page for intake numbers.....



Daytona Beach Public Works staff have identified structural issues with the 90-year-old Coquina Main St Beach Approach Arch at the beach access ramp.....i.e. significant exterior cracking.

Graef-USA engineers are recommending the area around the arch be closed to pedestrians. The city is working to develop a comprehensive repair and restoration plan.

Pedestrian access to the beach remains available from the boardwalk and Breakers Park. The Main St Arch was built in 1936 at the same time as the Ocean-front Bandshell and Clocktower.



First Step Shelter Update.....

Shelter Intakes	2020	2021	2022	2023	Q1	April	May	Total
Daytona Bch PD	54	65	89	123	70	9	21	431
Ormond Beach PD	2	2	5	2	1	3	0	15
Pt Orange PD	0	2	4	8	2	0	2	18
DB Shores PD	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
S Daytona PD	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	4
Ponce Inlet PD	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Holly Hill PD	2	1	6	10	2	2	1	24
Volusia Sheriff Office	3	3	18	36	3	3	0	66
New Smryna Bch PD	-	-	-	2	1	0	0	3
Deland PD	-	-	-	-		0	0	0
Total Law Enforcement	62	75	125	182	79	17	24	564
Dept of Corrections			3	12	3	0	4	22
Total Hospitals	38	20	50	57	22	9	16	212
Total Churches	55	145	165	100	24	10	10	509
FSS Help Line			37	6	0	0	0	43
Total	155	240	380	357	128	36	54	1350

Safe Zone Intakes	31Dec	2021	2022	2023	Q1	April	May	Total
Daytona Beach PD	23	2469	252	420	302	25	23	3491
Ponce Inlet PD	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	5
Ormond Beach PD	0	20	20	22	8	3	0	73
Port Orange PD	0	25	21	22	10	2	1	80
DB Shores PD	0	20	12	14	0	1	2	47
South Daytona PD	0	8	8	2	0	0	0	18
Holly Hill PD	7	19	14	38	19	14	2	111
New Smryna Beach PD	-	-	-	14	9	0	0	23
Deland PD	-	-	-	-	3	0	0	5
Volusia County Sheriff				101	26	6	5	133
Total	30	2561	329	636	377	51	33	4017

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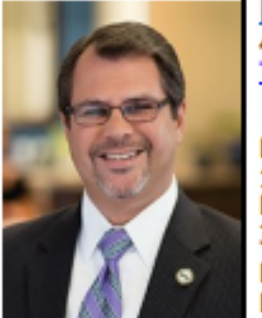
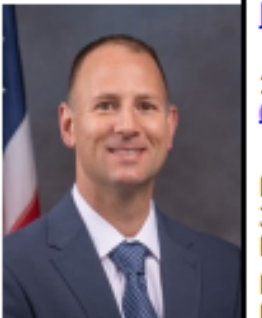
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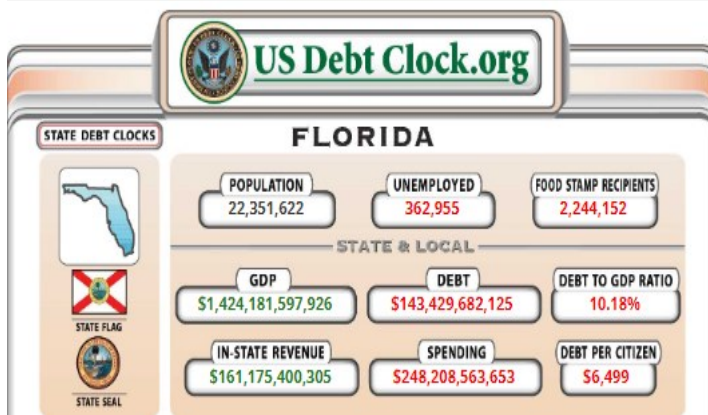
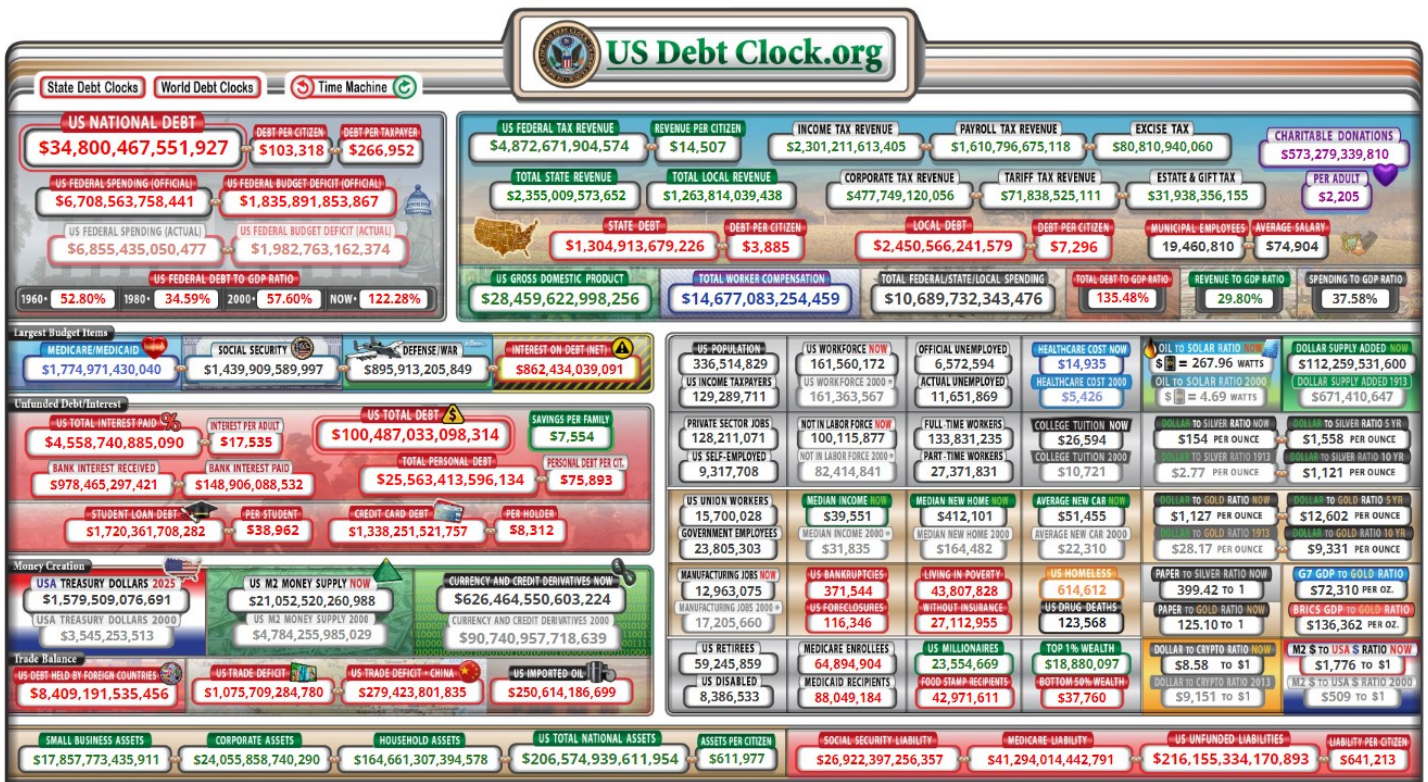
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In 2000, US national debt was just \$3.4 trillion..... about one-third of annual gross domestic product. Back then, the Congressional Budget Office felt it could be wiped out completely within a decade.

Today it's \$34 trillion....nearly 100% of GDP.... high-est level since World War II. On the current trajectory it will hit 200% of GDP by 2050.

Despite economic growth, FY 2023 deficit was \$1.3 trillion, 4th year in a row of a deficit above \$1 trillion.

Projections show the federal government will pay more than \$1 trillion in net interest costs starting in 2029. The recent rise in net interest spending has been driven by higher interest rates.

GAO has previously suggested that Congress develop a plan to address the government's unsustaina-

Recently, US GAO warned the national debt is growing at a rate that threatens the vitality of our nation's economy AND will more than double over the next 30 years ..."posing serious economic/security problems if not addressed".

Most of the growth in government spending is three things.....

- Social Security,
- healthcare (Medicare/Medicaid),
- interest on the debt.

Local Government Links

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[Daytona Beach City Commission](#) June 5, 19 - 6 pm City Hall

[Ormond Beach City Commission](#) June 7, 21 - 7 pm City Hall

[Port Orange City Council](#) June 4, 18 - 6:30 City Hall

[Holly Hill City Commission](#) June 11, 25 6 pm City Hall

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[DB Shores City Commission](#) June 11, 25 - 6 pm City Hall

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[Edgewater City Council](#) June 3, – 6:00 pm City Hall

[Lake Helen City Commission](#) June 6 - 7 pm City Hall

[New Smyrna Bch Commission](#) June 11, 25 - 6:30 pm City Hall

[Oak Hill City Commission](#) June 11 - 6 pm City Hall

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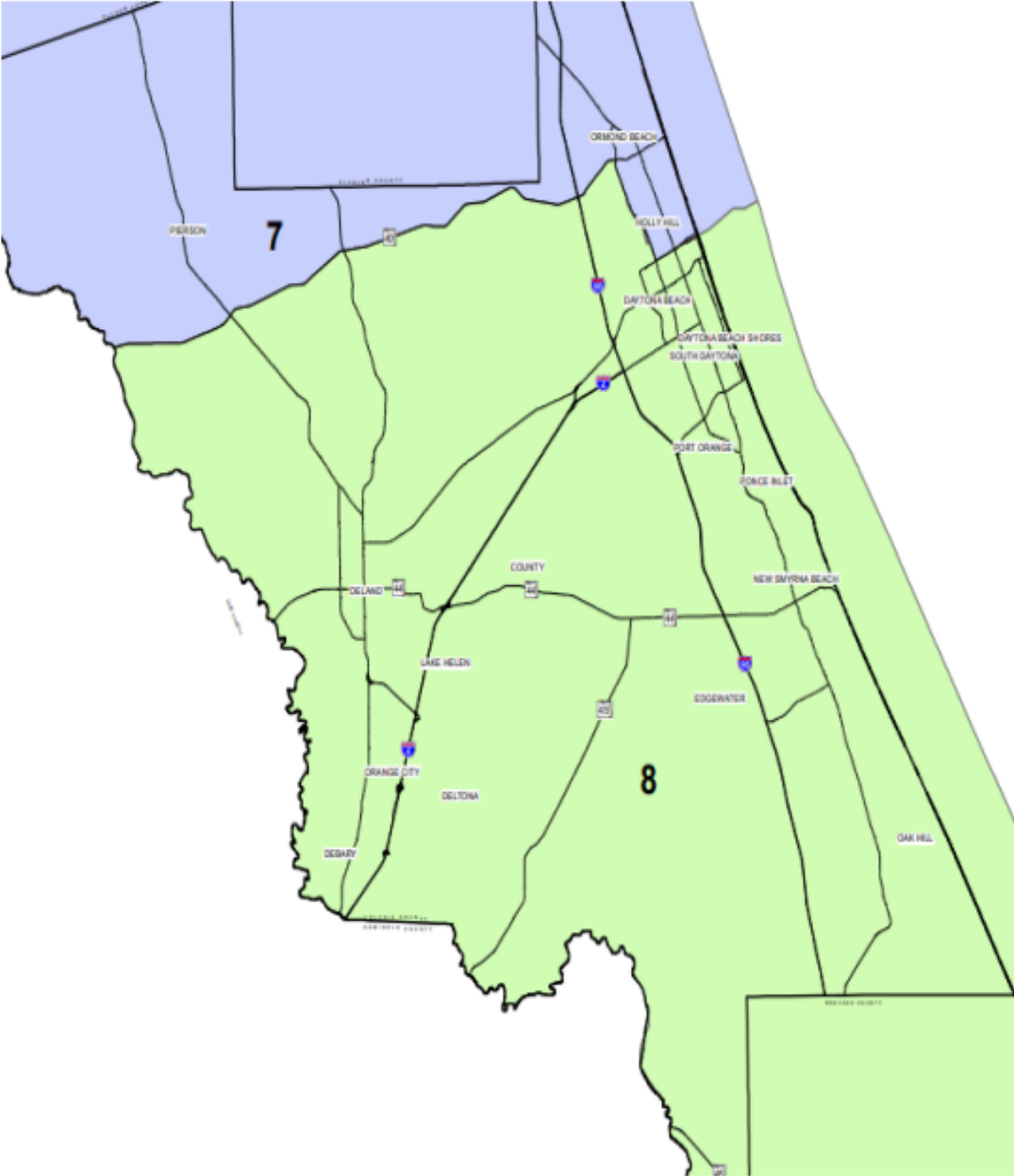
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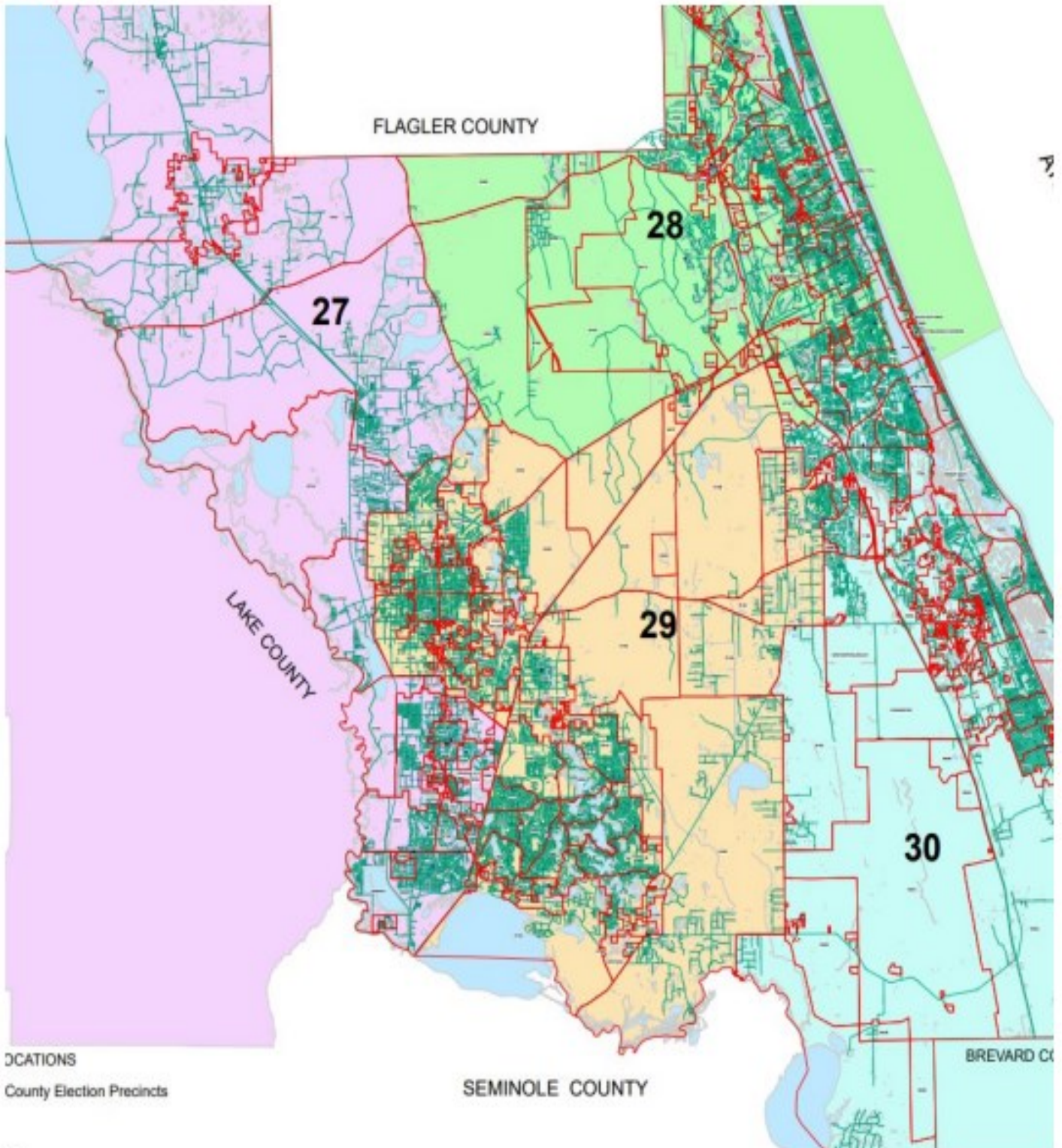
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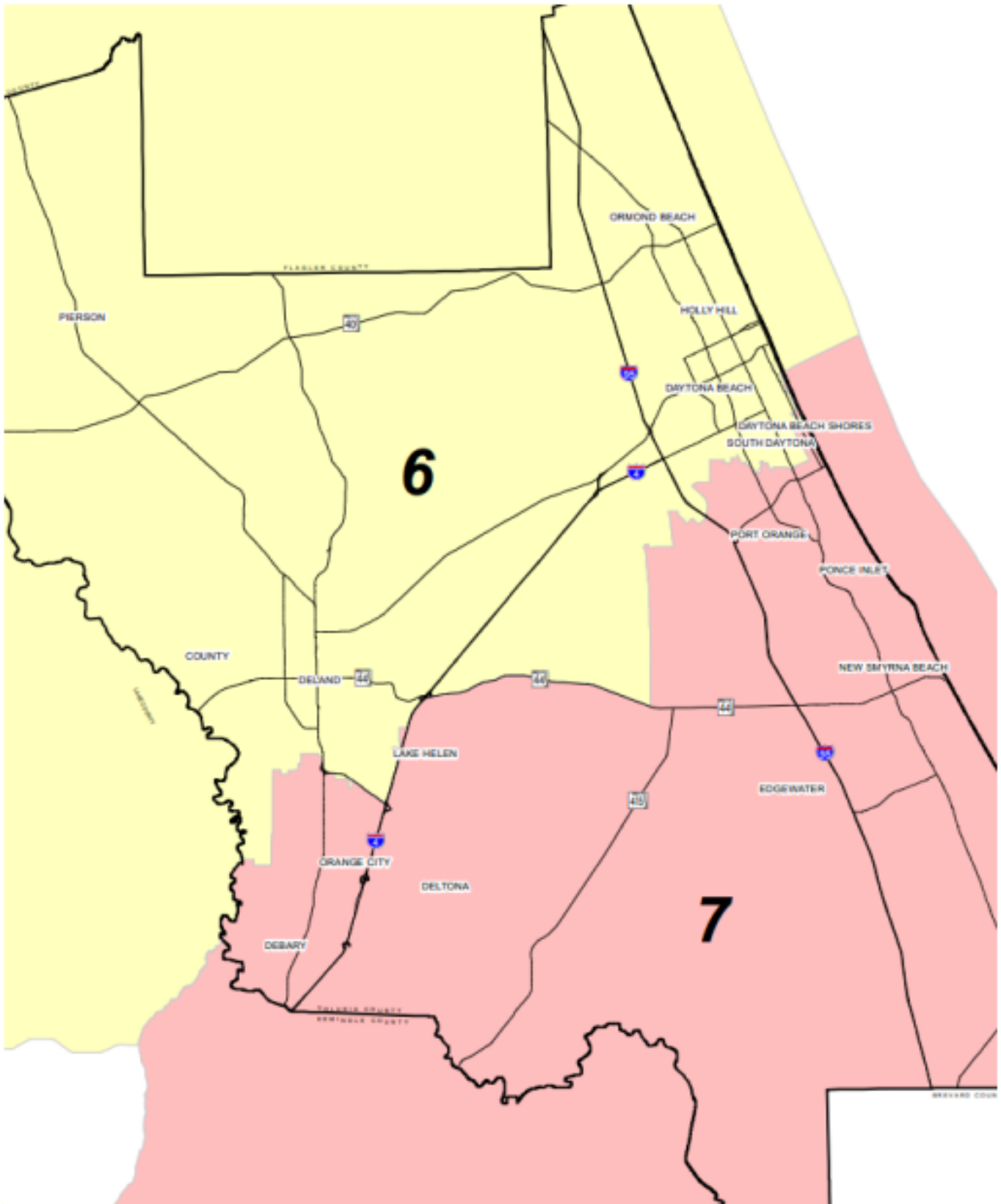
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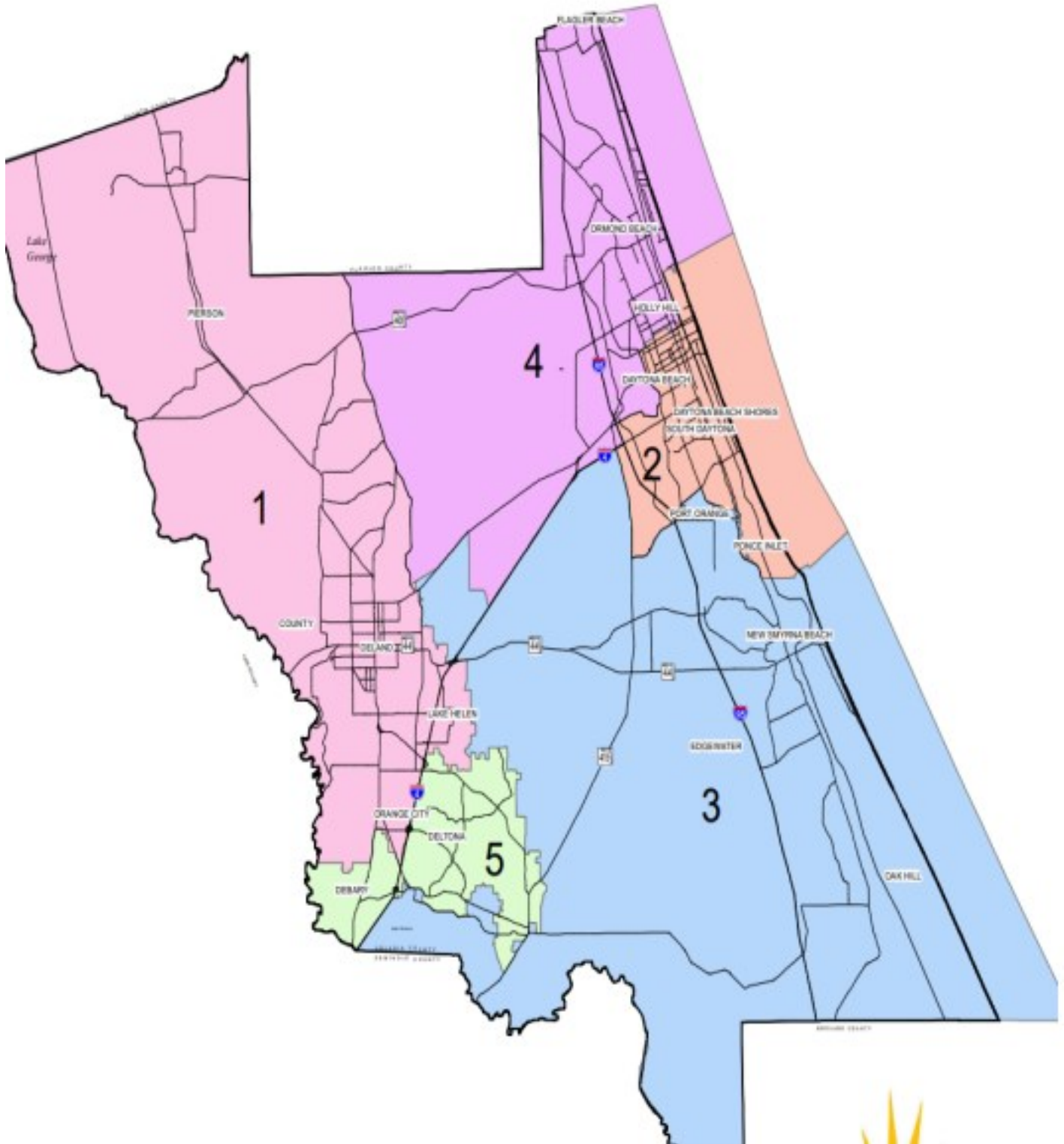


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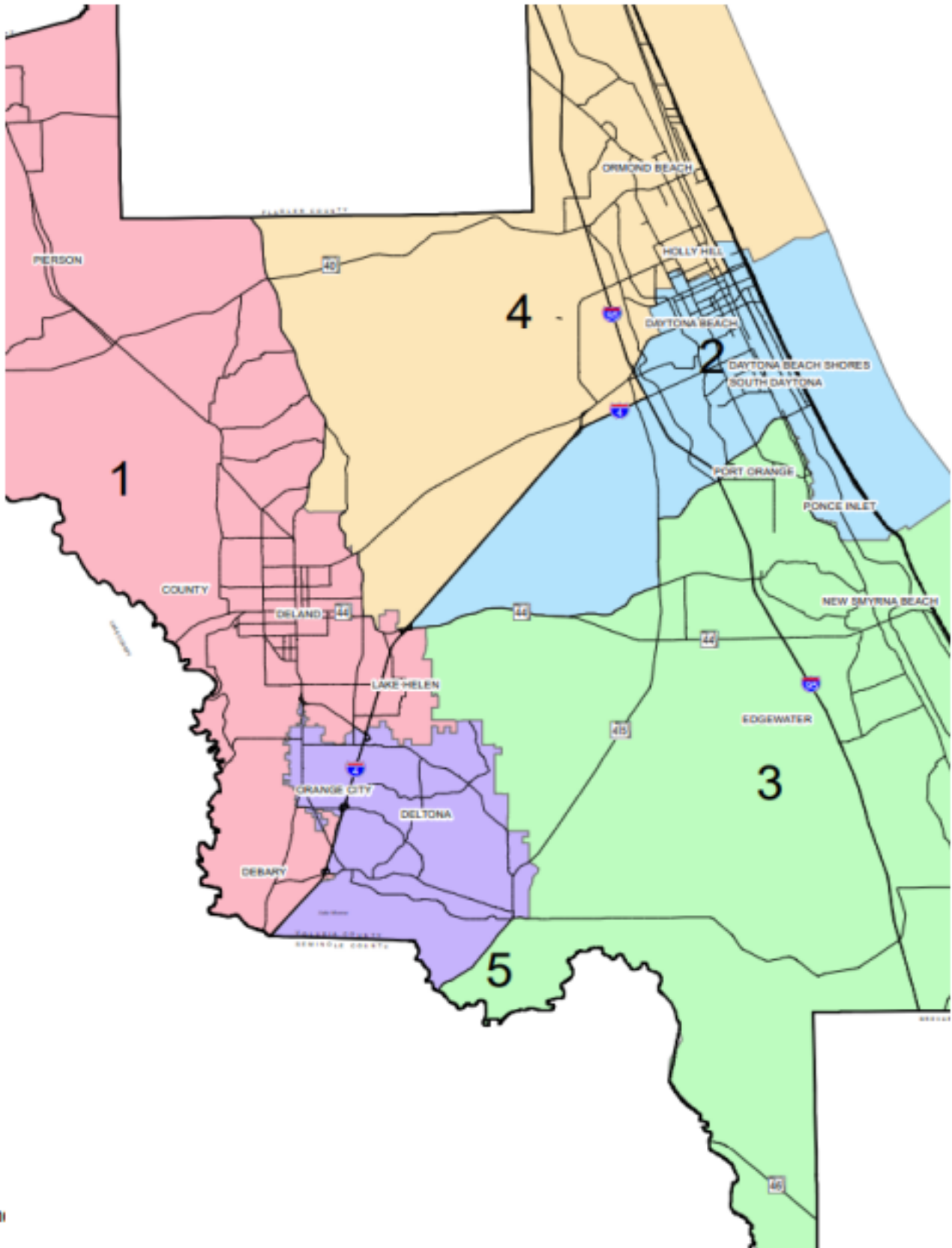
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Volusia County Council Districts



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