



Volusia Matters Newsletter

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Cong Michael Waltz addresses attendees

Last week, the new **130,000 sq ft VA Outpatient Clinic opened in Daytona Beach 1776 Williamson Blvd.**

It'll be a one stop shop for former service members allowing them to be seen by various physicians for check-ups, dental and eye care.

There's also in-house physical therapy, a lab and imaging center. They can also provide mental health and homeless services. The facility is open to ALL veterans, not just those from Volusia and they'll begin accepting patients May 8.

Cong Michael Waltz commented, "there will be 750 spaces, or an additional 387 more compared to the former facility. Parking was a major problem before.

The new site will serve more than 22,000 veterans across the region and provide ancillary and specialty services to an additional 5,500 veterans from the Deltona VA clinic".



The annual 21st **Jeep Beach** festival concluded drew over 100 K Jeepers to the Halifax Area. It's no doubt that hotels, restaurants, and retail shops did well. I'd like to congratulate event organizer **Charlene Greer** for a job well done!

AND.....the **College Cheer and Dance National Championship** ran April 11-13, at the Bandshell and Ocean Center with some 10,000 students on cheerleading teams and dance units representing 470 colleges/universities nationwide. Attendees numbered approx 25,000. This event began here almost 30 years ago.... Last year, event organizers signed a new three year agreement with the Ocean Center. YEA!



Daytona Beach CVB Exec Lori Campbell-Baker said, "Teams will be employing 35 hotel partners and charter buses that will provide city-wide transportation."

No doubt this event like Jeep Beach was an economic boost to our local hotels, restaurants, and retail shops.

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April 18, NSB City Commission selected 13 semifinalists from a pool of 54 applicants for new City Manager. Applicants hailed from 22 states (20 from Fla).



Current City Manager Khalid Resheidat whose served 35 years retires in August.

Strategic Government Resources, Inc.'s executive vice president, Doug Thomas, led a presentation introducing 24 of those candidates and discussing some of their background and experience.....

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| Jeff Mihelich | Kevin Cowper |
| Paul Brake | Robin Hayes |
| James Slaton | Stanley Hawthorne |
| Pat Oman | Scott Moye |
| Bilal Iftikhar | Carmen Davis |
| Douglas Maxeiner | Patrick Marsh |
| Michael Silverman | |

The next step is completing questionnaires and video interviews....these finalists must then pass a background/reference check

All workshops will be held at City Commission Chambers 214 Sams Ave:

- 5:30 PM Thursday, May 16: Commissioners select 3-5 finalists
- 5:30 PM Friday, June 7: Open house for the public to meet & greet the finalists
- 9 AM Saturday, June 8: Commission asks questions of finalists....and make their selection



Volusia County's now has a new Permit/ Code Concierge Service that provides residents/business owners as a liaison to assist with permitting and code needs.



These County's liaisons will assist by interacting with other County departments. As a single point of contact, concierge liaisons will with permitting, code requirements, planning, land development, and land modification projects, building, construction permits as well as other services.

The liaisons also communicate with pertinent County departments, troubleshooting potential obstacles, and expediting the process. This Service will be free of charge.

For more info or to schedule a meeting with a permit and code concierge, call Ricardi Calixte at 248-8048 He's part of the County's Economic Development office.



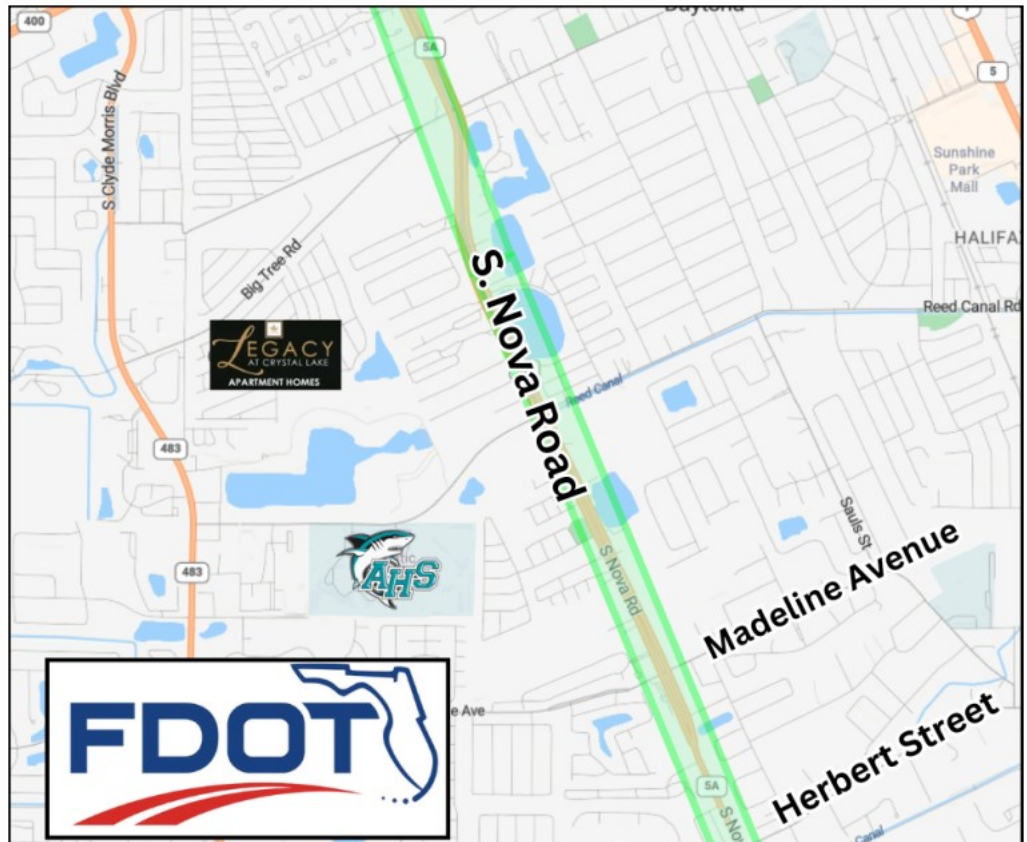
The Fla Dept of Transportation (FDOT) has begun restoration work on Nova Canal drainage system.

It'll span 7.5-mile through Holly Hill, Daytona Beach, South Daytona , Port Orange.

This \$875,000 project will involve cleaning, reshaping, clearing out trees/vegetation, and more.

The project is anticipated to be completed by December.

Hopefully, this will help with flood control.



State CFO Jimmy Patronis said the homeowner insurance crisis is turning a corner.

Fla's Office of Insurance Regulation announced that 8 NEW companies have been approved as property

and casualty insurers.....

- Ovation Home Insurance Exchange,
- Manatee Insurance Exchange,
- Condo Owners Reciprocal Exchange,
- Orange Insurance Exchange,
- Orion180 Select,
- Mainsail Insurance
- Tailrow Insurance Companies

.....and it's said more are to come AND as a result, 3 Fla property insurance companies have either announced a reduction in rates or the desire to pass some relief on to homeowners.

Legislators also stress their measures need 12 to 18 months to take affect... same thing **Hyatt Brown** said in our Volusia Matters interview several months ago.

Insurance Commissioner Michael Yaworsky said, Fla's insurance market continues to strengthen with \$1.25 billion of capital being invested.

Regulators are working to divest policies from Citizens Home Insurance the state's insurer of last resort to relieve the State's exposure.

Fla's Office of Insurance Regulation oversees/regulates the insurance industry via ensuring compliance, enforcing statutes, licensing, rate approval, ensures fair practices/adherence to regulations, monitors solvency as well as other duties.



Last week, **US House Republican Jake LaTurner** of Kansas, first elected in 2020, announced he won't be seeking re-election this fall. He cited stress of the job stress and all the "dysfunction" plaguing the

House this past year.....

He's the 14th House Republican to announce his departure from Congress, just after another Republican **Cong Mike Gallagher** announced his early departure.

Of the 14 Republicans who've announced their retirements, 11 have done so since **House Speaker Mike Johnson** took the gavel last fall. Johnson can currently only afford to have 2 defectors from his own party in order to pass legislation, assuming full attendance.

"But Jim, is this a Volusia County matter?" It's Washington but it DOES come back to Volusia County...

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**.

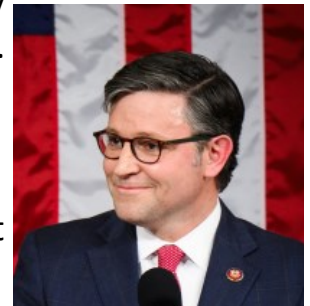
Additionally, the district provides state-mandated performance pay to eligible teachers. It's important to note that these figures reflect the starting salaries, and there are ongoing efforts to address salary compression and support veteran teachers in the district



Rep Marjorie Taylor Greene said she'll force a vote to oust House Speaker Mike Johnson next week..... "Johnson betrayed the GOP and went against conservative wishes on government funding bills, passing

Ukraine aid, and reauthorizing the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA)" which allows for surveillance/ collection of foreign intelligence on domestic soil.

Democrats have pledged to vote to kill Greene's motion to vacate and save the GOP speaker's job. Her renewed threat against Johnson comes just one day after **Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries** and Democrats announced they will vote to protect Johnson. Meanwhile, other House members are questioning.....ousting Johnson after ousting **Kevin McCarthy** last October? Who else is there to choose from? And this close to the November elections? And other recent departures, Republicans have a slim 2-member majority.



If you listen to my Volusia Matters podcast.....I'd like to recommend the SMOKING TRUTH! Hosted by **Deltona Commissioner Dana McCool and Eric Raimundo**.....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 !




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Last week, the nation’s GDP growth rate for 2024’s 1st quarter was 1.6% substantially lower than the 2.4% widely predicted by analysts.

And while the economy slowed in the face of high interest rates, consumers — the main driver of economic growth — kept spending at a solid pace thus, **March’s inflation rate was 3.5%up from 3.2% in February.**

May 1—So what does this mean? The Federal Reserve’s Open Market Committee met this past week..... one of the key dates that investors, economists, and policymakers mark on their calendars.

HOWEVER.....Federal Reserve decided to keep its key interest rate unchanged at between **5.25% and 5.5%**.the same rate since July 2023 . It’s obvious **the Fed still wants inflation to ease a bit more.....BUT definitely no chance of rate cuts any time soon.**

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.**

Job growth slowed and unemployment increased in April showing a cooler labor market

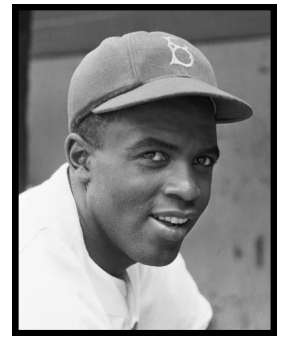
US employers added 175,000 jobs in April (vs 300,000 jobs in March). Unemployment for April was 3.9% (vs 3.8% in March). Wages increased 3.9% in April (vs 4.1% in March).

At question amongst economist and investors is whether labor market is cooling in an expected fashion or showing more serious strains of higher interest rates

Bill before Congress regarding Jackie Robinson Ballpark

Congressmen Mike Waltz and Darren Soto

introduced the Jackie Robinson Ballpark



Commemorative Site Act to “honor the location where Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier and played his first professional game”.

Not only would it designate Jackie Robinson Ballpark as a Commemorative Site, initiates a feasibility study to designate “The Jack” as a Historic Landmark.

Cong Waltz stated “Jackie Robinson changed the course of history in March 1946, after the DB City Commission ignored the segregation laws and gave him the chance to play at City Island Ballpark. Since that day, Daytona Beach’s ballpark has been a historic landmark and reminder of Jackie Robinson, the Civil Rights Movement, and the integration of modern professional baseball”.

Daytona Tortugas co-owner Bob Fregolle said, ‘the team is honored with furthering the legacy of Jackie Robinson in Daytona Beach.’

Sen. Marco Rubio will introduce the companion bill in the Senate.

Most recently, \$30 million of renovations for the historic [Jackie Robinson Ballpark](#)





The Intl Monetary Fund (see box below) officials met April 17-18 and expressed concern that US's historic debt burden is posing huge risks on the global economy.

At the same time, "Washington's down to the wire budget shutdown votes ain't in tune" with the Federal Reserve's efforts to cool the economy — may curtail efforts to cut inflation to 2%.

The IMF's Fiscal Monitor report told the White House/Congress check that deficit spending....

"Loose US fiscal policy makes disinflation harder to achieve and intensifies the debt burden."

Covering the cost of that US' \$34 trillion national debt is getting more expensive. Interest payments on that debt projected to cost \$870 b this year.

The IMF says "the US and Chinese economies have profound effects on the global economy and pose significant risks."

The Congressional Budget Office notes that deficit spending more has ranged from \$779 b in FY 2018 going to \$1.7 b in FY 2023....with \$3.1 b and \$2.7 b during the COVID years.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) promotes global economic growth/financial stability, encourages international trade for all its 190 member countries.

It helps in managing of balance of payment difficulties/international financial crises, etc

Via quota system, countries contribute funds to a pool from which countries can borrow if they "hit the skids".

Per 2016, the fund had approx \$667 billion to stabilize economies of member countries via THIS fund, plus collecting economic data.



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

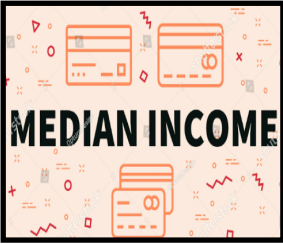
Sip, Shop & Stroll with us at our next one on May 26th from 10am-3pm with local vendors, music, and FREE yoga with Renew Yoga Studio at 9am in the Rose Garden! Be sure to bring your own mat and water!

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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Median Earnings vs Market Rents.....

Median earnings for employees in Daytona Beach

is \$28,400. DB's per capita income

is approx \$21,960, compared to \$36,250 for Volusia.

Here's a glance of area MARKET rents.....for all bedrooms and all property types in an area.....

- **Median rent for Daytona Beach is \$1375.** Multiple rents range \$750 to \$2,980... last year, rents in this area increased \$75 .
- **Median rent for Daytona Beach Shores is \$2,300.....** ranging from \$1,000 to \$4,500.
- **Median rent for Ormond Beach, is \$2,350 also ranging from \$1,000 to \$4,500.**
- **Median rent for Port Orange is \$2,000 also ranging from \$700 to \$3,800**
- **Median rent for New Smyrna Beach is \$2700 ranging from \$1000 to \$5,000**
- **Median rent Deltona is \$2,025 ranging from \$1200 to \$3,800.....** last year, rents in this area increased \$75 .



Last week, the **Daytona Beach Police Dept** shut down an **illegal gambling establishment on Mason Ave. Chief Jakari Young**

calls this one of the more sophisticated facilities he's seen with dozens of games and slot machines inside the building. He further stated, "We've established a direct link between these gambling outfits and violent crime in the area i.e shootings and robberies not to mention the sale of narcotics"

Young said police took down several other of these establishments last year and warns more takedowns are coming wherever they're found.

ALSO.....A recent sting operation by Sheriff's East Volusia Narcotics Task Force, a 21-year-old undercover deputy visited 17 smoke shops throughout the County to buy nicotine vape products.

Of those 17 in Daytona Beach, Edgewater, Holly Hill, New Smyrna, Ormond and Port Orange – nine of them were found to be selling without asking for ID or asking proof of age. Fla Statutes prohibits sale of such products/devices to anyone under 21 AND proof of age is required.



Registered Voters as of May 1, 2024			
Political Affiliation	Active	Inactive	Total
Democrats	117,198	12,552	129,750
Republicans	164,330	10,595	174,925
No Party Affiliation	116,366	13,350	129,716
Other Parties (Green, Libertarian, etc)	11,908	756	12,664
Totals	409,802	37,253	447,055



County Chair Jeff Brower was elected chair of the **Central Fla Commuter Rail Commission**, which includes the 5 local SunRail partners: Volusia, Seminole, Orange, and Osceola counties

and City of Orlando.

SunRail, a weekday commuter rail system runs from DeBary to Poinciana, spans 49 miles and services 16 stations. This summer, a new station opens in DeLand.

Brower has represented Volusia on the commission since 2021....

and recently said “It’s a critical time for Volusia’s involvement with SunRail as FDOT transfers funding operations/maintenance to the local partners”. As chair, Brower will set the agenda with **FDOT District 5 Transportation Secretary John Tyler**.



FDOT has operated and paid SunRail expenses since 2014, will continue to do so up to Dec 31. After that, the 5 local partners will take over operations/costs in phases. \$\$\$\$\$

I Want My MTV! Sunset Concert.....Come relive the golden era of music videos at our new event, “I Want My MTV!” Sunset Concert...

The sun will be setting over the Intracoastal as the **Sunset Concert Series** kicks off its inaugural concert, "I Want My MTV," featuring Are Friends Electric, **Friday, May 24, the Riverfront Esplanade 355 N Beach St in Downtown Daytona Beach 7:30 PM.**

“I Want My MTV” Concert will be a fun-filled night celebrating all things MTV. Inspired by classic MTV shows, **Are Friends Electric** will take the stage with “Magnificent Television,” celebrating classic MTV shows from the ‘80s and ‘90s. Dress up in your best retro outfit and get ready to dance to your favorite hits. Lots of TVs and fun! [CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS](http://www.downtowndaytonabeachevents.com)

Fla Supreme Court Approves Amendment 3 for Ballot

Remember that medical marijuana constitutional amendment that Fla voters approved in 2015?



Currently, nearly 900,000 patients are eligible for medical marijuana in Florida, and this number continues to rise.

Fla Supreme Court has approved Amendment 3, to legalize non-medical recreational use of marijuana and accessories by an adult, 21 years or older.

Fla AG Ashley Moody argued that the amendment was misleading and gave an unfair advantage to major medical marijuana operators, SO again, the Fla Supreme Court's ruling allows voters to decide in November whether to legalize recreational cannabis for adults in the state, with the measure requiring 60% approval to become law.

There's a rumor in Tallahassee that the legislature might re-ture in June for a Special Session with a focus on immigration legislation.....something of interest to **Gov DeSantis**.



Apparently, work is being done to add other new constitutional amendments to generate to "spice up the November ballot" which conservative issues to balance out the abortion and pot initiatives (which will bring Democrats to the polls).

It's also likely that DeSantis will sign the 2024-25 budget will be delayed until after Special Session

On Fla's November ballot...

Fla Annual Inflation Adjustment for Homestead Property Tax Exemption Value Amendment (a legislatively referred constitutional amendment) is on November 5 ballot.

As you know.....Homes in Florida are assessed at just value (market value), minus the homestead exemption. The State has a \$25,000 homestead exemption for every primary residence. Another \$25,000 homestead exemption is applied on a homestead's value between \$50,000 and \$75,000, which exempts that amount from all taxes except school district taxes.[2]

This Legis Recommended amendment would provide for an annual inflation adjustment for the value of the homestead property tax exemption that applies to non-school taxes. The adjustment would be made every year on January 1 based on the Consumer Price Index.

A "yes" vote supports an annual inflation adjustment to the amount of assessed value that is exempt from property taxation.

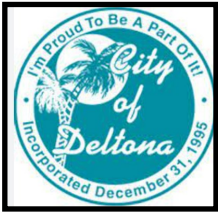
A "no" vote opposes an annual inflation adjustment to the amount of assessed value that is exempt from property taxation.

Supermajority requirement: A 60% supermajority vote is required for the approval of the amendment

There are 2 other PROPOSED constitutional amendments on the November ballot.....

- Amendment 1 - would make district school board elections partisan starting with the 2026 general election.
- Amendment 3 – would legalize recreational marijuana in Fla.

And Speaking of amendments, it appears there'll be no county charter amendments on the ballot this year but several cities including Daytona Beach is currently reviewing their charter and will likely have city amendments on the ballot.



April 15—Deltona City Commission selected Dale “Doc” Dougherty as their next City Manager.....

The vote was unanimous to offer the position to **Dale Dougherty**, the current city manager for Garden City, Michigan.



This came productive citizen input process and deliberation amongst commissioners**Commissioner Dana McCool** said, “all parties were in accord on the selection”.

Dougherty was Garden City City Manager for the last six years . A meeting was held last night (May 2) to discuss terms of the contract negotiated by the city attorney and human resources director .

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Gov DeSantis announced that nearly 5,000 law enforcement officers has received a \$5,000 bonus after taxes, bringing the total amount awarded through the program to more than \$32 million that has been awarded through Fla’s Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Program.



This program has recruited nearly 1,300 law enforcement recruits from 49 states including 400 recruits from anti-police jurisdictions such as Illinois, California, and New York.

A recent study of law enforcement agencies nationwide reported 69% saw an increase in retirements/resignations, with a drop in the number of applications.



In contrast, **the Volusia Sheriff's Office initiated its own training academy in 2021. Since then, more than 100 recruits have gone through this nationally accredited program.**

Sheriff Chitwood said, “this program is training the Volusia way and it’s been a huge factor in filling our vacancies. At the Academy, the recruits are part of VSO as soon as they begin the program.....they’re part of the pension plan, have medical coverage and are being paid.

Add to that, the **Gov DeSantis’** \$5,000 incentive to come to Fla, plus a tuition incentive if you bring your family, in addition to other perks, has helped recruitment.

VSO currently has 512 sworn officers and approx 80 vacancies.



Sen [Rick Scott](#) has introduced [S 4143 - Flood Insurance Relief Act](#) that would provide tax relief for citizens who buy flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) or through a private insurance carrier.

He has been seeking more transparency/accountability as FEMA's Risk Rating has increased flood insurance rates for millions in Florida. Thus, coverage has been nearly unaffordable for families who need it.

He reintroduced three bills Flood Insurance Consumer Choice Act, Removing Barriers to Private Flood Insurance Act, and Flood Insurance Transparency Act as a means to reform NFIP, which would lead to a lower cost of flood insurance, a more robust private market, and the property insurance market would better serve Fla families.

The **US Supreme Court** is currently reviewing a case over whether cities have the authority to ban or restrict homeless camping in public places.



In other words.....whether enforcing public camping ordinances on homeless individuals without adequate shelter is cruel and unusual punishment. It comes down to either the status and conduct for homeless residents.

The Court's decision in this case could affect how other cities address their own issues of homelessness. Why is this a big deal? City of DeLand passed such an ordinance in February and Florida legislature approved a bill during its most recent session.



DeLand City Commission approved a new policy prohibiting video/audio recording inside the Police Dept's lobby.

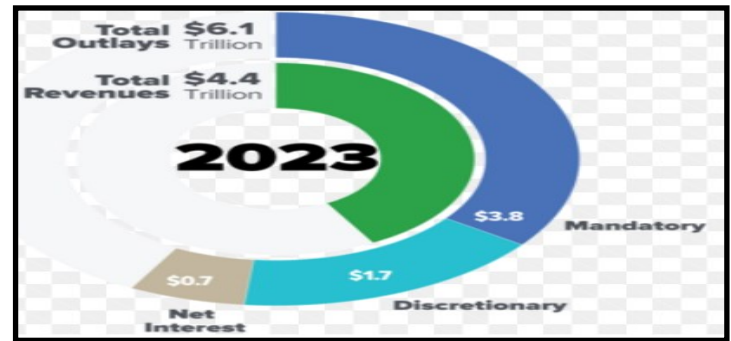
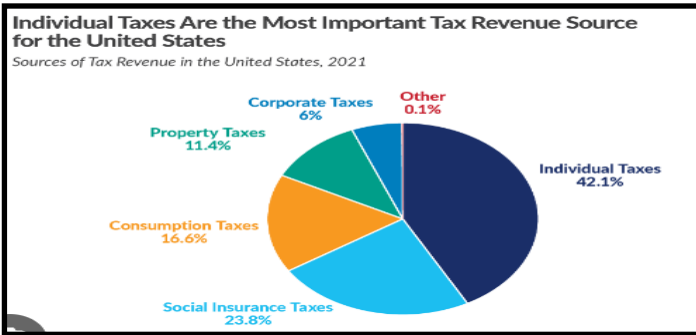
This comes after an increase in incidents with "First Amendment auditors" people who exercise their right to record video in public places.



The city has had residents come into the lobby to speak with DeLand Police about a crime or to file a report, and while they may be taken to another room to discuss details, they must tell receptionists why they're visiting.

The City said several "auditors" have recorded those conversations in the lobby AND while the public or auditors have the right to record in public places, there needs to be a degree of privacy when residents are reporting sensitive matters.

City spokesperson Chris Graham stated, "Victims of crime who've been sexually assaulted or may have witnessed a crime, coming into the Police station to tell officers about it, expect some degree of privacy" i.e. they don't want their report to the police recorded.



Total Tax Revenue Intake

The U.S. government collects a substantial portion of its revenue from individual income taxes each year. In FY 2023, total U.S. federal tax revenue is estimated to be \$4.71 trillion from these different sources:

- Income taxes paid by individuals' earnings total \$2.35 trillion.
- Payroll taxes totals \$1.6 trillion which:
 - Social Security \$1.10 trillion
 - Medicare: \$342 billion
 - Unemployment Insurance paid by employers: \$55 billion
- Corporate taxes total \$284 billion.
- Federal Reserve, which earns revenue from various sources, contributed \$76 billion in 2023. The Fed, the bank for federal government agencies, pays interest on the operating funds deposited by these agencies.
- Remaining federal revenue comes from excise taxes, tariffs on imports, miscellaneous receipts, and estate taxes.

In summary, personal income taxes play a crucial role in funding government programs and services, contributing to the US Treasury's annual revenue.

Federal Government Expenditures.....

The US government allocates its revenue across various categories to fund essential programs and services including.....

- Social Security provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to eligible individuals.....cost approx \$1.18 trillion.
- Healthcare Programs including.....
 - \$849 billion for Medicare which covers seniors' healthcare costs.
 - \$448 billion for Medicaid which covers healthcare for low-income individuals.
- Defense i.e. National security and military operations totals \$753 billion
- Interest payments on that \$34 trillion nation debt: totals \$378 billion.
- Income Security Programs:
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): i.e. food stamps, for low-income households totals \$85 billion.
 - Unemployment Compensation for out-of-work individuals totals \$53 billion.
- Education i.e. K-12 schools, higher education, vocational training, totals \$100 billion.
- Transportation/Infrastructure i.e. highways/bridges, public transit totals \$100 billion.
- Veterans Benefits i.e. healthcare, pensions, and disability compensation totals \$240 billion.
- Non-Defense Discretionary Spending totals \$700 billion for healthcare research, infrastructure and other categories.

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???



Kyle Christie (Leeds Creative) Ben Sedrine (Campus President) John Woolsey (Vice Chancellor) Dr Arthur Keiser (Chancellor)



Starting June 12, Avelo Airlines is adding one more nonstop flight on Wednesdays to DBIA....thus making service to New Haven,

Connecticut.. Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays



Gov DeSantis signed SB 1638 which directs an estimated \$750 million revenue generated from the Seminole Tribe Compact annually to fund water quality improvement, infrastructure, and the acquisition/management of

Fla's conservation lands.

A portion of these supplemental revenues will be used for flood protection infrastructure.

\$100 million for the Resilient Florida Grant Program which will guard inland and coastal communities against the impacts of storm damage, surges, hurricanes and flooding as well as \$79 million for Water Quality Improvement Grant Program.

April 18—**Keiser University - Daytona hosted its annual Criminal Justice Day.....**with local law enforcement agencies....

It highlights the field of Criminal Justice. Approx 100 high school students were there to see demonstrations and learn first-hand from DB Police Dept K-9 units, SWAT, Motor Brigade, DB Fire Dept, and Pt Orange Police Dept as well as Volusia County Sheriff's office.

Keiser University's Associate of Arts degree in Criminal Justice presents the major components of the American criminal justice system. It includes criminal behavior patterns, law enforcement organizations, juvenile systems, legal principles and doctrines and fundamentals of criminal investigations.

Taxable value is the assessed value minus exemptions and is the value the tax collector uses to calculate the taxes due.



State of Fla’s Long Term Financial Standing.....

June 30, 2023, Florida’s total outstanding direct debt stands was \$16.3 billion, (\$800 million less than FY 2021-22).....a 42% reduction since FY 2011.

Some key points include:

1. Fla’s debt ratio was 2.93%.
2. General Revenue collections increased \$3.3 b over FY 2022-23, helping Fla's strong financial position.
3. Bond Refinancing: Fla's legislative and gubernatorial aversion to bonding, along with leveraging bond refinancing opportunities, has helped reduce outstanding debt. Transportation and education funding efforts constitute the largest portions of direct debt.
4. Over the next 10 years, Fla is expected to pay \$11.2 b in debt service on outstanding net tax-supported debt, with 34% of this amount (\$3.8 b in interest payments. Refinancing initiatives have successfully saved taxpayers money by reducing interest rates on bonds.

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

New Smyrna Beach City Commissioners approved an ordinance to halt issuance of building permits that impact the malfunctioning storm water system in Venetian Bay Phase II until the flooding issues are resolved.



The temporary moratorium goes until June 25 and targets apartments, shops and stores that have been on the table. Home construction projects already with permits are not affected.

City Officials said it's Venetian Bay's responsibility to pay for the costs to make the improvements, and it's the City's job to make sure it happens



**Elected Officials Roundtable meeting
Monday May 13, 9:00 - 11:00 AM
Dennis McGee Room
Daytona Beach Intl Airport (DBIA)(unless otherwise noted).**

Agenda forthcoming.....I highly recommend this informative meeting!





THE "Q" BREAKFAST

May 17, 2024 | 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Daytona Beach International Airport

Dennis McGee Room

LIMITED SEATING EVENT. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.




There will be a panel discussion on *The "Downtown Effect" on Volusia's Economy* with economic development practitioners from Debarry, DeLand and New Smyrna Beach.

Lou Paris, Economic Development Division Director, will discuss the county's first quarter 2024 economic data.....annual wages, education completions, building permit activity and municipal and county labor statistics.


Free parking....breakfast but you must RSVP!
I've gone to this event for years and definitely
Recommend it. Not only is it informative....it's a great networking opportunity!

[Click here to RSVP](#)


Guest Panelists


Shari Simmans
Economic Development Director
City of Debarry



Nick Conte
Economic Development Manager
City of DeLand



Christopher Edwards
CRA/Economic Development Director
City of New Smyrna Beach



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Required permits must be obtained from the Dept of Environmental Protection, County and city governments to carry out construction along the coast. Anyone needing permits, call Growth/Resource Mgmt Dept at 822-5013.



Volusia Approved to Continue Coastal Rebuilding Efforts for Remainder of Year

Fla Fish/Wildlife Conservation Commission is re-authorizing construction along Volusia’s beaches during the 2024 sea turtle nesting season, May 1 - Oct 31.

This approval enables residents, businesses, cities still addressing damages caused by Hurricanes Ian and Nicole to start or continue with permitted repairs to public beach access points and coastal armoring for businesses and residential properties.

This also facilitates Volusia's ongoing projects to repair public beach walkovers damaged in the storms. Since the Hurricanes, the County has completed repairs on 80 walkovers, with plans to refurbish or rebuild others. All coastal parks and vehicle access ramps except 1 have reopened.

Parties undertaking construction on the beach after April 30 will be required to follow enforced permit conditions that ensure environmental and wildlife protection.

Like last year, the County will again oversee contractors' and property owners' adherence to environmental requirements during ongoing repairs.

March 25 - City of Daytona Beach launched a pilot program to have 2 First Coast Security guards patrol on Beach St....Monday to Saturday, 6 AM to 10 PM started a 60-day pilot program..... to help businesses with “any issues that get out of hand”.

The downtown area in is the midst of a major redevelopment project and business owners are seeking more security.

The pilot will cost about \$25,000 and will collect data and determine hot spot locations.



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Deputy County Mgr Suzanne Konchan addresses attendees

April 25—Volusia League of Women Voters hosted Volusia’s Beaches: Past, Present and Future at the County Beach Safety HQ. Approx 100 attendees heard the program.

Coastal Division Director Jessica Fentress discussed what the County has done to protect the beach in the past, since the 2022 hurricanes, as well as future planned strategies.

Olsen Associates’ Dr Kevin Bodge, a specialist in coastal/ocean-ographic engineering, discussed how beaches naturally handle erosion and options available when that isn't possible.

Deputy County Manager Suzanne Konchan spoke about the economic impact Volusia’s beaches have on the area.

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

Taxable value is the assessed value minus exemptions and is the value the tax collector uses to calculate the taxes due.

County is experiencing a lifeguard shortage with about 159 seasonal positions open for the summer and they’re seeking applicants.



However, to help get more people hired, the county recently increased the starting pay for lifeguards to \$17 an hour

Right now, they have about 50 candidates from two lifeguard recruit classes.....hope to have even more potential candidates by the end of the third recruit class.

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/



Last week, **Daytona Beach Police Chief Jakari Young, along with the command staff, hosted a graduation and swearing-in ceremony at the News-Journal Center for 18 new officers.**

The academy class is the third successful cohort academy completed with Daytona State College where recruits completed 770 hours of required FDLE instruction and an additional 240 hours of coursework specific to the Daytona Beach Police Dept.

Congratulations to our newest officers as they begin protecting and serving Daytona Beach's citizens and visitors.



City of Daytona Beach is launching "Triage" to help local businesses prosper. It came as a result of the Accelerate Business Summit and aims to offer 60 candidates the opportunity to assess their business strategies and identify new paths to success.

The free program, sponsored by the City's Redevelopment and Neighborhood Services Dept, aims to help businesses foster growth. **Project Manager Phoebe Fuqua and Economic Development and Permits and Licensing Depts, will connect participants to experts/resources to help ensure success.**

For more info, call **Phoebe Fuqua** at 671-8245.

County reopened online application portal for the Transform386 Hurricane Ian Homeowner Recovery Program on Monday, April 1.....

The Transform386 initiative, funded by the US Dept of Housing / Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery program, supports eligible homeowners impacted by Hurricane Ian by offering repairs and reimbursement for completed work.



With over 1,000 applications already submitted, affected homeowners are encouraged to apply ASAP so staff may begin reviewing their eligibility. For more information, including eligibility criteria and benefits, go to

www.transform386.org



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UPCOMING EVENTS!

- May 1, 1 pm Environmental Natural Resources Advisory Committee ENRAC County Admin Bldg Deland
- May 6, 6 PM Daytona Beach Charter Review Committee, City Hall
- May 10, 3 pm Affordable Housing Advisory Cty Courthouse, 125 W NY Ave
- May 10, 9 am ECHO Advisory Committee County Admin Bldg Deland
- May 13, 9 AM Volusia Elected Officials Roundtable Daytona Intl Airport
- May 14, 9 am Development Review Bd County Admin Bldg Deland
- May 15, 9 am Code Enforcement Committee County Admin Bldg Deland
- May 15, 9 am W Volusia Tourism Advertising Authority Main St Deland 125 Woodland Blvd
- May 15, 2 pm Daytona Beach CVB 140 S Atlantic Ave Ormond Beach
- May 16, 9 am Planning Land Development Regulation Committee PLDRC Cty Admin Bldg
- May 17, 7:30 –9 AM County Economic Development's "Q1" Breakfast Friday, Daytona Intl Airport. **Economic Development Director Lou Paris** will provide Volusia's quarterly economic data. For more info, see Volusia.org (Econ Development page)
- May 24, 9 AM River to Sea TPO Daytona Intl Airport
- May 24, 6 pm Volusia Growth Mngt Commission VGMC Cty Admin Bldg

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

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. To discover your specific zoning classification, follow these steps:

Visit the [Volusia County Zoning Search](#).

- Use the search bar to input an address, tax parcel number, or street name.
- Click on the plus sign (+) next to "Land_Use_Zoning" to reveal a dropdown menu with layers of information.

[Enable the relevant layer to view your zoning classification](#)

Building Permits: The map also displays open and active building permits. [Click on the blue indications to learn about permits issued for various sites within the county](#)





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

Clerk of the Court

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

Supervisor of Elections

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

State Attorney

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

Sheriff

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

Public Defender

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

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

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

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[Jeff Brower](#) *
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[Matt Reinhart](#) *

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[Troy Kent](#) *

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

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

County Judge

[Rachel Myers](#) * UNOPPOSED

County Judge

[Bryan Feigenbaum](#) * UNOPPOSED

Daytona Beach Commission Zone 2

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

Daytona Beach Commission Zone 6

[Paula Reed](#) *

DB Shores Commission Seat 2

[Mark Card](#) *

DB Shores Commission Seat 3

[Stephen Dembinsky](#) *

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[Michael Politis](#) *

DeBary Commission Seat 1

[William Sell](#) *

DeBary Commission Seat 2

[Jim Pappalardo](#) *

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[Daniel Reed](#)

Deltona Commission Zone 1

[Morris Gunny Froscher](#)

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[Elizabeth Chavez](#)
[William Mabery](#)
[Emma Santiago](#)

Deltona Commission Seat 6

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

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[John Penny](#)

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[Arthur Burns](#)
[Debra Kay Snow](#)

New Smyrna Beach—Mayor

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

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[Jason McGuirk](#) *
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New Smyrna Beach—Zone 4

[Brian Ashely](#)
[Randy Hartman](#) *

Orange City Mayor

[Kelli Marks](#)
[William O'Connor](#)
[Laurie Scotton](#)

Orange City At Large

[Dana Knight](#)

Orange City Council Seat 1

[Harold Grimm](#)

Orange City Council Seat 1

[Cristina Oyarbide](#)
[Lisa Stafford](#) *

Ormond Beach Mayor

[Jason Leslie](#)
[Susan Persis](#)

Ormond Commission Zone 2

[Travis Sargeant](#) *

Ormond Commission Zone 3

[Barbara Bonarrigo](#)
[Kristen Deaton](#)

Ormond Commission Zone 4

[Harold Briley](#) *

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[Bill Milano*](#)

Ponce Inlet Council Seat 2

[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](#)

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

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

[Rosemarie Latham \(DEM\)](#)

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[Chase Tramont* \(REP\)](#)

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

US Senate

[Mucarcel-Powell, Debbie \(DEM\)](#)

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[John Grow \(REP\)](#)

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

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

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[Mike Johnson \(REP\)](#)

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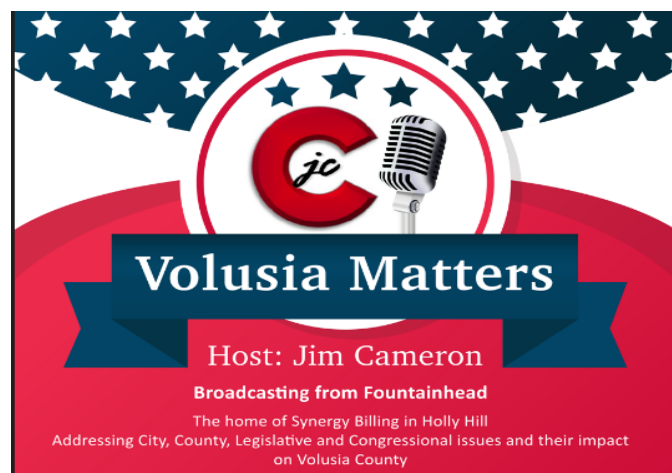
[Allek Pastrana \(DEM\)](#)

Volusia Matters Podcast Episode 66-
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- *Jeep Beach runs smooth*
- *New VA Clinic*
- *FDOT to Drain Nova Canal*
- *County's New Permits Concierge*





First Step Shelter is currently housing more than 70 people daily. However, there's been an increase in senior citizens who could afford local market rents.

So, FSS has teamed with Daytona Beach Housing Authority for a pilot program to assist people age 62 and older.

FSS was also able to house 5 of 12 veterans we had in the shelter last month and helped another vet into a rehab facility – in addition to helping 6 other residents into various types of housing.

Meanwhile, I'd like to commend Victoria Fahberg for all of her hard work.



Recently, we lost a community leader and good friend, **Steve Koenig**.

He earned an MBA degree from Stetson Univ and was owner of Koenig Realty in Daytona Beach.

He was a past Realtor of the Year and presented a key to the City by **Mayor Glenn Ritchey**.

He was an active member of the Sons of the Beaches but he was most noted for his leadership with Bellair Community Group....a friendly, informative neighborhood group.

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Recently, the **DB City Commission** addressed affordable housing. Meanwhile in Midtown, numerous families are seeking a place to live after their homes were destroyed by 2022 Hurricanes.

The city has created tax incentives for developers and donated land for single family home construction. **Mayor Derrick Henry** said the City is seeking to change local zoning laws to allow for more affordable housing. City staff will also discuss creating a housing trust fund.

No formal decisions have been made but Mayor Henry hopes the process for some of the projects will begin by June.

Last week, the DB Planning Bd recommended amending the Land Development Code, to waive or reimburse development/impact fees for affordable housing projects. This should come before the City Commission in June, maybe?



First Step Shelter Update.....

Shelter Intakes	2020	2021	2022	2023	January	February	Total	
Daytona Bch PD	54	65	89	123	24	28	18	401
Ormond Beach PD	2	2	5	2	0	0	1	12
Pt Orange PD	0	2	4	8	0	1	1	16
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	0	1	1	21
Volusia Sheriff Office	3	3	18	36	0	1	2	63
New Smryna Bch PD	-	-	-	2	0	0	1	3
Deland PD	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Total Law Enforcement	62	75	125	182	24	31	24	523
Dept of Corrections			3	12	1	0	2	18
Total Hospitals	38	20	50	57	9	6	7	187
Total Churches	55	145	165	100	18	4	2	489
FSS Help Line			37	6	0	0	0	43
Total	155	240	380	357	52	41	35	1260
Safe Zone Intakes	2020	2021	2022	2023	Jan '24	Feb '24	Total	
Daytona Beach PD	23	2469	252	420	139	97	66	3466
Ponce Inlet PD	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	5
Ormond Beach PD	0	20	20	22	2	4	2	70
Port Orange PD	0	25	21	22	0	4	6	78
DB Shores PD	0	20	12	14	0	0	0	46
South Daytona PD	0	8	8	2	0	0	0	18
Holly Hill PD	7	19	14	38	8	7	4	97
New Smryna Beach PD	-	-	-	14	5	2	2	23
Deland PD	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
Volusia County Sheriff				101	20	3	3	127
Total	30	2561	329	636	174	117	86	3933

[Click here](#) for more details regarding First Step Shelter....





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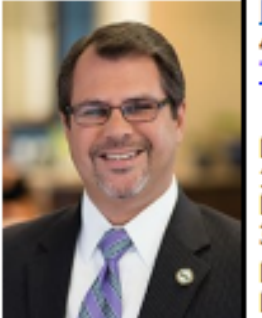
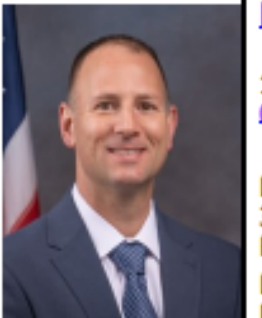
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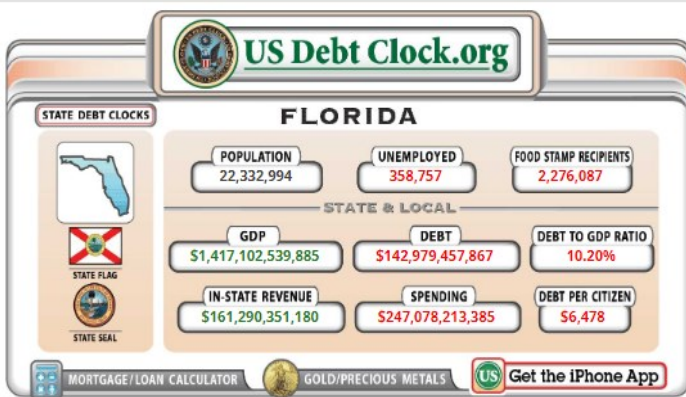
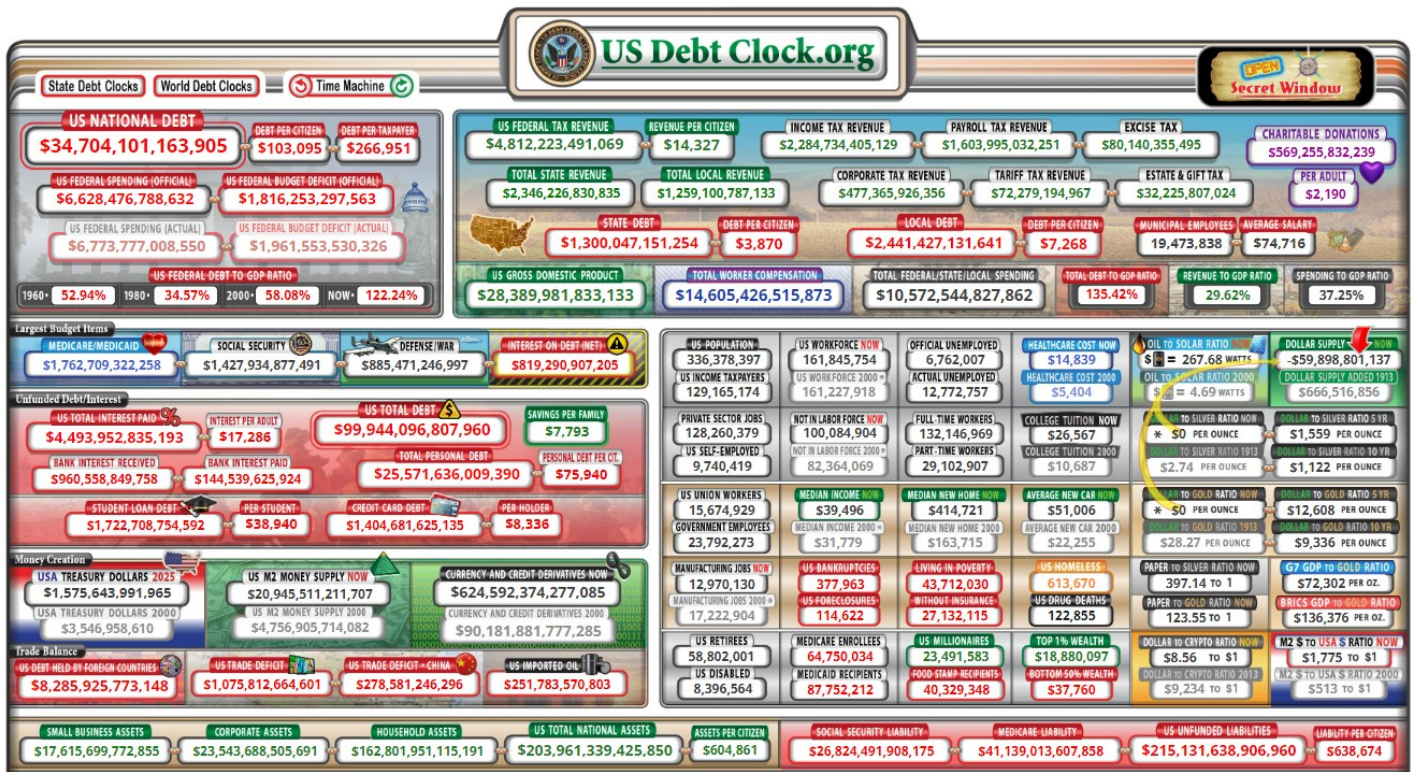
Sip, Shop & Stroll with us at the next Riverfront Market taking place 10 am-3pm!

Featuring local vendors, music, and FREE yoga with Renew Yoga Studio at 8 am! Be sure to bring your own mat and water!

Mark your calendars and we can't wait to see everyone soon!

Location: 179 S. Beach St,
Daytona Beach.....

...when my daughter, Holley was little and wanted something...she'd say, "you don't need money Dad, just write a check." as of 10:03 PM May 2, 2024



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),
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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.... highest 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 unsustainable

Local Government Links

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[Daytona Beach City Commission](#) May 1, 15 - 6 pm City Hall

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

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[Deland City Commission](#) May 6, 20 - 7 pm City Hall

[Deltona City Commission](#) May 6, 20 - 6:30 pm City Hall

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

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[New Smyrna Bch Commission](#) May 14, 28 - 6:30 pm City Hall

[Oak Hill City Commission](#) May 13 - 6 pm City Hall

[Orange City City Council](#) May 14, 28 - 6:30 pm City Hall

[Ponce Inlet Town Council](#) May 9 - 2:00 pm City Hall

[School Board of Volusia](#) May 14, 28 - 4:30 pm Deland

[River to Sea TPO](#) May 22 - 9 am Daytona Intl Airport



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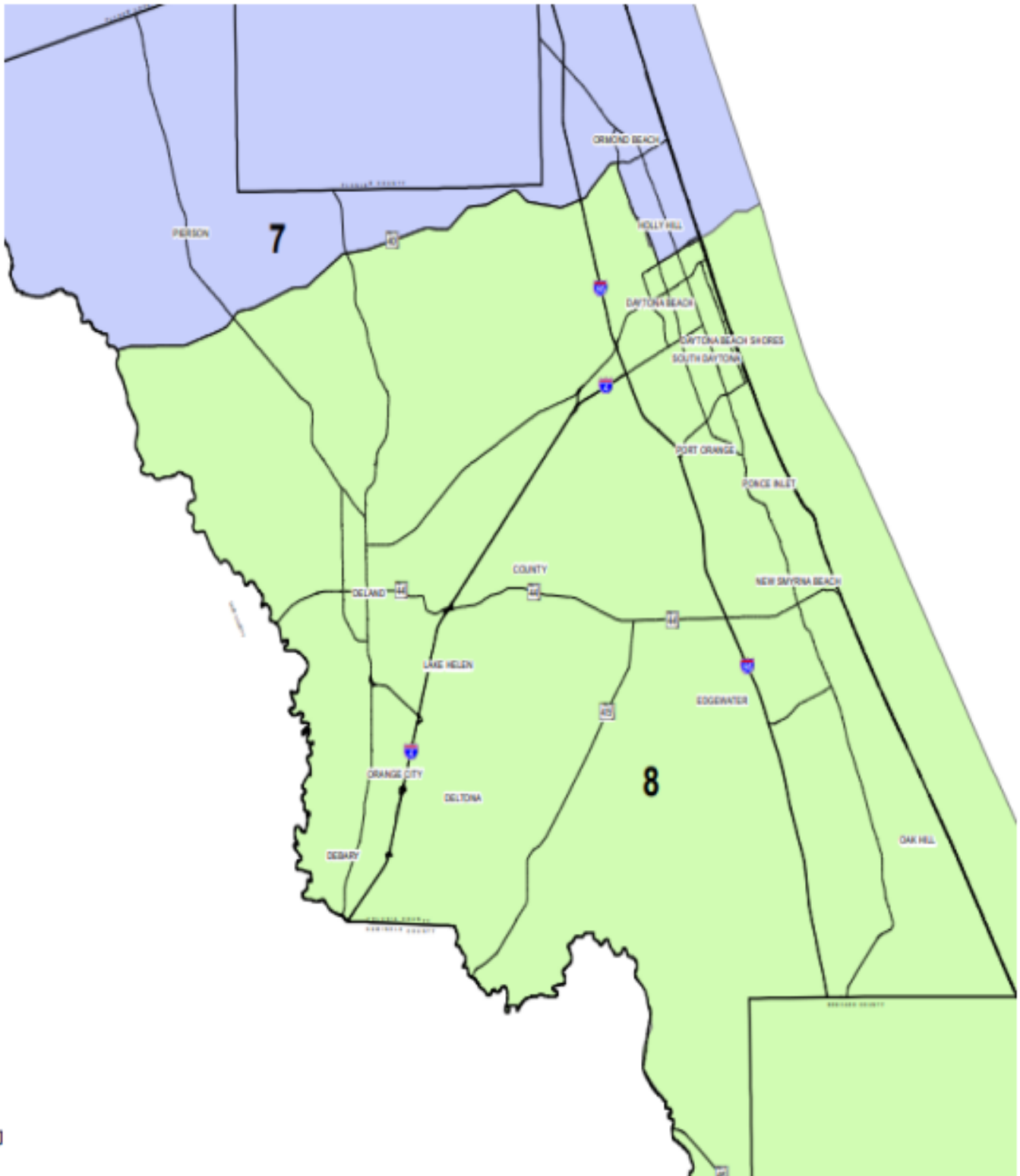
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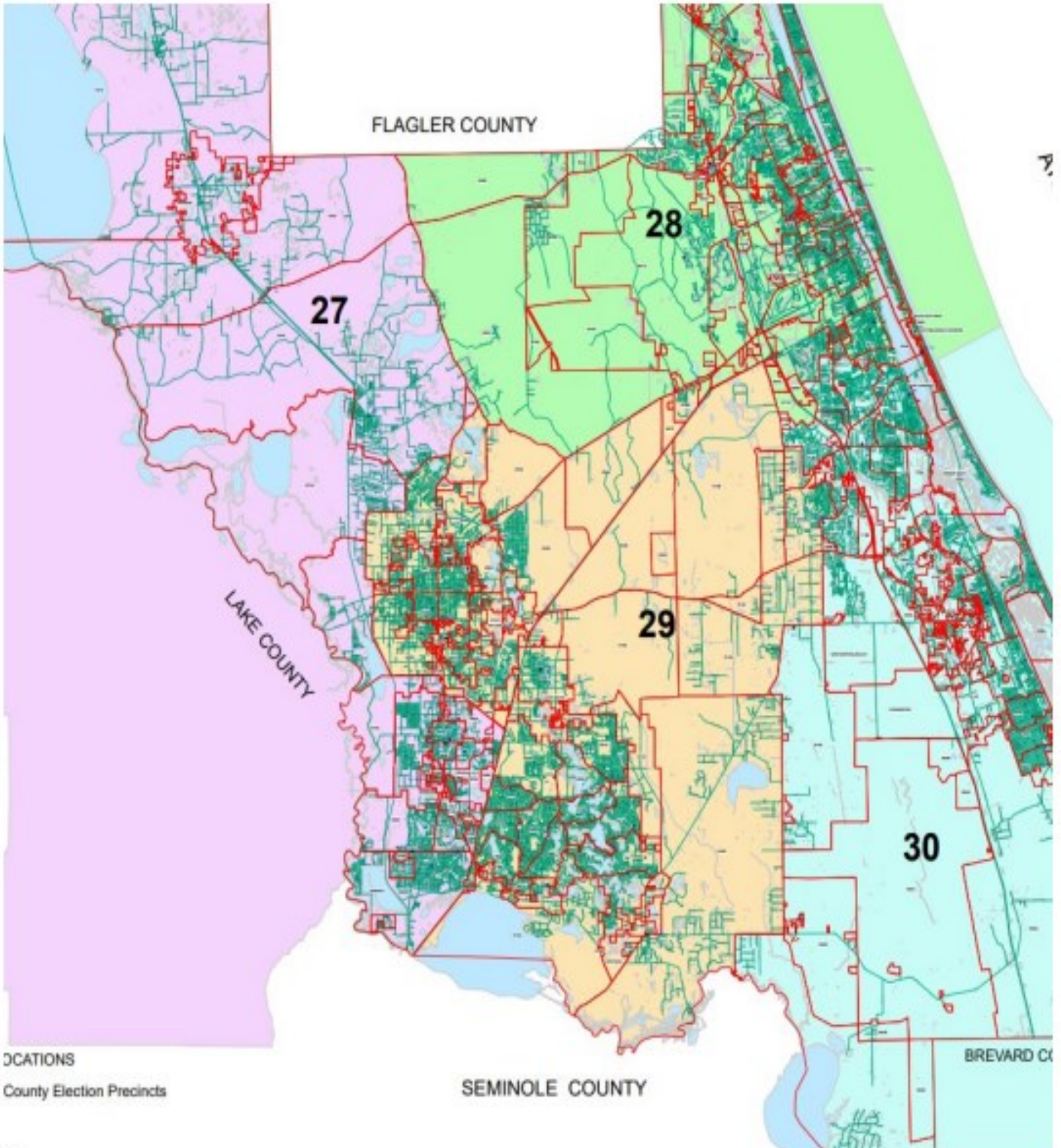
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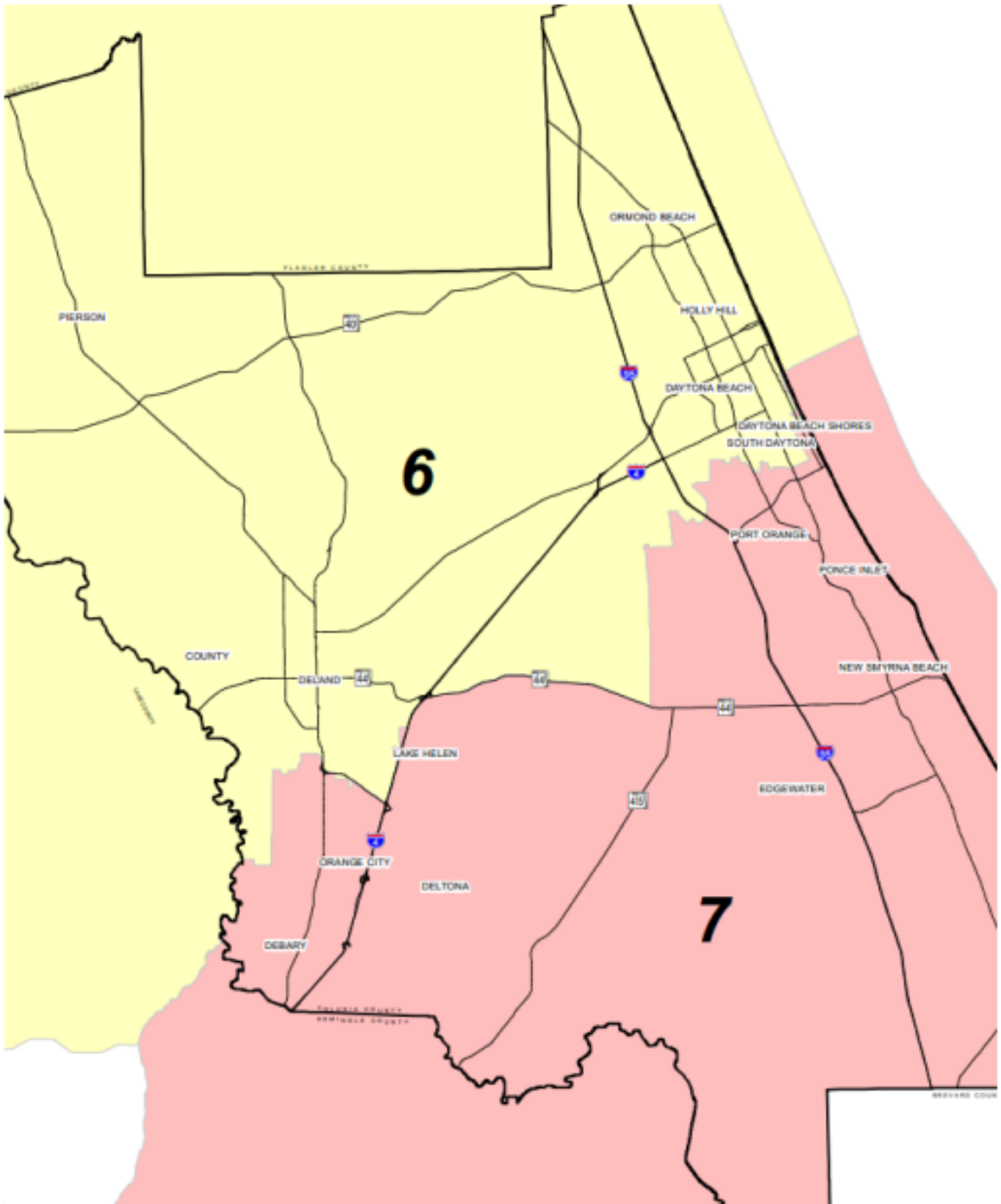
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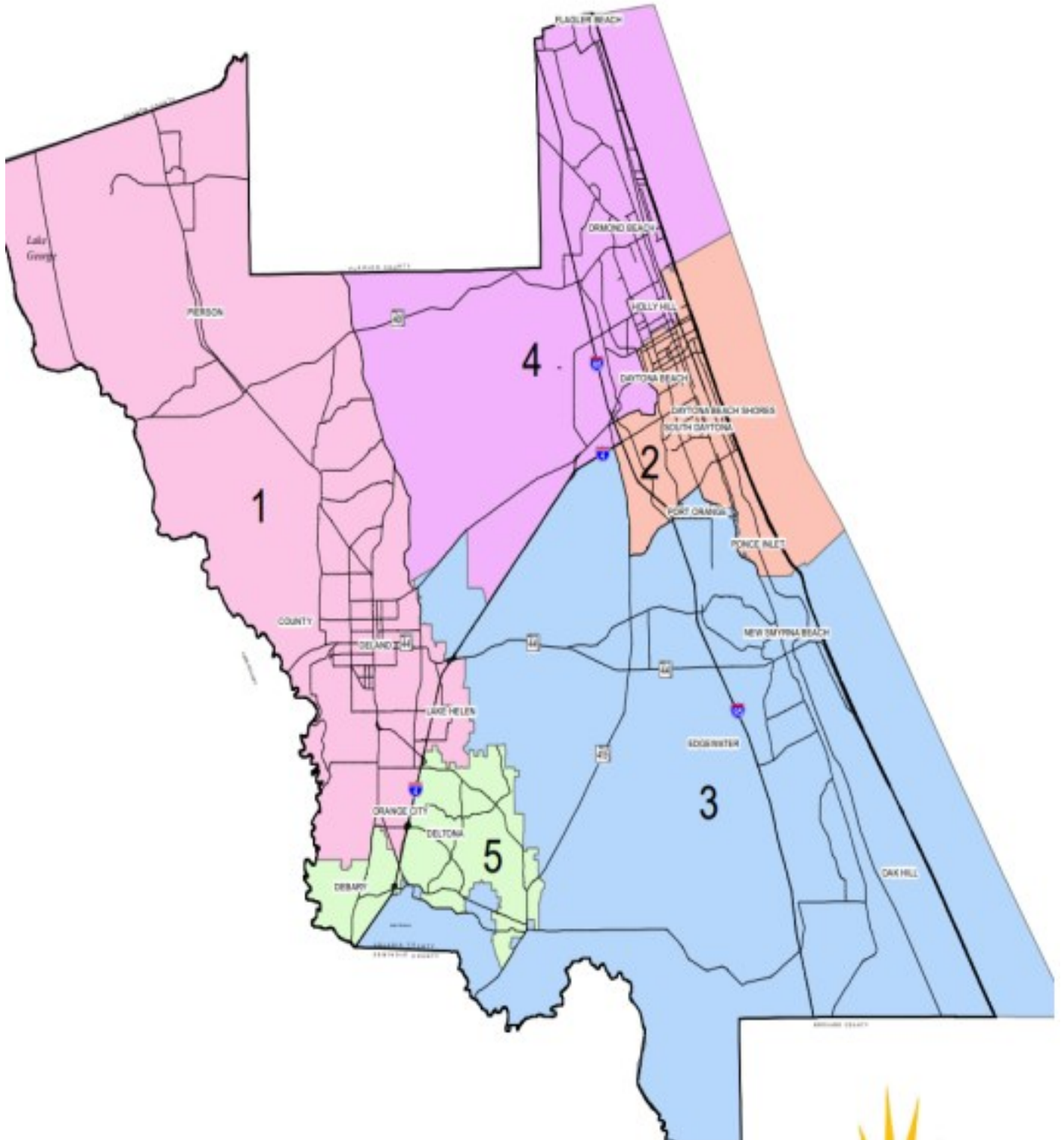


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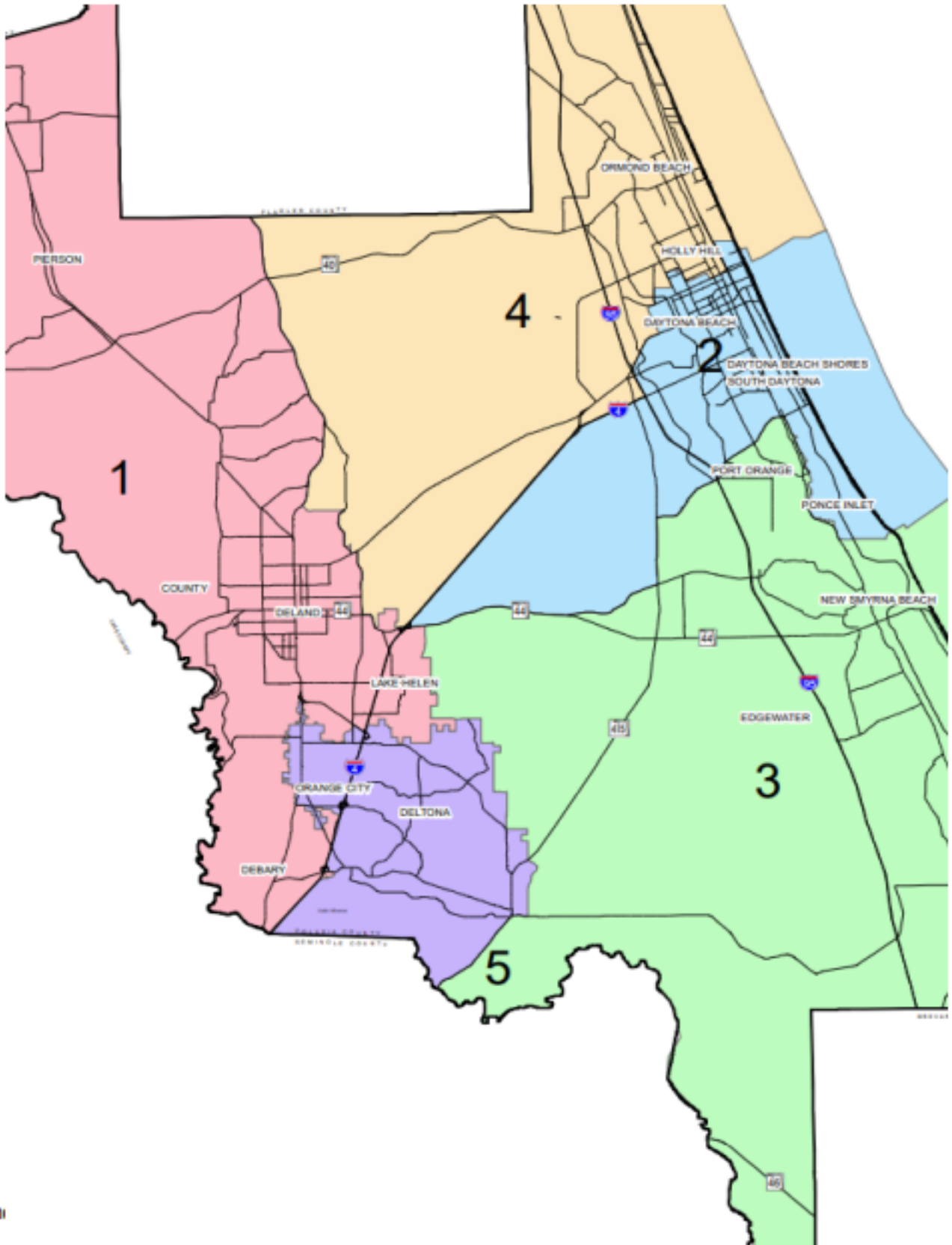
Congressional Districts 6 and 7



Volusia County Council Districts



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