



# Volusia Matters Newsletter

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## Fla Legislative Session runs January 9 to March 8

**Sen President Kathleen Passidomo and House Speaker Paul Renner** will lead each chamber, and help determine policy/budget priorities. **Sen Ben Albritton and Rep Danny Perez**, designated Senate/House leaders for 2025-26 term, will play leadership roles this session. **Gov DeSantis** has already proposed a \$114 billion budget. Priority issues include....

**Healthcare - Gov DeSantis** will join the legislative leaders to address healthcare issues and to make health care more affordable.. Meanwhile, **Senate President Kathleen Passidomo** is seeking to boost the number of physicians, nurses, technicians in the state with a focus on improving the delivery and cost of healthcare i.e. prevention, early medical intervention, and telehealth.

**House Speaker Paul Renner** has created the House Select Committee on Health Innovation which will review issues relating to access and affordability in health care.

Meanwhile, many low-income Floridians recently lost Medicaid coverage after the end of the pandemic federal public health emergency. During the COVID emergency, the state couldn't drop anyone from Medicaid, even if they no longer met income-eligibility requirements.

**Infrastructure and Energy** - Fla continues to invest heavily in infrastructure projects, and Dept of Transportation budget for the next five years totals over \$68 billion in transportation investments. Recent budgets have increased significantly as we continue to see rapid growth in population and tourism.

The trick is to keep the electric utility grid meeting demand yet remain environmentally conscious. House wants to do a comprehensive energy package with a focus on affordability with a continued attention on solar.

**Coastal Resilience**— In 2021, **Gov DeSantis** signed SB 1954, to ensure a unified proactive to our hurricane events, erosion, coastal storms, flooding, instead of being reactive. Dept of Environmental Protection (DEP) is going to be requesting \$206 million for a Florida resilience program for FY 24-25.



**Legislative Preview continued.....**

**Insurance**— Last year, the Legislature addressed tort reform specifically as it relates to insurance contracts.....eliminated assignment of benefits (AOBs) .....because there was so much fraud in the system. The legislature recently funded the My Safe Fla Home program so consumers can get grants to fortify their homes against hurricanes. Meanwhile, new private sector insurance companies have become licensed to write policies SO hopefully competition will mean more affordable rates.

Another matter is **the cost of reinsurance**, and that’s not regulated. However, there is the Hurricane Cap Fund, which provides a low level of reinsurance protection for all property insurers in the state. So the legislature may tweak that level of protection with the hope that it’ll stabilize insurance companies.

**Auto insurance.....SB 464 and HB 653** would repeal parts of Fla’s no-fault auto insurance system, and the state’s requirement that motorists carry \$10,000 in personal-injury protection, but with some “safeguards.”. And if something like that was adopted, some believe auto insurance rates would go down.



**Petitions for 2024 Constitutional Amendments.....Volusia County signatures....**

Florida Right to Clean Water	3,656
Adult Personal Use Marijuana	27,941
Amendment to Limit Govt Inference with Abortion	28,665

**Fla Presidential Preference Primary is Tuesday, March 19.**

- **Early Voting:** Saturday March 9 to Saturday, March 16, 8 AM – 6 PM
- **Locations...**
- Elections Office DeLand...
- Center at Deltona...
- Florence Little Town Hall – DeBary.....
- Daytona, Ormond, New Smyrna Libraries
- Lakeside Center - Port Orange

**A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FROM THE LEGISLATURE WILL BE ON THE 2024 BALLOT.....**

beginning November 2026 general election, TO require school board members to be elected VIA partisan elections VS nonpartisan elections.

In a recent conversation I had with **Volusia Elections Supervisor Lisa Lewis**.....it appears there’ll be **NO County Charter amendments on the 2024 ballot**. Now there may be city referendums but nothing County.



Attending **Elected Officials Roundtable.....Kate Wallace** (Charter Spectrum) **Andrew Metante** (Sen Marco Rubio) **Shari Simmans** (City DeBary) **Ernie Audino** (Cong Michael Waltz) **Cyrus Callum** (Volusia Economic Resources)



## National Debt tops \$34 Trillion....

US government's debt has topped \$34 trillion as Congress faces an upcoming Jan 19 federal funding deadline.

That figure is the total amount of outstanding borrowing by the US federal government accumulated over the nation's history.

The paradox is that the national debt is increasing while the economy is relatively strong and unemployment is low i.e. a good time to rein in the federal deficit.

The mounting debt/political brinkmanship have affected the nation's credit rating. Fitch cut its rating on US' debt from AAA to AA+.....in November, Moody's [warned that it could also remove the US' last perfect AAA rating.](#)

Recently, Congress passed two [stopgap funding bills](#) to avert government shut-downs which extended funding deadlines for agriculture, transportation, housing and other priorities until Jan 19. .

House Republican lawmakers are pushing to reduce spending below the levels agreed to in the June debt ceiling deal, which enabled the federal government to continue paying its bills in full and on time and avert a first-ever default.

The agreement suspended the debt ceiling through January 1, 2025.

The Democrat-led Senate has rejected Republican proposed spending cuts while **House Speaker Mike Johnson** wants to create a bipartisan debt commission to address the issue.

Rising government debt has caused a rise in interest payments — based on the increase in the nation's debt and the Federal Reserve's repeated rate hikes.

It noted that within 10 years, the federal government will spend more on interest payments than it traditionally has on research and development, infrastructure and education, combined.



A federal **Corporate Transparency Act** by **Sen Marco Rubio**, came forth after he raised alarm at over \$1 billion connected to top foreign officials using anonymous shell companies to flood the S Fla real estate market.



Recently, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, a branch of the Treasury Dept of the, [announced](#) that key regulations connected to the law were finalized.

So now.....shell companies and LLCs that do business in the US will have to fully disclose who is behind them and who actually owns the assets..... who's details will be searchable by banks and the federal government in order to prevent money laundering, tax evasion.





**Saturday, January 20, 10am, Volusia Elections Supervisor Lisa Lewis is hosting a Candidate Bootcamp** for potential candidates, members of campaign committees and members of the public.

Location....Supervisor of Elections Office, 1750 S. Woodland Blvd DeLand.

Topics to be covered include, but not limited to:

- Candidate Registration,
- Qualifying Period;
- Candidate and Treasurer Responsibilities;
- Candidate Financial Requirements/ Reporting;

For more information, call the Elections Office 736-5930



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Jan 4 – **Councilmembers elected Troy Kent** as Vice Chair of County Council.

**Council discussed goals for 2024.....**

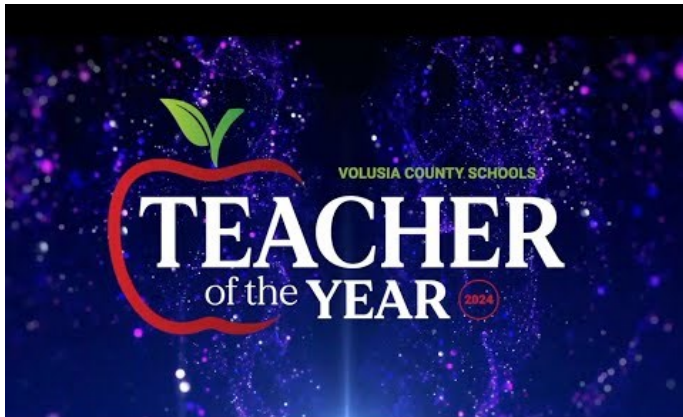
Councilmembers want to focus on fiscal responsibility and pursue a budget for the next fiscal year that would move property tax rates to rolled-back rates. This could prove to be a challenge since the County will assume an approx \$7 million assessment for SunRail.

**Dist 4 Councilman Troy Kent** announced that he will file reelection to the County Council this week.

During Council member comments, they discussed addressing agenda out of order to expedite the process.

**Just value is the property's market value.**

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

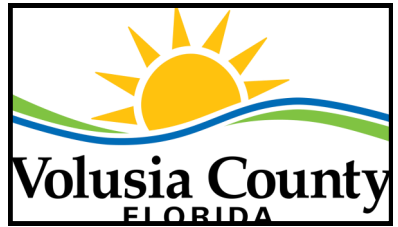


### Volusia Teacher of the Year Finalists.....

Volusia Teacher of the Year winner will be announced at a banquet on Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024. Finalists include

- **Tanner Norvill, Seabreeze HS,**
- **Caryn King, Ormond MS,**
- **Emily Fagerstrom, Champion Elementary,**
- **Amy Dempsey, Deland HS,**
- **Gina, Walker, George Marks Elementary**

The winner will be nominated for the state Teacher of the Year program.



### Did you know?

Volusia’s County’s 2023 - 2024 total operating budget was **\$1.19 billion** and the capital budget is **\$203.8 million**.

In 2022, Volusia County population was 579 K.....up 17 % from the 494 K who lived there in 2010. And while the US population grew 7%, and Florida's population grew 18% during that timeframe.

Volusia’s GDP was **\$24 billion** in 2022, ranking **14th** out of 67 counties in the state and the largest economic sectors were **health care and social assistance, retail trade,** and **hotel and food services.**

Volusia has **72%** owner occupied housing unit rate vs the state average **66%**.

According to the latest Census data, Volusia’s median household income was **\$61K** which is **82%** of the US median household income of **\$74K**



- January 8, 9 AM **Elected Officials Roundtable** Daytona Intl Airport
- February 14, 12:00 **2024 State of the County** Center at Deltona, 1640 MLK Blvd, Deltona....an annual event where the County Council reflects on partnerships/ accomplishments from 2023 and outline the county's future goals.
- February 16, 7:30 AM **Volusia Economic Q4 Breakfast** Daytona Intl Airport



Daytona Beach Area Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB)

Volusia County Bed Tax Collections decreased 5.7% countywide this past year....

But **Daytona Beach CVB Exec Lori Campbell Baker,** that’s probably because 2021 and 2022 were astronomically profitable years...it’s kind of right-sizing when compared to huge figures."

Another factor was that many beachside hotels are still recouping from last year’s Hurricane Nicole which inflicted heavy damage along Volusia’s coastline.

Events, like the Daytona 500, are expected to bring a much-needed economic boost to the area. For instance, for the ninth consecutive year, the grandstands are sold out for the Daytona 500.



## Deltona Commissioner Anita Bradford resigned January 2.

Citing personal reasons for the resignation, she was a two-term commissioner for

District 2, representing the northwest part of the city.

The city commission now has until Jan. 29 to vote on a replacement, and the city is accepting applications.

Candidates seeking to qualify for the job must be a resident of the district for the previous six months and must maintain residency within the boundaries of their district.

Anyone interested in running for the seat, should contact the City Clerk's office at [jraftery@deltonafl.gov](mailto:jraftery@deltonafl.gov) by Monday, Jan 22. The person elected to the seat will serve until November 2024.

Click [City of Deltona](#) for more information.

Anita was ALWAYS straightforward in her comments, asked pertinent questions. Whenever I called her for help.....she was there for me! Wish you the best Anita.

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



## New Law Affects Local Officials

Locally elected city county officials will have to submit more-detailed financial disclosure information about issues such as incomes, assets and liabilities.

Some local city and county officials throughout the State are resigning from office because of a new law **SB 774** that took effect January 1 requiring certain financial disclosures.

This new law requires elected officials declaring their net worth and amount of income/assets worth more than \$1,000.

SB 774 requires city and local government elected officials to fill out a form publicly revealing their entire net worth, including income sources, assets, property and business ownership, and debts.....the same rules that apply to the Governor, Cabinet officials and Legislators.

Currently local officials are only required to disclose the sources of their income and business interests, but Jan 1 specific dollar amounts.

It does NOT apply to County and City Managers. If not properly done, fines could be up to \$20,000.

Fla League of Cities opposed this legislation, saying it would deter qualified people from seeking office since most of these positions don't offer a livable salary.





## Upcoming Meetings

- County Environment/Natural Resources Advisory Committee (ENRAC)  
January 3, 1:00 pm  
County Admin Bldg Deland
- County ECHO Advisory Committee  
January 11, 9:00 am  
County Admin Bldg Deland
- Affordable Housing Advisory Committee  
January 10, 3:00 pm  
Emergency Ops Ctr, 3825 Tiger Bay Rd
- W Volusia Tourism Advertising Authority  
January 17, 9:00 am  
MainStreet DeLand office 100 N. Woodland Blvd DeLand.
- HAAA Board of Directors  
January 17, 2:00 pm  
Daytona Beach CVB office, 140 S. Atlantic Ave Ormond Beach.
- River to Sea TPO  
January 24, 9:00 am  
Daytona Beach International Airport



Volusia Elected Officials Roundtable heard **Brown & Brown’s Steve Farmer and Justin Anselmo** provide an update on property insurance.

Fla is responsible for 20% claims for property damage and 80% of litigation. Assignment of Benefits affected nearly 20% of claims. Catastrophic Reinsurance price are at highest levels since 2000.

Rising temperatures are increasing risk of severe drought and wildfires. ..effects of climate change are becoming apparent.

US losses of billion dollar disasters 2015-22 are \$1 trillion....Next meeting is March 11.

**Longtime estate planning/ elder law attorney Mel Stack recently received the Halifax Humane Society’s first-ever lifetime achievement award.**



He joined for the Halifax Humane Society volunteer board 30 years ago and three years later, he became board president where served for 27 consecutive years. He plans to continue serving on the HHS board.

I’d like to personally congratulate Mel for this honor. Anytime I needed something at the Humane Society, I called Mel and he always helped me. It couldn’t have gone to a finer individual.



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**First Step Shelter's Second Annual Mayor's Gala is February 3** whereby community leaders, corporate & faith-based partnerships, and municipal/county partners will celebrate individuals making their way to housing and self-sufficiency. It begins 6 PM at the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort and tickets are \$125 each.

It's a black tie optional and will include a cocktail reception, dinner, honoree awards, entertainment, and highlights of the First Step Shelter.

Premier Table Host, Advocate Table Host, and individual Gala Tickets are available now!

Sponsorship Opportunities range from \$10,000 to \$2,500. Email Patrick Smith [psmith@firststepshelter.org](mailto:psmith@firststepshelter.org) for more details.



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

**Repairs will soon begin at multiple beach walkovers and ramps in Daytona Beach...**



destroyed during Hurricanes Ian and Nicole. Those repairs were roughly \$1.6 million and were reimbursable by FEMA. While, the city's first priority being the fishing pier which reopened last Summer.....other projects will take most of the year to complete.



**Dec 20 - Daytona Beach City Commissioners voted 5-2 to move forward with a \$120 million Silver Beach Condo-Hotel construction project** which would sit in a 2.66-acre vacant lot at the southeast corner of Silver Beach and S Atlantic Ave.

The 265-foot tall/ 25 story project is lead by Miami-based developer Eddie Avila, and would have and would have 270 rooms, in addition to restaurants, bars and other businesses.





## New State Laws begin this month.....

Starting Jan 10, Fla will expand a list of "scrutinized" companies where state investments can't be made because of ties to Iran.

Companies will go on the list if 10% of total revenues/assets are linked to Iran and involve economic sectors such as energy, manufacturing or shipping.

Among other changes that will happen in January:

- Fla businesses will see an overall 15 percent decrease in **workers' compensation insurance rates**, though rate changes will vary for individual businesses.
- **Back-to-school tax "holiday"** until Jan. 14 whereby shoppers avoid sales taxes on clothes under \$100, school supplies under \$50, and personal computers under \$1,500.
- A new **KidCare law** increases income limits for families enrolled in subsidized health insurance programs allowing more families to get coverage.

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## Numerous Reps to Retire from US House

Now that the 2023 Congressional session has ended, **more Democrats than Republicans are to likely to retire from the House in 2024.**

Out of 435 House members, about 23 or 24 Democrats say they won't seek reelection and 14 Republicans not seeking another term. Many are running for another elected office.



It comes down to who could win toss-up competitive districts that will determine who will control the House after the 2024 elections. The makeup of Congress is determined by individual state legislatures that draw the districts. It's one reason there are so few competitive races.

Another factor is court ordered redistricting in states like Alabama and Louisiana....not sure of that Congressional District 5 in North Florida court case.

Some are leaving due to the dysfunction they've witnessed in Congress this past year.

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**(8/20/2024) (11/5/2024)**

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**State Attorney**  
Larizza, RJ (REP) \*

**Sheriff**  
Mike Chitwood (REP)\*  
James L Powers, Jr (REP)

**Public Defender**  
Matt Metz (REP) \*

**Tax Collector**  
Will Roberts\*

**County Chair**  
Jeff Brower\*  
Don Burnette  
Randy Dye

**County Council District 2**  
Matt Reinhart\*

**School Board District 2**  
Krista Goodrich  
Angela Kopnicky

**School Board District 4**  
Donna Brosemer  
Merrick Brunker  
Carl Persis\*

**Daytona Beach Commission Zone 2**  
Ken Strickland\*

**Deltona City Commission Zone 2**  
Elizabeth Chavez  
Emma Santiago

**Deltona Commission Seat 6**  
Dominic Nick Lulli

**Edgewater Commission Dist 4**  
Gary Conroy

**New Smyrna Beach—Mayor**  
[Fred Cleveland\\*](#)  
[Louis Joseph Pate](#)

**Orange City Mayor**  
Kelli Marks  
William O'Connor

**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

**Port Orange City Council Dist 3**  
[Shawn Michael Goepfert](#)  
[Barry Pitek](#)

**Fla Senate District 7**  
Michael Levone Gist (NPA)  
George Anthony T Hill (DEM)  
Gerry James (REP)  
Tom Leek (REP)

**Fla House Dist 27**  
Stephen Wayne Shives (REP)  
Beckie Sirolli (REP)

**Fla House Dist 28**  
John Navarra (DEM)  
Bill Partington (REP)

**Fla House Dist 29**  
Webster Barnaby\* (REP)

**Fla House Dist 30**  
Chase Tramont\* (REP)  
Smith, Kelly Anne (DEM)

**US Congress - House Dist 6**  
Michael Waltz\* (REP)

**US Congress - House Dist 7**  
Cory Mills (REP)\*  
AlleK Pastrana (DEM)

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

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## Port Orange Moves Forward on Down Under District

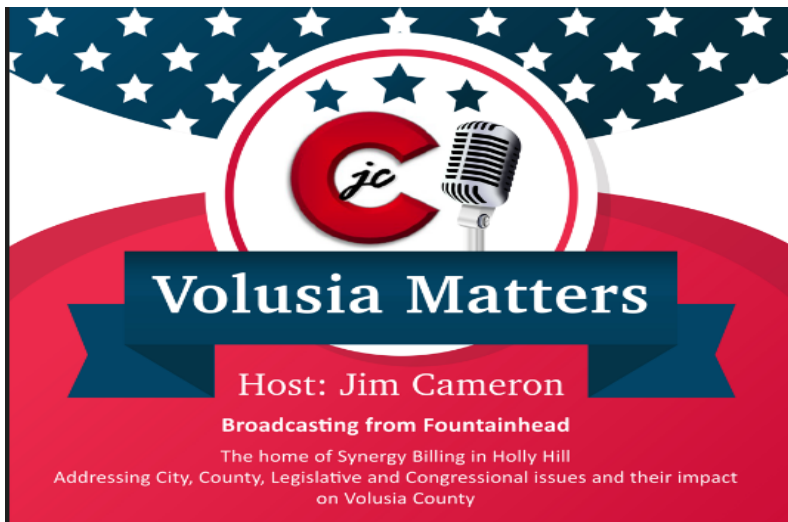
Port Orange Council recently amended the Causeway Park lease agreement with the FDOT to

make way for improvements. Their Down Under Master Plan aims to enhance infrastructure, parking, and amenities to enhance the area's 5 existing businesses and make it a destination for families and entertainment.

The plan would also include improved lighting, gateway signage, business directories and extend the fishing pier and prove dock for water taxis, native plant landscaping, and a pedestrian plaza for community gatherings.



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**Episode 49** includes **local/state governmental news** plus interview with **DB City Commissioner Ken Strickland**.

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- *Issues of the Upcoming 2024 Legislative Session*
- *New Financial Disclosure Requirements for Local Elected Officials*
- *New 2024 State Laws*
- *Presidential Preference Primary Vote Dates*

**Volusia County Definitions.....**

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

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







### Court Cases to Watch.....

**GAMBLING:** Fla Supreme Court is considering a challenge to compact between the state and Seminole Tribe to allow the tribe to offer online sports betting statewide. Two pari-mutuels say the deal violates a 2018 state constitutional amendment that restricted casino gambling. Meanwhile, these pari-mutuels could ask the US Supreme Court to take up a separate attempt to block the sports betting under federal law.

**RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA:** Fla Supreme Court heard arguments last November whether a proposed recreational pot constitutional amendment could proceed to the 2024 ballot. Proponents have submitted enough petition signatures to get on the 2024 ballot but need Supreme Court approval of the proposed ballot wording. Attorney General Ashley Moody has argued the court should reject the proposal.

**REDISTRICTING:** With the upcoming 2024 elections, the Fla Supreme Court and a federal-court panel are considering separate challenges by voting-rights groups to a DeSantis-proposed congressional redistricting plan approved during the 2022 legislative session.

The cases focus on the overhaul of a N Florida district that once was represented by black Democrat Al Lawson. The state’s 1st District Court of Appeal upheld the plan in one of the cases.

### 2024 Election Cycle and Major Ballot Issues

Fla has one U.S. Senate seat up for election.....Sen Scott's seat. All 28 US House seats will be up for election. In Tallahassee, 20 Fla Senate seats are up for election next year while the all 120 House seats are up.

As for Fla constitutional amendments, to reach the 2024 ballot, a proposed amendment must pass judicial review by April 1 and have collected almost 900k validated signatures.

With 29 amendments proposed, only 3 are really actively collecting signatures.

Legalization of recreational marijuana....so far approx \$40 million has been spent to collect signatures.. this one is very likely.....

Another constitutional issue is abortion as a right. It has yet to qualify for judicial review., A third proposal is the right to clean and



healthy water. It sounds great. Everybody should have a right to clean, healthy water. But look at the actual wording basically means no state agency could ever issue another permit for any project ever....this proposed amendment stems from the Rights of Nature Group.....they have approximately 30,000 signatures to date, and they got a long way to go to get that 891,000.

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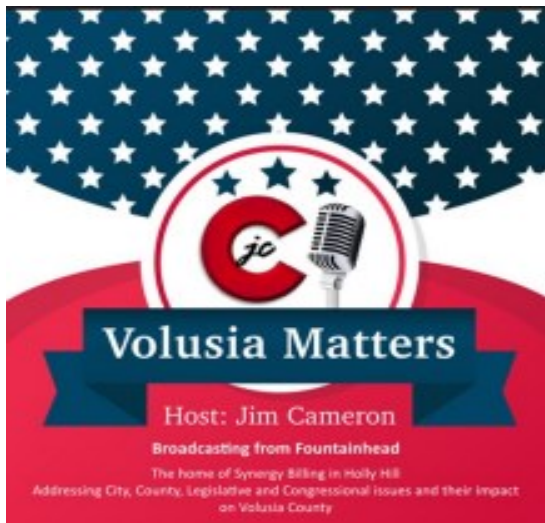


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**Volusia Matters**

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Broadcasting from Fountainhead

The home of Synergy Billing in Holly Hill

Addressing City, County, Legislative and Congressional issues and their impact on Volusia County



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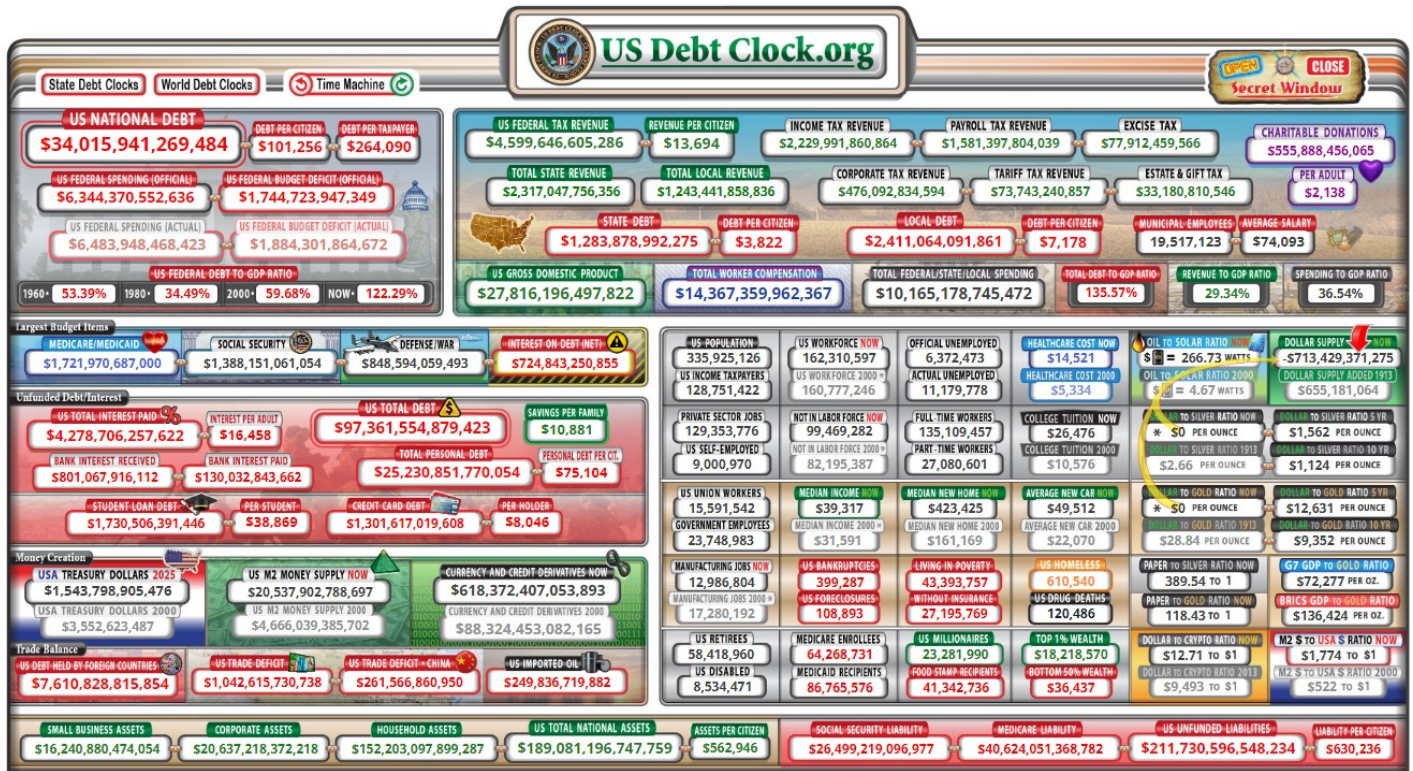
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BACK THE BLUE



THE FOUNTAINHEAD  
AT HOLLY HILL

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





## Local Government Links

[Volusia County Council](#) - January 4, 9 am/ 16 - 4 pm Admin Bldg

[Daytona Beach City Commission](#) January 3, 17 - 6 pm City Hall

[Ormond Beach City Commission](#) January 9, 16 - 7 pm City Hall

[Port Orange City Council](#) January 9 - 6:30 City Hall

[Holly Hill City Commission](#) January 9, 6 pm City Hall

[South Daytona City Council](#) January 9 - 6 pm City Hall

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[Deltona City Commission](#) January 16 - 6:30 pm City Hall

[Edgewater City Council](#) January 8, 22 – 6:00 pm City Hall

[Lake Helen City Commission](#) January 11 - 7 pm City Hall

[New Smyrna Bch Commission](#) January 9, 23 - 6:30 pm City Hall

[Oak Hill City Commission](#) January 8 - 6 pm City Hall

[Orange City City Council](#) January 9 - 6:30 pm City Hall

[Ponce Inlet Town Council](#) January 21 - 6:00 pm City Hall

[School Board of Volusia](#) January 12 - 4:30 pm Deland

[River to Sea TPO](#) January 24 - 9 am Daytona Intl Airport



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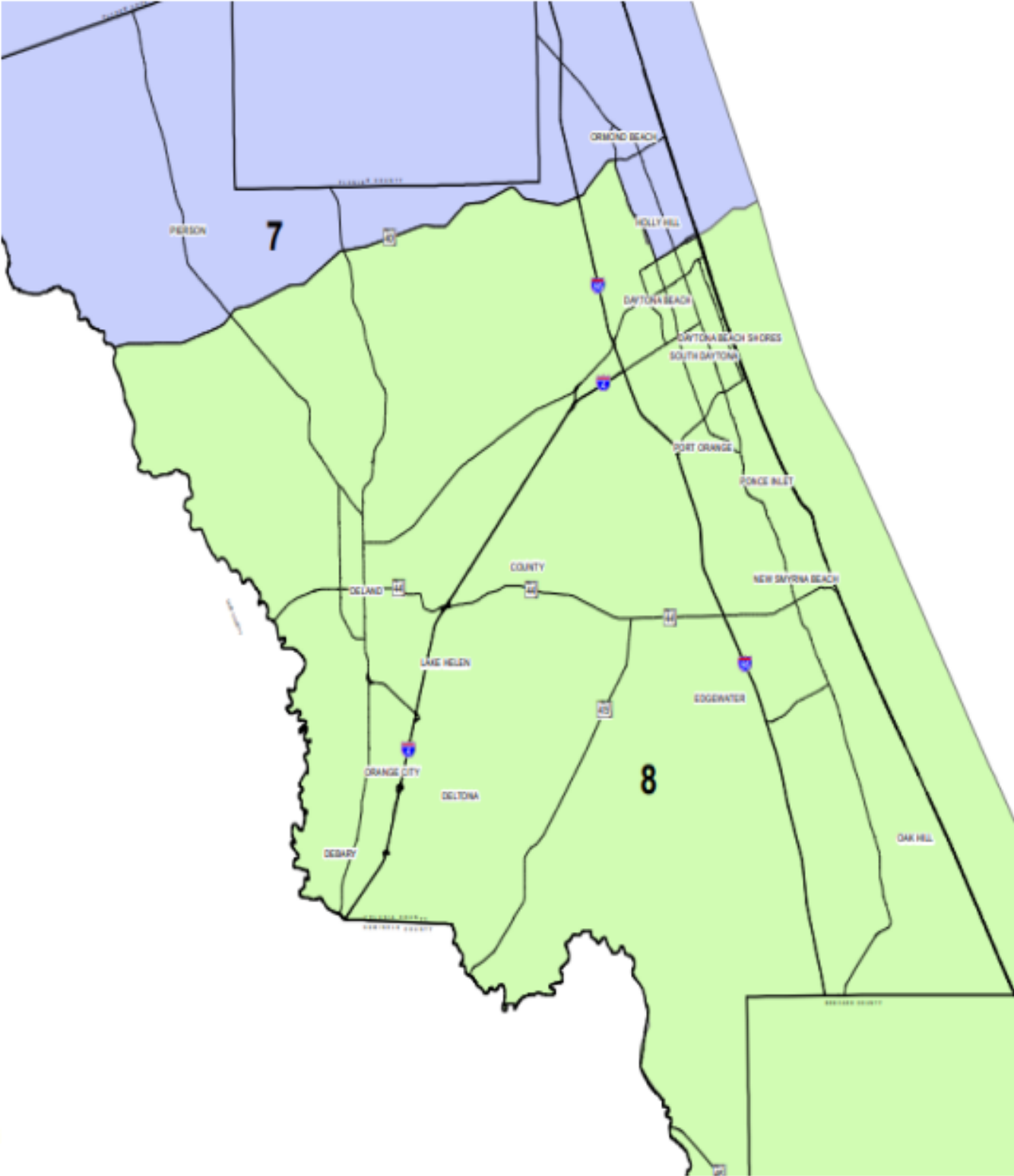
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# Elections 2022

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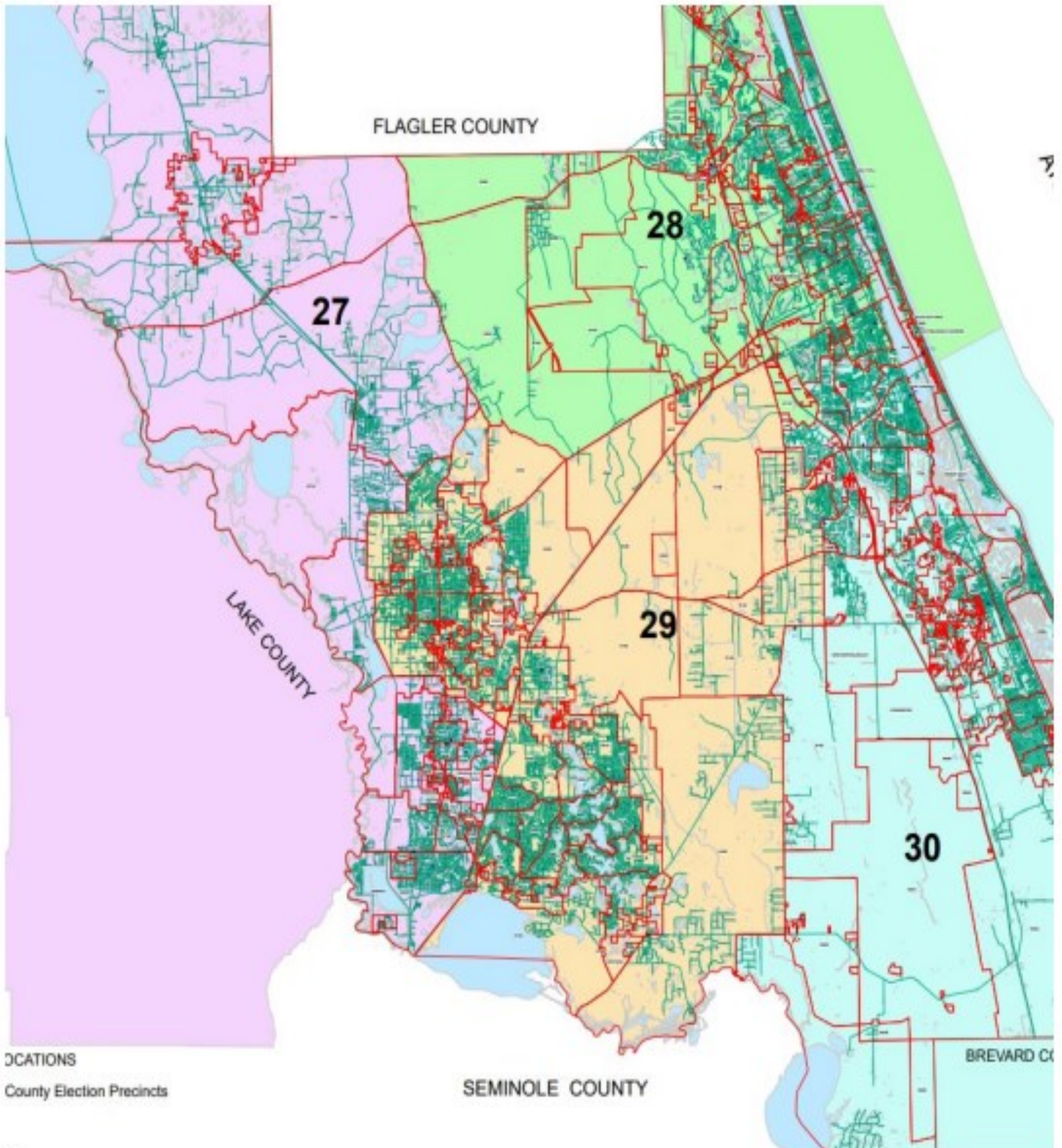
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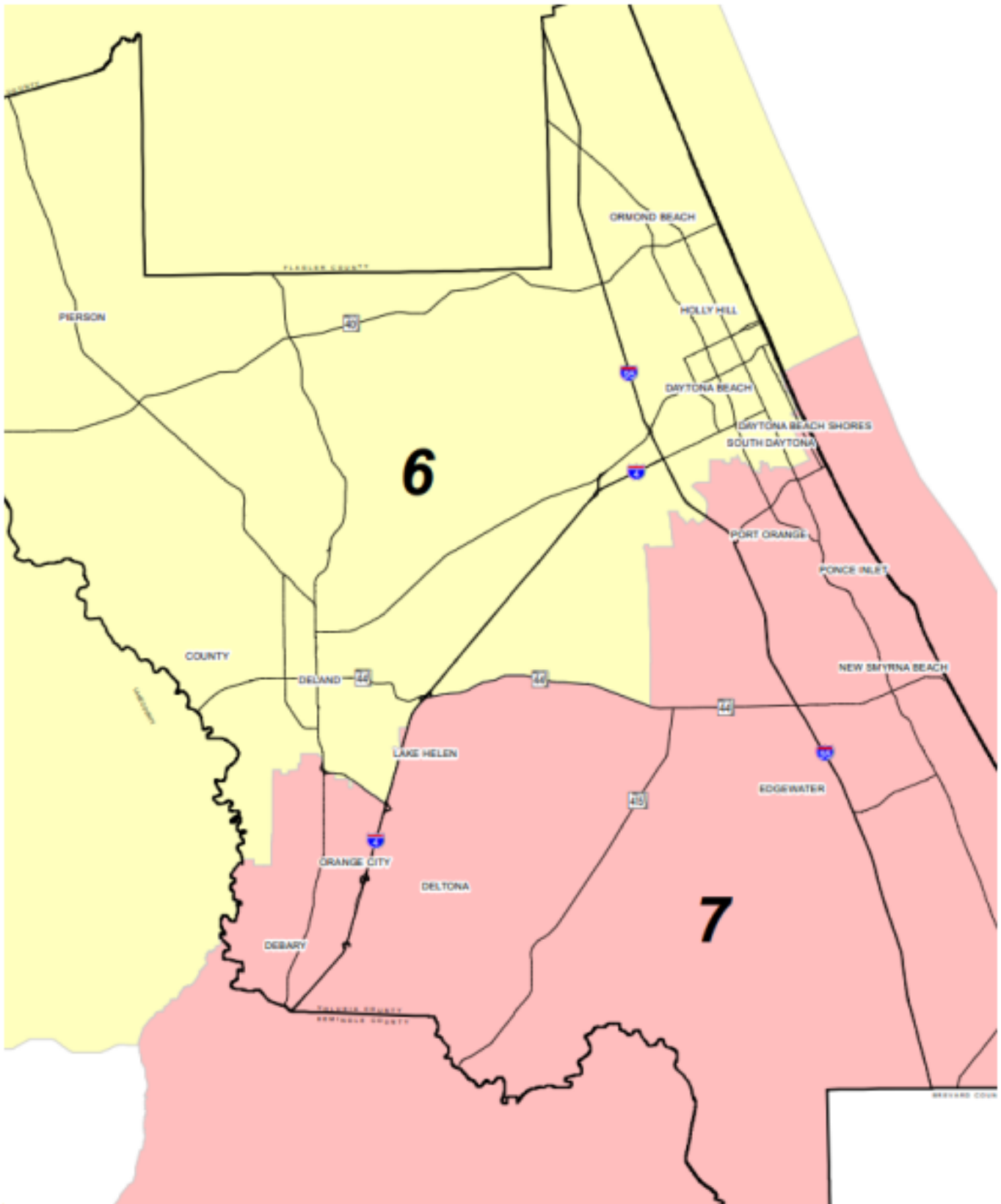
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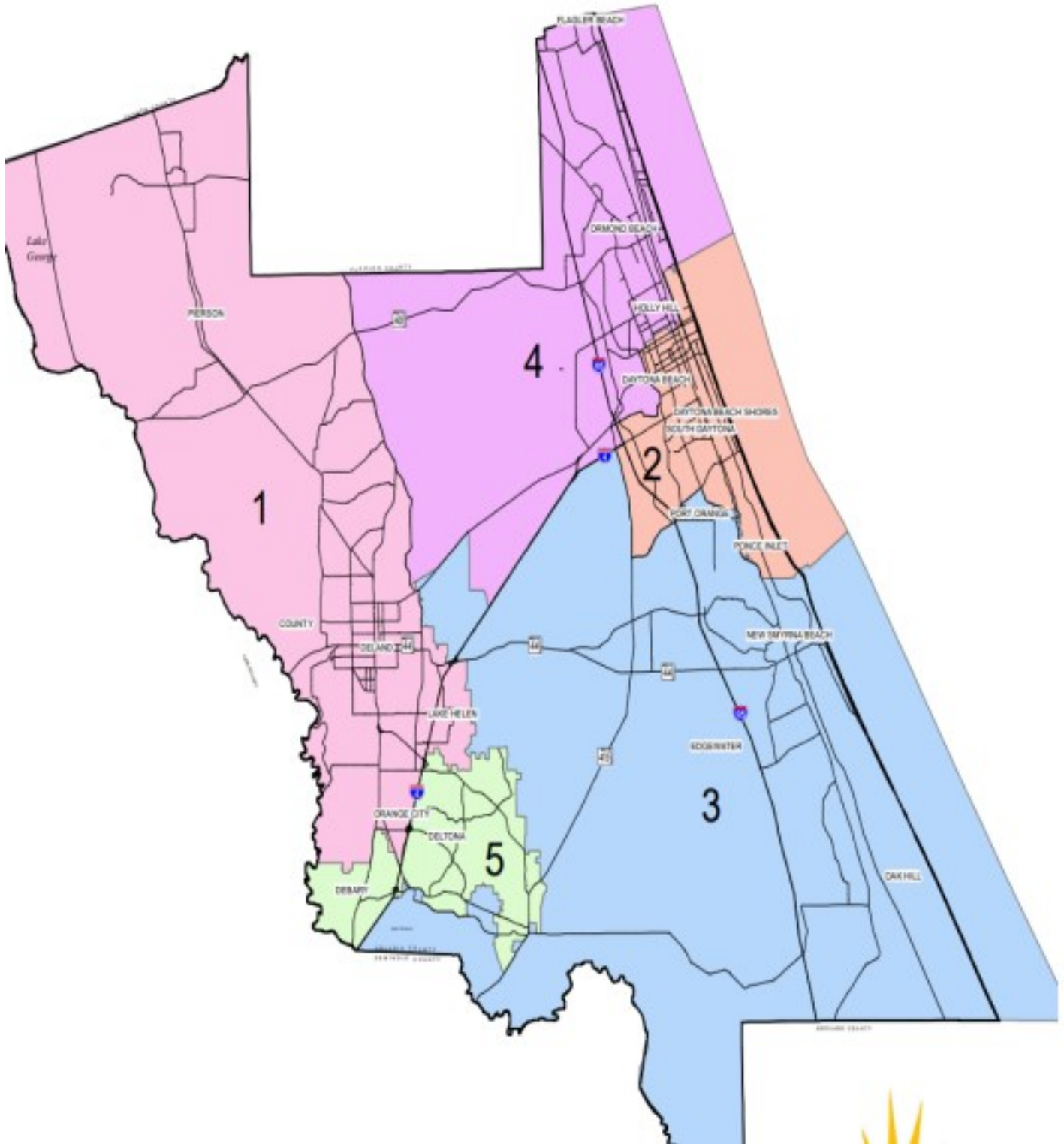
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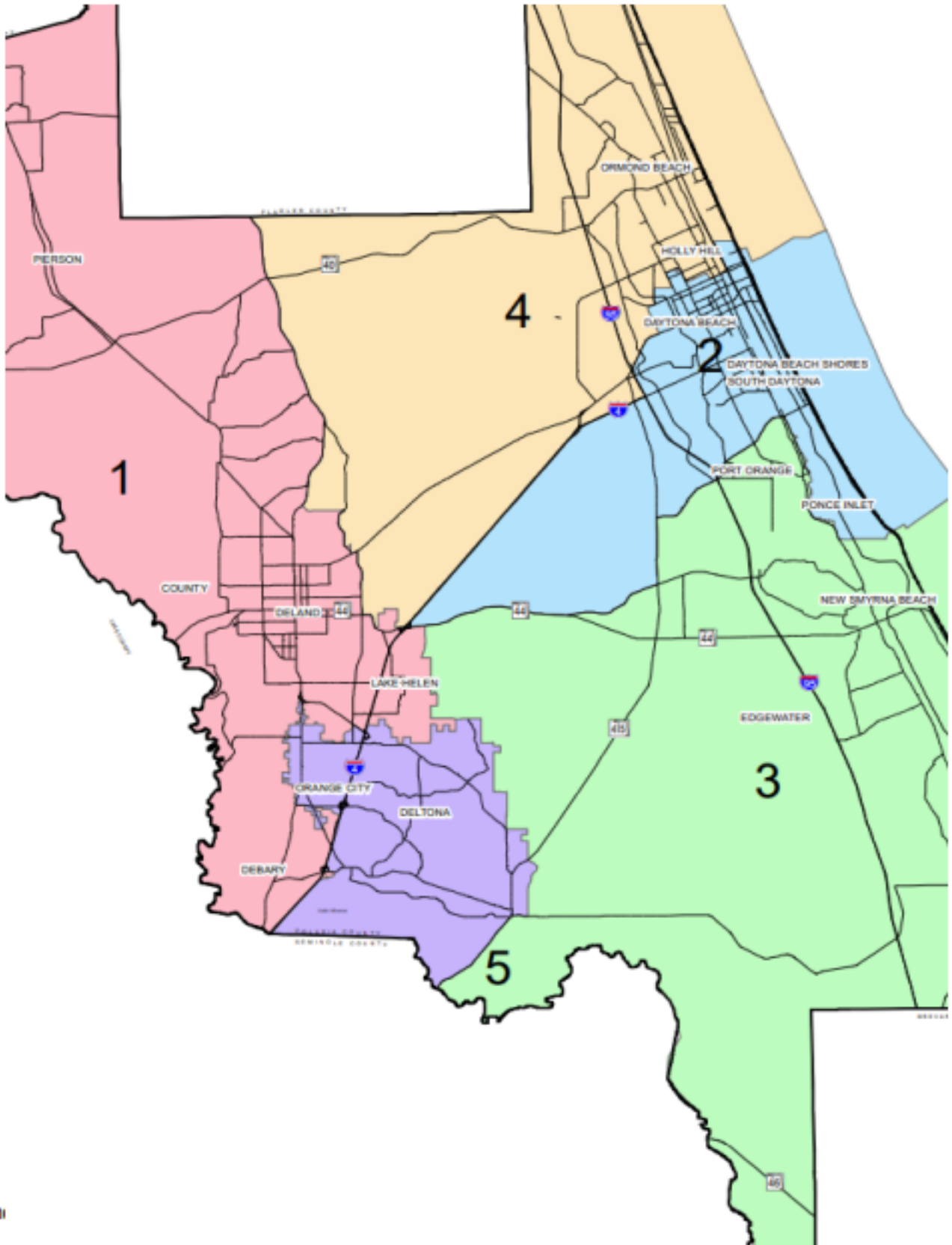




**Volusia County Council Districts**



**Volusia County School Board Districts**





## What are you reading?

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

- Abbas Abdulhusein Turning Ordinary Moments into Extraordinary Results
- Amanda Thorpe The Tattooist of Auschwitz Heather Morris
- Ammie Olson The Atlas Paradox Olivie Blake
- Anne Ruby All the Light We Cannot See Anthony Doerr
- Bob Apgar The Hit by David Baldacci
- Bob Williams-Brave Companions by David McCullough
- Bobbie Doyle Heaven and Earth Grocery Store James McBride
- Brandon Frey - 12 Rules for Life by Jordan Peterson
- Charlene Gagnier How to Win Friends & Influence People by Dale Carnegie
- Chris Via Warrior Diplomat Cong Mike Waltz
- Chuck Gaurra Backstage Pass Paul Stanley
- Colby Allman The Richest Man in Babylon by George Samuel Clayson
- Cong Cory Mills—Creature from Jekyll Island Edward Griffin
- Dale Ketcham Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer
- Dan Francati Killing the Witches by Bill O'Reilly
- Darold Schonsheck Prodigal Daughter by Jeffrey Archer
- Deborah Crock-Forester Sergeant Reckless
- Didiayer Snyder - Don't Just Stand There Pray Something Ronald Dunn
- Diego Handel 100 Years of Solitude Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- Don Burnett Swim with The Sharks Without Being Eaten Alive Harvey McKay
- Doug Kosarek Wabi Sabi Beth Kempton
- Duncan Demarsh Master of The Senate Robert Caro
- Ernie Audino— A Message to Garcia Elbert Hubbard
- Fred Guzman Leadership Challenge Kouzes Posner
- Fred Lowry The Books of Matthew and Luke
- Hardy Smith The Long Game Dorie Clark
- Hugh Grimes - 1619 Project Nikole Hannah Jones
- Hyatt Brown - Elon Musk Walter Isaacson
- Jake Johansson The Death and Life of the Great Lakes Dan Egan
- Jayson Meyer – Team of Teams Gen Stanley McChrystal
- Jeff Brower Coolidge An American Enigma Robert Sobel
- Jesse Thompson David and Goliath Malcolm Gladwell
- Jessica Lovatt Whiskey in A Teacup Reese Witherspoon
- John Booker - Truman David McCullough
- John Danio- The Lean Startup Eric Ries
- Kate Wallace - Build the Life You Want Arthur Brooks and Oprah Winfrey
- Kathy Smith-Words are Powerful by Susie Yelvington
- Kent Sharples -Empire of the Summer Moon S C Gwyne
- Linda Bradley - Seven Girls Gone Allison Brennan
- Lise Forte - Thinking in Systems Donella Meadows

**Many of these books are available via Kindle through the Volusia County Library. Go to <https://volusialibrary.org/> click Digital Library. GREAT selection of online books!**



- Lois Paritsky - Triumph and Tragedy of Robert Oppenheimer Kai Bird
- Loretta Arthur - Destinations of a Lifetime
- Mark Bontrager - Outlive Peter Attia
- Martin Tooley - Cognitive Behavior Therapy
- Mary Bennett - The Making of Vince Carter Michelle Carter
- Mary Margaret Kelley -The 2% Way Myron Rolle
- Matt Foxman - Start Stay Or Leave Trey Gowdy
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- Ron Nowviski War at Sea Nathan Miller
- Roy Johnson Book of Proverbs
- Ryleigh Wogoman The Blue Zones Dan Buettner
- Sandy Bishop Strong Towns Charles Marohn
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- Susan Persis The Four Winds Kristen Hannah
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- Ted Rover I Am by N Marharaj
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- Terri Hinks - Good bye Things Fumio Sasaki
- Tom Self Devil in the Grove Gilbert King
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- Valli Perrine Unwoke How to Defeat Cultural Marxism in America Ted Cruz
- Vic Baker - Government Gangsters Kash Patel



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- **Consumer Confidence 68%**
- **Right Direction 51% vs Wrong Direction 42%**
- **Land in Conservation 31%**
- **3rd Grade Reading Scores 50%**
- **Kids in Poverty 18.2%**
- **Population 22.9 million**

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