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## County Council Sets Initial Tax Rates/Budget

July 11 - County Council set their FY 2023-24 TRIM tax rates required to support the county's operations. Notably, the proposed tax rates include a rate reduction for four property tax-supported funds in the county, while the others remained unchanged from the previous year's rates.

*This will be the first fiscal year to include the Public Safety Fund which will fund the Sheriff's Office.*

The combination of a 3.39 mills General Fund property tax rate and the Public Safety Fund's 1.45 mills means a total 4.84 mills for the upcoming year.

*Tax rate reductions* are being proposed for the Library Fund, Ponce DeLeon Port Authority, Silver Sands Bethune Beach MSD. *Tax rates will remain unchanged* from the previous year for the Fire Rescue District, East Volusia Mosquito Control District, ECHO and Volusia Forever.

This is NOT the final tax rate...it's the CEILING ....any rated adopted must be this rate or lower.

Truth in Millage (TRIM) notices should be in mail this month.



**Volusia TRIM  
Rate FY  
2023-24**

*While the adopted tax rates could be lowered at a later date, they may not be increased.*

Per Florida Tax Watch, Volusia is the 12<sup>th</sup> most populated county, ranks 55th out of 66 counties, with a per capita revenue of \$1,390..... statewide average is \$2,223.

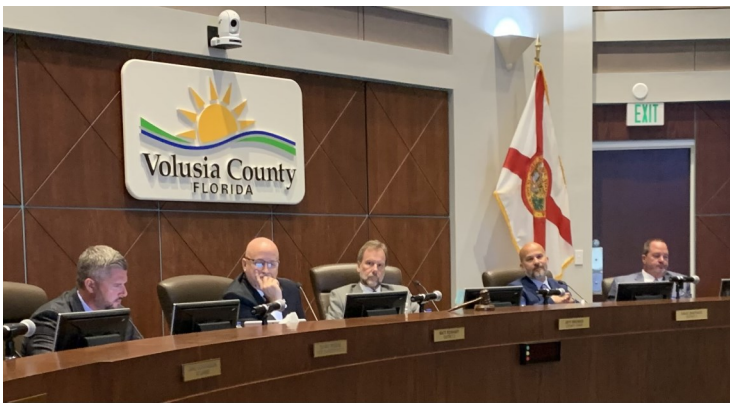
The recommended FY 2023-24 operating budget is \$1.19 billion, with a \$289.2 million General Fund for countywide services. [Click here](#) to see the proposed budget presentation.

- 1st public hearing – Sept 5, 6:00 pm
- 2nd public hearing – Sept 19, 6:00 pm



**Be Stronger Than Before.....**

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**August 1—County Council added Affordable Housing policies to the County’s Comprehensive Plan which will support their affordable housing initiative, and will fulfill one of the objectives of “The Path Forward – Affordable Housing Plan”.**

These changes will -

- facilitate future land development regulations and zoning code changes
- allows for impact fee waivers and density bonuses for affordable housing projects
- expedites the review process and allows for impact fee deferrals for Accessory Dwelling units (ADUs) if homeowner is willing to sign an affordability agreement
- allows for up to a 40% deviation from dimensional standards and allows for restrictive covenants to ensure that properties remain affordable.
- allows administrative approvals for nonconforming lots that could be used for affordable housing.

With these changes approved, revisions to the zoning ordinance and the land development regulations will follow next year to alleviate regulatory barriers for affordable housing.

**Click link below.....**

**[Volusia County Attainable Housing Dashboard](#)**

According to a Florida Department of Transportation’s economic impact study, **Daytona International Airport generates \$3.2 billion in economic impact annually.**

This was based on airport activity, visitor spending, industry reliance and military spending. It also considered dollars generated from flights in and out of DAB, and dollars spent in the community by airport passengers. The impacts of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Daytona International Speedway were also included in the calculation.



**Aviation & Economic Resources Director Cyrus Callum** mentioned that airport’s strategic location and prime real estate to assist in job opportunities and local business development. More information is available on **FDOT’s Aviation Economic Impact Study webpage.**





## New State Laws Began July 1....per recent legislative session.....

Gov DeSantis approved Fees in Lieu of Security Deposits legislation which authorizes

landlords to give tenants the option of paying a security deposit in monthly instalments....instead of charging some hefty \$3000 upfront deposit, tenants can pay it in monthly installments.

*Hopefully, this will help many of our paycheck to paycheck working people able to move into a rental unit.*

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### Fla's Sales Tax Holiday runs through Labor Day weekend.

Tax Free Items include:

- Outdoor recreation items for camping, fishing.....kayaks and canoes.
- Boating/water activity supplies.
- Museums, sporting event, theater tickets.
- Entry to state parks.
- Kids' toys and athletic equipment.

It's part of the FY 2023-24 budget and also includes a permanent sales tax exemption for baby and toddler items such as diapers, cribs, and strollers. It also includes a one-year sales tax exemption for gas stoves..

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**Interests of Foreign Countries** (SB 264) prohibits investors from "countries of concern": Cuba, Venezuela, North Korea, Russia, Iran and Syria from purchasing agricultural land in Florida, or land within 10 miles of a military infrastructure facility.

However, it's being challenged in court by a group of Chinese citizens who argue it's a violation of their constitutional rights, as well as the Fair Housing Act.



The County hosted 6 community listening sessions in Ormond, Deland, Deltona, New Smyrna Beach, Port Orange and Daytona Beach regarding Transform386. This is related to the \$328.9 million Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) from the US Dept of Housing Urban Development (HUD).

Transform386 is intended to guide the County's restoration/revitalization plans related to Hurricane Ian. These HUD funds can be used for roads, bridges and stormwater systems, housing, with priority given to assisting low- to moderate-income households. Based on citizen input, the county will develop an action plan on how to use these funds.

Input received from these meetings/surveys, will be used to draft an Action Plan outlining the intended use of the funds. The draft plan is expected to be published in August. Look for the next Public Hearing on August 24, County Admin Bldg, Deland.

The FINAL plan must have County Council approval before being submitted to HUD. County staff anticipates the plan being approved by the end of 2023. Stay tuned.....



## State Budget/Economic News.....

**Gov DeSantis** has signed an early paydown of \$400 million of the state's debt through the Debt Reduction Program (part of the FY 2023-24 State budget). It reduces state debt by accelerating the bond payoff thus avoiding \$34 million in interest costs.

**NOW SOMEWHAT RELATED TO THAT.....Florida CFO Jimmy Patronis** reported that **CNBC ranks Fla as the nation's top economy.**

**Patronis** ALSO mentioned the \$400 million debt paydown helps Fla keep that perfect AAA bond rating for 5 years while maintaining more than \$15 billion in reserves.

It further stated Fla's housing market is well-balance. Price appreciation is the fastest in the nation at around 15%, while construction activity is strong, and foreclosures are minimal. IT DID point out that affordability is an issue, and the insurance market is dicey.

2022 GDP Growth - 4%    Job Growth - 4.9%

Check out debt numbers on page 17.



**State CFO Jimmy Patronis** announced that more than \$31 million in unclaimed property was returned to Floridians during the month of

June....try it yourself.. go to [Fltreasure-hunt.gov](http://Fltreasure-hunt.gov)

**2022 - Volusia County had \$301 million wealth influx. It's the amount of Adjusted Gross Income from people migrating INTO the County.**

**Space Florida CEO Frank DiBello** has led the state's aerospace economic development entity since 2009.....**He WAS set to RETIRE June 30 but he's agreed to stay on until a new CEO is in place.** He reported Space Florida has brokered deals that added \$2.7 billion worth of state infrastructure since 2011. Among other duties, Space Florida assists companies with financing in the state, in addition to arranging launch pad leases from the Cape Canaveral Space Force Station..



14 applicants have applied to fill the position. Last week, a Space Fla Board committee has whittled the CEO search to 3 individuals:

- **Col. Rob Long**, commander of Space Force's Space Western Launch at Vandenberg Space Force Base.
- **Dale Nash**, who retired in 2021 as CEO Virginia's Commercial Space Flight Authority.
- **Space Force Maj. Gen. John Olson**, the Mobilization Assistant to the Chief of Space Operations at the Pentagon.

Frank was always glad to come to Volusia for speaking engagements and to meet with local business people. Volusia is gonna miss Frank!

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### 1st Step Shelter update.....

Dec. 2019 – June 2023

- 948 People have been at the Shelter
- More than 198,000 Meals Served
- 490 Residents Housed (52%) 90% of those housed at least
- two years ago are still in housing
- 621 Residents total with income (66%)
- 275 found jobs
- more than 3,100 have stayed in the Rose Ann Tornatore Safe Zone
- average length of stay 50 days...you don't want someone out there for 6 months to a year.....

THIS place is working.....thanks to their board of directors and exec **Victoria Fahlberg**.....

Next Board meeting August 28, 4 PM at the Shelter on US 92..for more information, check out [www.firststepshelter.org](http://www.firststepshelter.org)

**Volusia Matters'** August 2 program includes **local/state news**....

[CLICK HERE](#) for **Podbean Podcast**

[CLICK HERE](#) to list on **Apple Podcast**

**SPECIAL Episode 27** includes **Volusia Matters news**.....

*More Volusia Transform 386 News  
Update of New State Laws  
County Sets TRIM Property Tax Rate  
Meeting Dates for your calendar  
City/County Updates*

Volusia's Coalition for the Homeless is reporting more homeless living on the streets. In west Volusia, **Neighborhood Center CEO Waylan Niece** heads up efforts in Deland including their Bridge Shelter (this is similar to the 1<sup>st</sup> Step Shelter in DB). Last year, their 30-bed shelter served 336 individuals for short-term durations. BUT sadly to say..... there's a long waitlist for men and women seeking beds in the shelter.



This past January's point-in-time count by the Homeless Coalition found that DeLand had 147 unhoused individuals followed by Orange City with 29 then Deltona with 23. The overall Point in Time Count estimated that Volusia has just over 1000 homeless individuals...that counting east Volusia numbers. I take part in the count each year and recommend others to get involved next January.



## New County Staff Appointments.....



**Michael Ryan** is the **County's new Community Information Director**.....taking over for **Kevin Captain** who now heads Emergency Medical Services. With over 20 years of experience, he began as Director of Communi-

cations Director for Flower Mound, Texas and later became Communications Director for St. Johns County. He also owns Creative Communication Strategies. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Communications/Journalism from University of Texas.

**Clint Mecham** as the **County's new Emergency Management Director**. A former firefighter, he

later became Emergency Management Director for Salt Lake County, Utah. He has extensive experience in responding to emergencies/natural disasters in other parts of the nation. He has numerous emergency management certifications as well. Glad to have on board Clint!



**Bradley Burbaugh** is the **County's new Community Services Dept Director**. He was previously



Resource Stewardship Director connected with the ECHO and Volusia Forever programs. He'll be taking over for Dona Butler (see next article).

He earned a PhD in Agricultural Leadership from Virginia Tech and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of North Fla.

Former Community Services Director **Dona Butler** has been put in charge a new **Recovery and Resiliency Office** i.e. the **Transform386** project which

will manage a \$328 million federal hurricane recovery HUD grant. Dona has had numerous assignments with the County in past years and was most noted for leading the The Path Forward - Affordable Housing Initiative which was accepted by County Council in July, 2022.



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Here's a **recent rundown from Fla Chamber's Score Card**.....a compilation of vital economic statistics.....

- Fla Sales Tax Revenue.....\$3.8 billion per month...this is the amount of sales/use taxes collected each month
- Fla had 9,388 housing starts in April...a slight decrease from March. And 23,334 house sales....a slight decrease from March.







**Fla Dept of Transportation’s (FDOT) project to improve roadway safety along East Intl Speedway Blvd from the bridge to Atlantic Ave is under construction.**

Traffic is being redirected to facilitate roadway widening and construction of a storm drain system. FPL and TECO are completing utility work.

There WILL be SOME traffic chaos in the area for a while but be patient. The final outcome will be well worth it. I’d like to recognize the Daytona Regional Chamber and the ISB Corridor Committee for garnering local entities to expedite this project. River to Sea TPO and City of Daytona Beach played major roles. You may not remember but ERAU agreed to postpone a road project on Clyde Morris Blvd in order to expedite this project on the priority list.



**July 5 - Daytona Beach City Commission Moved Forward on Redistricting** as they heard from **Consultant Al Hill** on population shifts in the City with a 9% increase to 71,000 residents.

The City overall plan is to

- keep approx 12,000 voters in all 6 districts
- keep minority populations intact
- keep special interest neighborhoods intact

With this in mind, **Commissioner Stacy Cantu’s** Zone 4 saw residents moved into surrounding districts with the realization of many NEW residents moving into Zone 4 in the next year or so.

Look for future updates on this matter.

**Daytona Beach Mayor Derrick Henry** outlined his strategies for improving public safety along Seabreeze Blvd. With limited availability of FDOT-approved poles, he wants to expedite the placement of \$100,000 city-owned high-tech security cameras AND is asking business owners to partner



An example of what the city-owned quad-lens cameras will look like...each providing a 360-degree view.

with the city to put cameras on their property while waiting for the installation of city cameras. **Zone 2 Commissioner Ken Strickland** provided \$80,000 (allocated from his Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund) and **Mayor Henry** will contribute \$20,000 for the project as a means to deter crime and assist law enforcement.

FPL will also provide brighter LED lighting fixtures on Seabreeze to better illuminate crosswalks from Halifax to Atlantic avenues. Henry also discussed extended hours permits allowing bars, nightclubs/lounges remaining open until 2 AM. 13 businesses on Seabreeze Blvd and Grandview Ave currently have extended hours permits. He wants to review requirements and work with businesses to possibly add more measures.



## US Army Corps of Engineers

US Army Corps of Engineers WILL SOON BE conducting a feasibility study OF THAT chronic flooding in the Daytona Beach's MID-TOWN NEIGHBOR-

HOODS. THIS is typically a 6-8 month process since the city is receiving the entire cost of the study from the federal government.

Several months ago, an **CONG MIKE WALTZ** called a Daytona Beach City Commission meeting to announce the study. It appears that all paper work is being completed and the study will hopefully begin soon.

The **Port Orange Planning Commission** recommended approval of the Master Development



Agreement (MDA) and Conceptual Development Plan (CDP) for the Bristol Development Group's mixed-use project at Riverwalk. Bristol has named it **Riveryard**. This 11

acre site on the NE corner of Dunlawton/Ridgewood..... This will provide the framework for the development of ±30,000 square ft of commercial space, waterfront park (performance pavilion, trails, swings/benches, etc.), riverfront bar/restaurant, hotel, 460-multi-family units, parking garage, marina, as well as other amenities. The Riveryard project is set to go before the Port Orange CRA/City Council on August 15.



Last April, **Volusia County** launched a one-year pilot **ReGrow the Loop** program to enhance the beauty of the 30-mile Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail in Ormond Beach.

The county partnered with UF Extension and other local organizations to eradicate invasive plant species, increase native vegetation, attract more wildlife and pollinators, and share information on how residents can protect this area of the county.

For more info, go the [Volusia.org](http://Volusia.org) and type ReGrow the Loop or contact Sheila Hutchinson at 822-5778

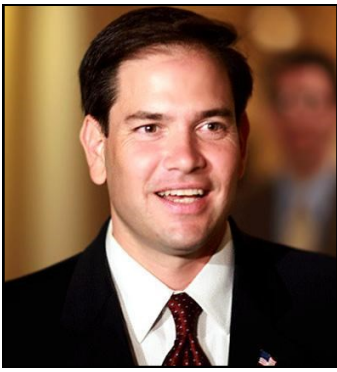


The **Daytona Beach City Commission** approved a measure to relocate their downtown Farmer's Market from **Magnolia Ave** to the **Riverfront Esplanade**. DDA cited declining attendance,

lack of vendors and financial challenges). The Downtown Farmers Market has been operated on City Island and more recently Magnolia Ave for more than 30 years.

With this relocation the Downtown Development Authority DDA is expecting to have more customers, more vendors and more activities to the market. In addition, the market will now operate on Sundays.....the new operations will begin later this month.





Currently, the U.S. Space Force (USSF) is reliant on commercial providers AND as launches increase in the coming years, new authorities are needed to support launch infrastructure to ensure the U.S. AND Fla maintains its leadership in space.

SO.....**Sen Marco Rubio introduced the [Enhancing Spaceport Operations Act](#) to help accommodate the additional launches between USSF and commercial launch providers.**

This legislation would directly benefit Cape Canaveral Space Force Station.

If I'm not mistaken, this is something that Space Fla has been concerned with sometime back.....in other words....we NEED the capacity TO BALANCE MILITARY and commercial launches. Every time I see that smoke trail from a rocket to the south of us, I smell money for central Fla so I like this bill!

July 10 - [Rep Cory Mills](#) was interviewed by Neal Cavuto on *Fox Business*. A member of the House Armed Services Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee, **Mills stated the US needs to bolster its industrial base....."for too long we continue to rely on outside sources for raw materials from adversarial nations like China and Russia"**.



We do not have the capability to provide long-term contracting resources. There was always this mindset that we would just get it abroad."

Mills wants the US to take control of our supply chain, our resources, our raw materials."

Mills also reiterated, "China is expanding out with economic coercion. They are not a competitor."

**Cong Mike Waltz recently called for Congress to establish a special committee on artificial intelligence (AI).**



We need a small/select committee that spans different jurisdictions.....comprised of members who best understand its complexities.....

When it comes to AI innovation and deployment, **Rep. Waltz** saw both sides.

From a safety standpoint, we might need to tap the brakes on this rapidly emerging technology.

But also, slowing down AI innovation, could put the the U.S. at a disadvantage with adversaries – like China.

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**From Axios.....**

**Federal minimum wage** \$7.25...since 2009. If adjusted for inflation, it'd be \$10.24.

**Fla's minimum wage** is \$11.00...and scheduled to increase \$1 each September until it reaches \$15 in 2026.

Three states and 16 cities raised their minimum wage this summer, many of them automatic via inflation adjustments.

**Oregon increased** 70 cents to \$14.20 via automatic inflation adjustment. Portland's wage went up to \$15.45.

**Washington D.C.'s** wage increased via inflation adjustment to \$17.

**Nevada increased to** \$11.25 per legislation.

**Connecticut's** wage increased \$1 to \$15.

**Inflation adjustments** happened in 12 California cities.....

- San Francisco (\$18.07),
- Los Angeles (\$16.78)
- West Hollywood (\$19.08), highest in US

## Summary of Live Local Act SB 102

Aims to provide more affordable rental units and affordable housing purchases.

It includes new items for affordable housing.....

- Adds \$811 million in total funding including \$150 million a year to the SAIL and SHIP programs over 10 years.
- Florida Hometown Heroes program provides \$100 million to help law-enforcement, hospital workers, firefighters buy homes with down payment assistance. It was increased from \$25,000 to \$35,000
- Provides up to a \$5,000 refund for sales tax paid on building materials used to construct an affordable housing unit funded through the FHFC.
- Creates a new tax donation program to allow corporate taxpayers to direct certain tax payments to the FHFC, up to \$100 million annually, to fund the SAIL program.

Private sector to encourage private sector development by instead of paying a portion of your corporate and insurance tax premiums. You can donate to SAIL which is helping to develop affordable housing.

### THREE DIFFERENT PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

- Exemption for property owners who can offer affordable housing and extremely low income or very low income or both
- An exemption for land, owned by nonprofit, for at least 99 years as affordable housing for extremely low to moderate income families
- Authorizes local option for property tax exemption to the property owners who dedicate units for affordable housing to extremely low or low income Floridians

Missing middle exemption, property tax exemption for new or recently rehabilitated of elements that set aside at least 70 current market rate units into affordable units.

Local governments cannot regulate the use density or height (with some exemptions) of affordable housing development if they propose a rental project that is multi family or mixed use residential. So if the project is built for affordable housing.....a developer can forgo some local regulations.

Encourages the use of public property for affordable housing and allows for expedited permits.

No more rent control

Makes local government post online/advertise their local government owned property that could be suitable for affordable housing projects.



## Candidates update.....

**Municipal Election**  
(8/22/2023) (11/7/2023)

**Ponce Inlet Council Seat 3**  
[Arun Iyampilia](#)  
[Henry Skip White](#)

**Port Orange Council Dist 2**  
[Tracy Grubbs](#)\*  
[Sara Soule Jones](#)

**Lake Helen Mayor**  
[Vernon Burton](#)  
[Kelly Frasca](#)  
[Cameron Lane](#)

**Lake Helen Zone 1**  
[Heather Rutledge](#) elected

**Lake Helen**  
[Lynda Donato](#) elected

**Ponce Inlet Mayor**  
[Lois Paritsky](#) - re-elected

**Ponce Inlet**  
[Gary Smith](#) - re-elected

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

**Supervisor of Elections**  
[Lisa Lewis](#)

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

**Sheriff**  
[Mike Chitwood](#)\*

**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](#)

**New Smyrna Beach Mayor**  
[Fred Cleveland](#)\*

**Orange City Mayor**  
[Councilmember Kelli Marks](#)  
[Councilman William O'Connor](#)

**Ormond Beach Mayor**  
[Jason Leslie](#)  
[Susan Persis](#)

**Ormond Bch Commission Zone 3**  
[Barbara Bonarrigo](#)  
[Kristen Deaton](#)

**US Congress - House District 7**  
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[Pastrana, Allek](#) (DEM)

**Fla Senate District 7**  
[George Anthony T Hill](#) (DEM)  
[Gerry James](#) (REP)  
[Tom Leek](#) (REP)

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[John Navarra](#) (DEM)  
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**Fla House Dist 29**  
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**Fla House Dist 30**  
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[Justin Albert Davis](#) (DEM)



## Daytona Regional Chamber's Candidate Bootcamp— POSTPONED

Anyone interested in running for political office needs to learn certain aspects of campaigning, and what's expected of a candidate. **Elections Supervisor Lisa Lewis,**

campaign managers, and elected officials will share what to expect when running for local, state, and congressional office.

For more info, call Chamber Advocacy Director **Shawn Richmond**, 386.255.7174.





**FITCH DOWNGRADES US' LONG-TERM RATINGS FROM "AAA TO AA+"**

Fitch Ratings agency stated, “over the last 20 years, there has been a deterioration in governance standards regarding fiscal/debt matters i.e. the June bipartisan agreement to suspend the debt limit until January 2025”.

These repeated debt-limit political standoffs and last-minute resolutions have eroded confidence in fiscal management. Tax cuts and new spending initiatives have meant successive debt increases over the last decade.

And....there’s been only limited progress in addressing rising social security and Medicare costs due to an aging population.

Fitch’s downgrade might signal Wall Street’s concerns about political chaos/debt limit squabbles that’s becoming commonplace in Washington.

Still, the nation’s economy is performing well. **Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen** called the downgrade “arbitrary” and is based on old data.

**SO...what does this mean?** Some investors who are required to put money only in AAA-rated securities may need to look elsewhere potentially nudging up interest rates. Most economists believe that what the Fed does at its September 19 -20 rate-setting meeting will have a bigger effect on US borrowing costs.

Still, there’s growing concern about political polarization, over federal spending which could mean another debt limit impasse in Washington and threaten [another government shutdown](#).

Future downgrades by Fitch or other two agencies could threaten America’s fiscal health.


**Fitch is one of three major credit ratings firms, along with Moody's and S&P Global Ratings.**

**In 2011, S&P downgraded the US credit rating amid a debt-limit standoff — the first time the US was removed from a list of risk-free borrowers. Fitch’s downgrade is the second in US history**

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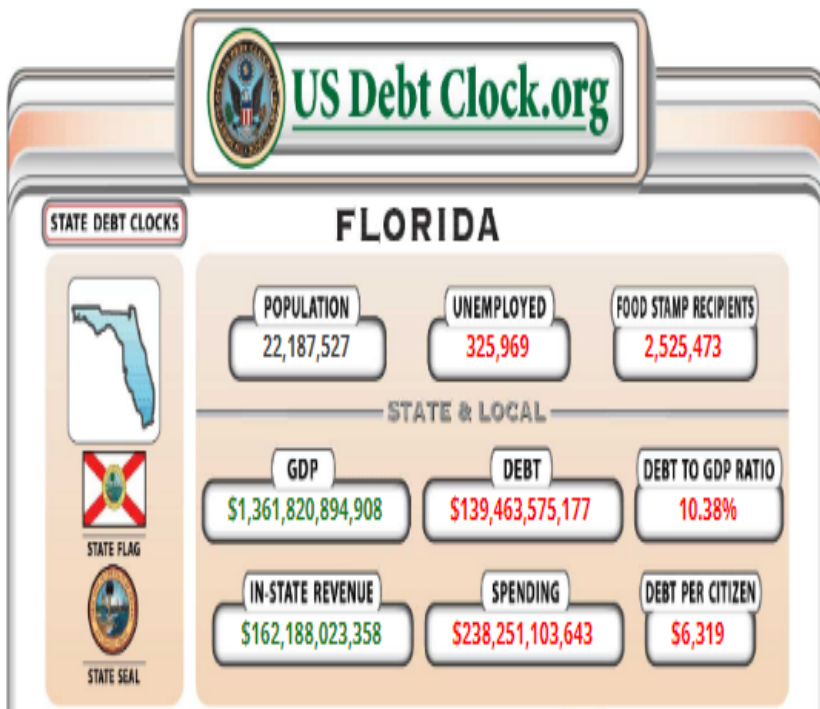
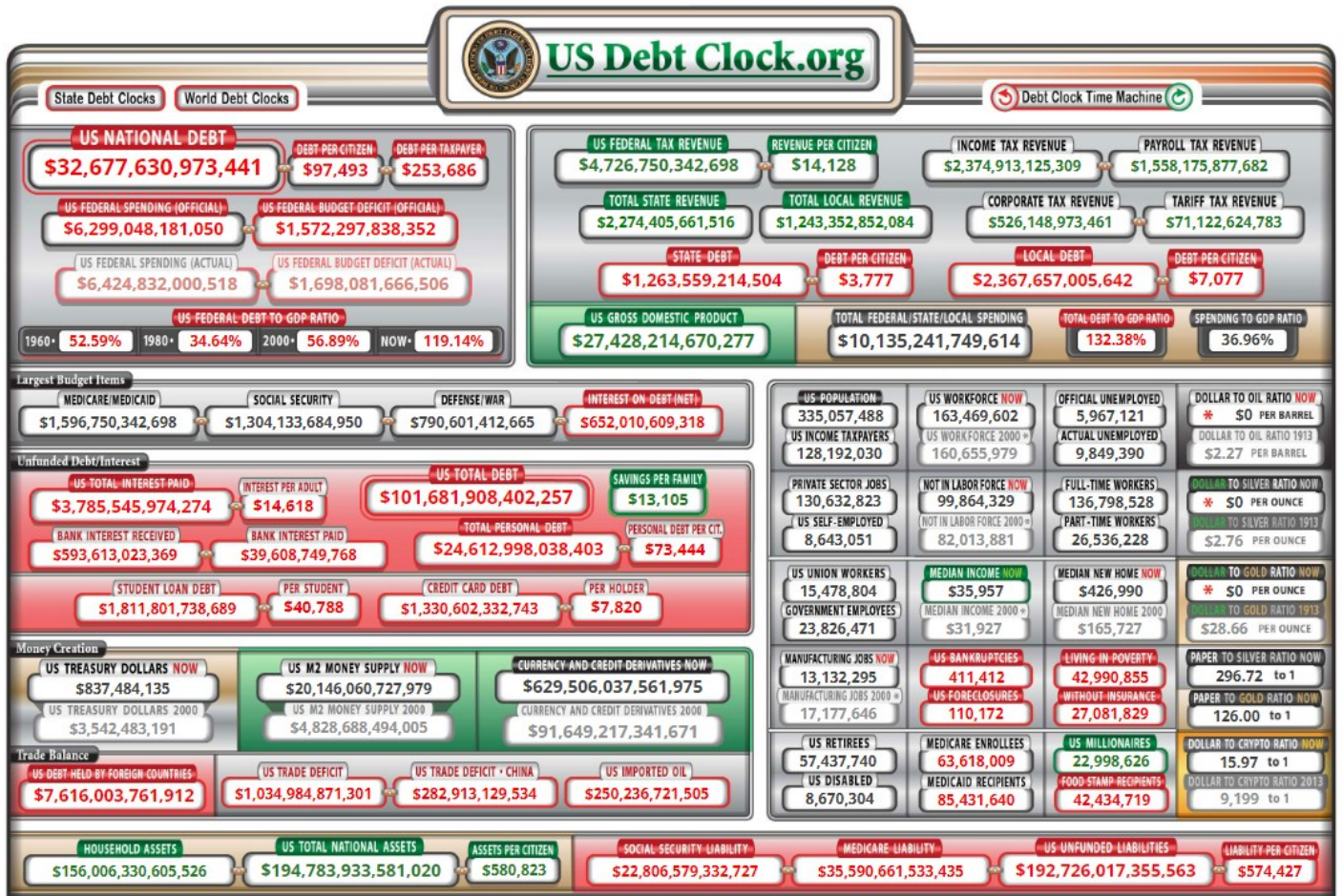
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....when my daughter, Holley was little and wanted something....she'd say, "you don't need money Dad, just write a check."

These amounts recorded at 3:45 pm August 3.....are continuous.....



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# VOLUSIA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

## Session - March 7 - May 5

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**Volusia Matters**

Host: Jim Cameron

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



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**Local Government Budgets.....**

Now that **Property Appraiser Larry Bartlett** has announced property value estimates for 2023, local government staff will now begin drafting budget numbers for FY 2023-24

Local entities are already hosting budget workshops and will be in the next few weeks.

Meanwhile, look for my FY 2023-24 Local Government Budget and Tax Matrix next week

## Local Government Links

[Click here](#) for a FY 2023-24 Tax Rate/Budget Matrix.

[Volusia County Council](#)

[Daytona Beach City Commission](#)

[Ormond Beach City Commission](#)

[Port Orange City Council](#)

[Holly Hill City Commission](#)

[South Daytona City Council](#)

[DB Shores City Commission](#)

[DeBary City Council](#)

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[Ponce Inlet Town Council](#)

[School Board of Volusia](#)

[River to Sea TPO](#)

August 1- 9 am/ 15 - 4 pm Admin Bldg

August 2, 16 - 6 pm City Hall

August 1, 15 - 7 pm City Hall

August 1, 15 - 6:30 City Hall

August 8, 22 - 6 pm City Hall

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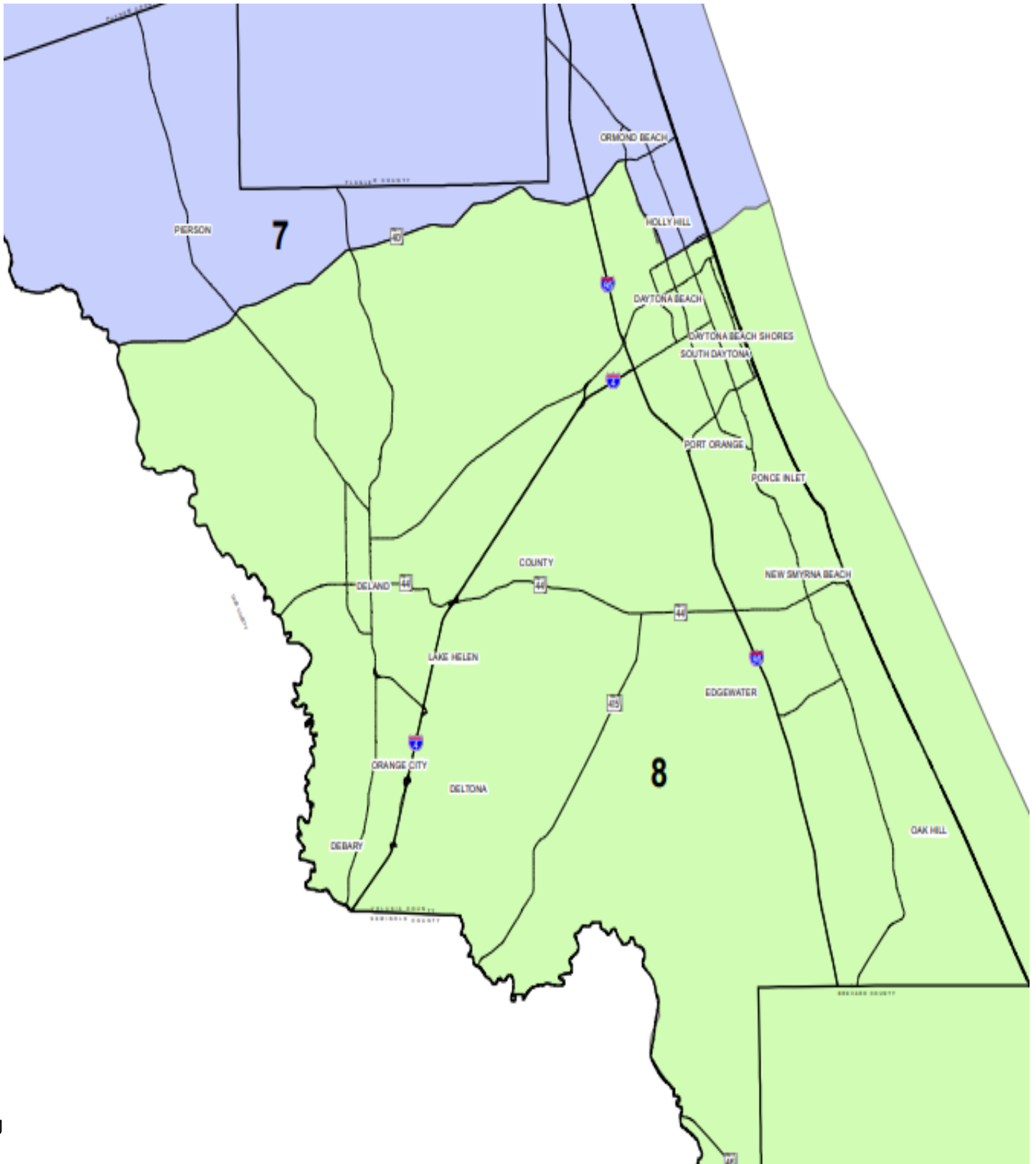




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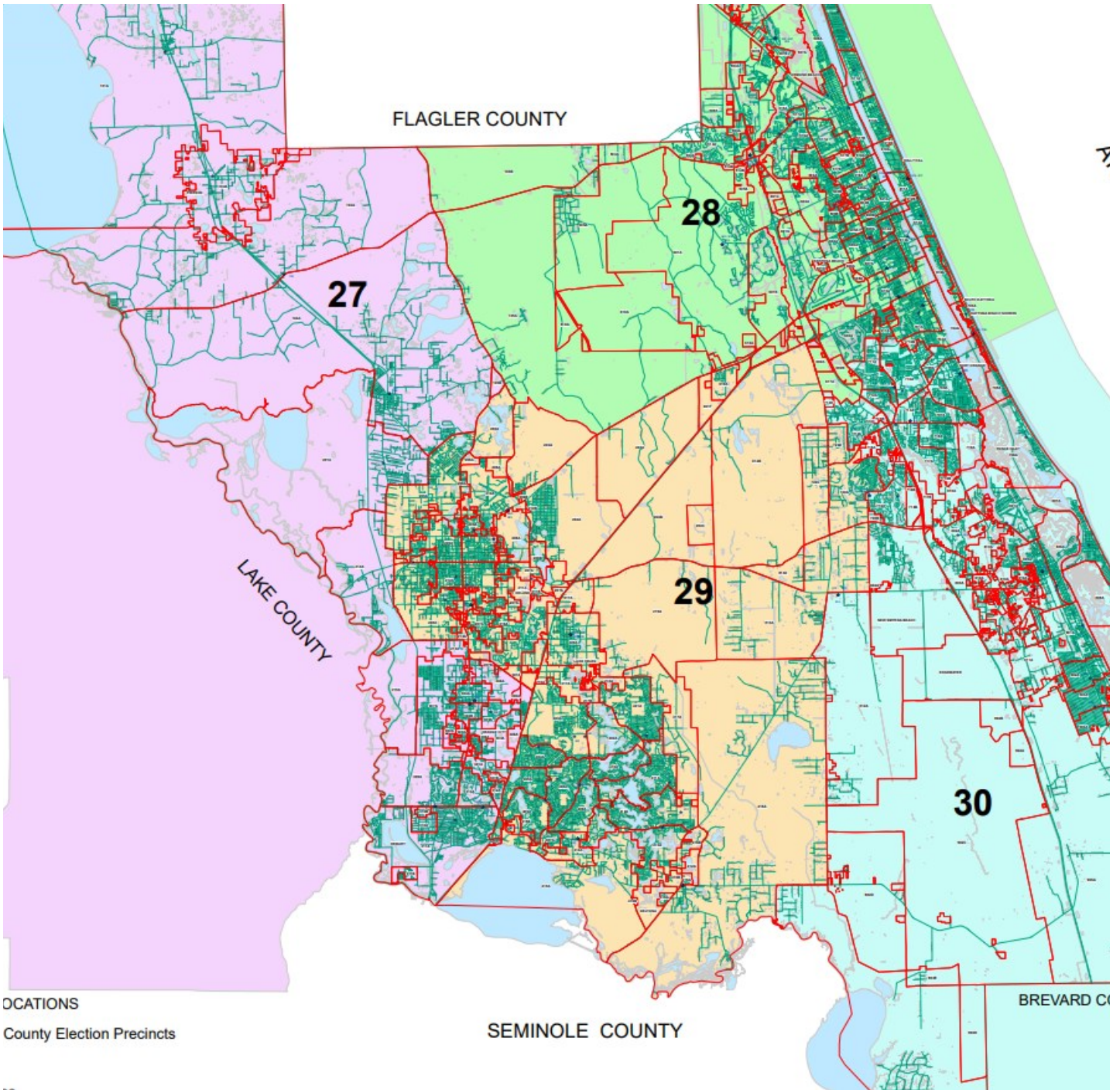
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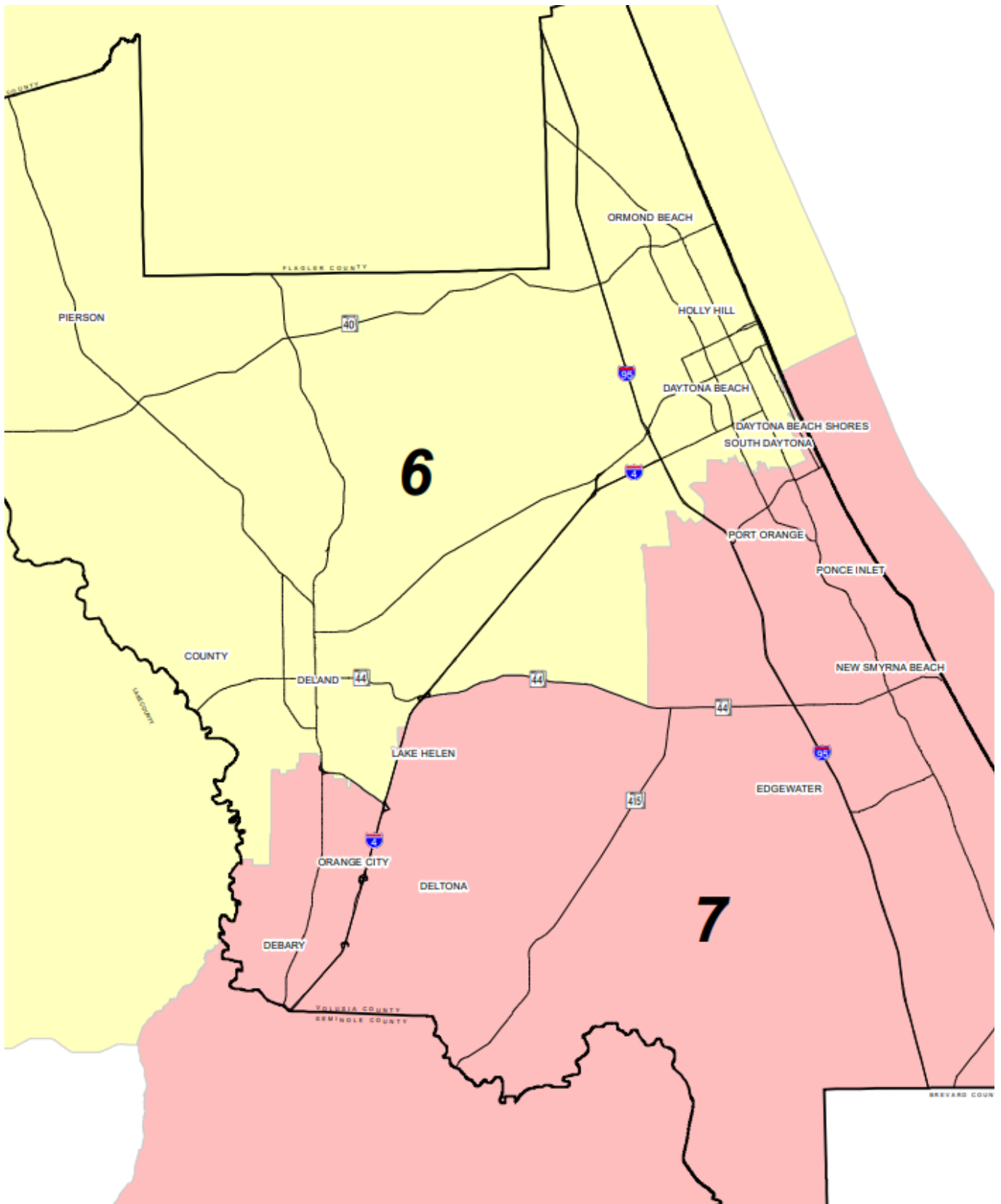
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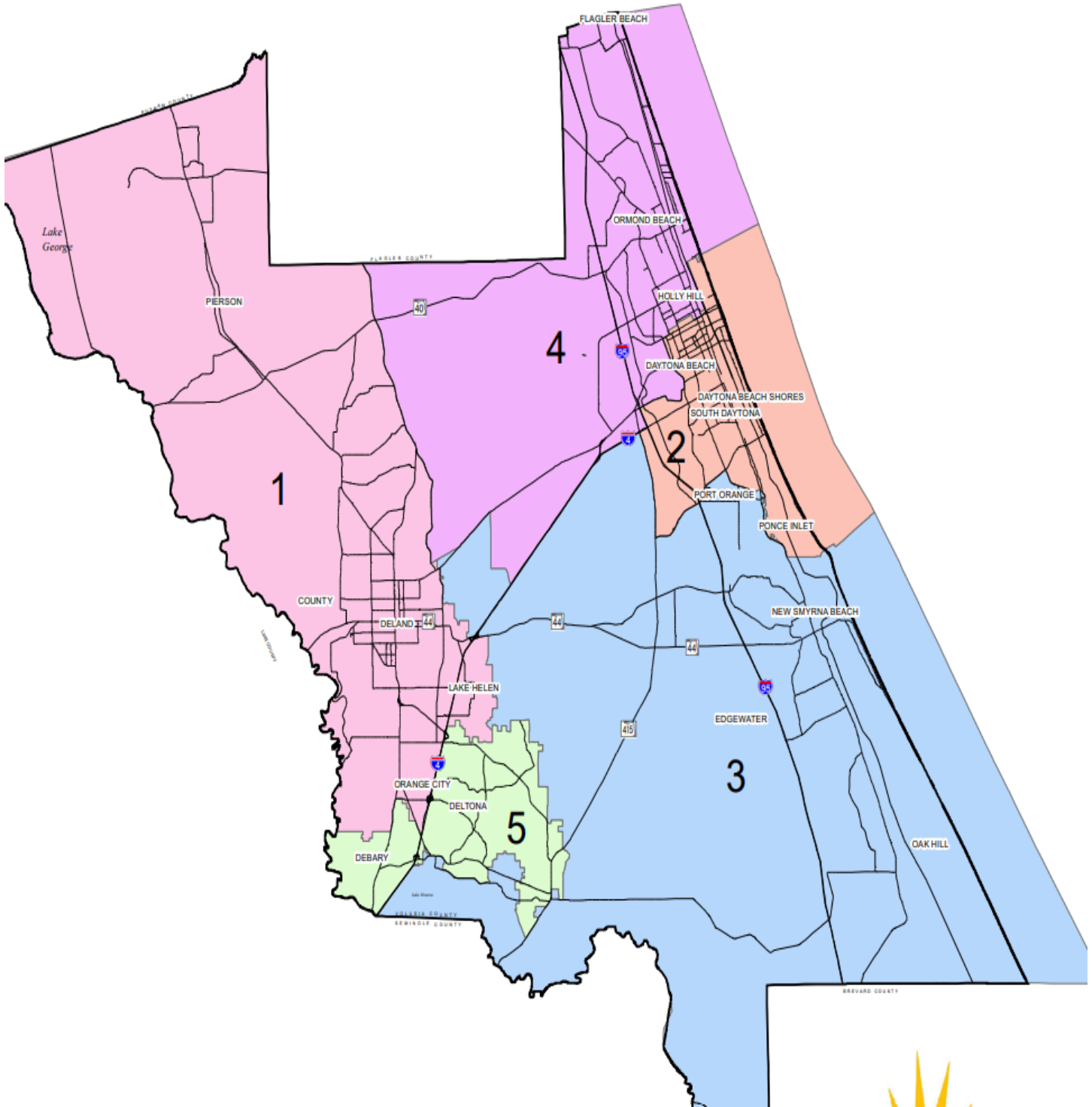
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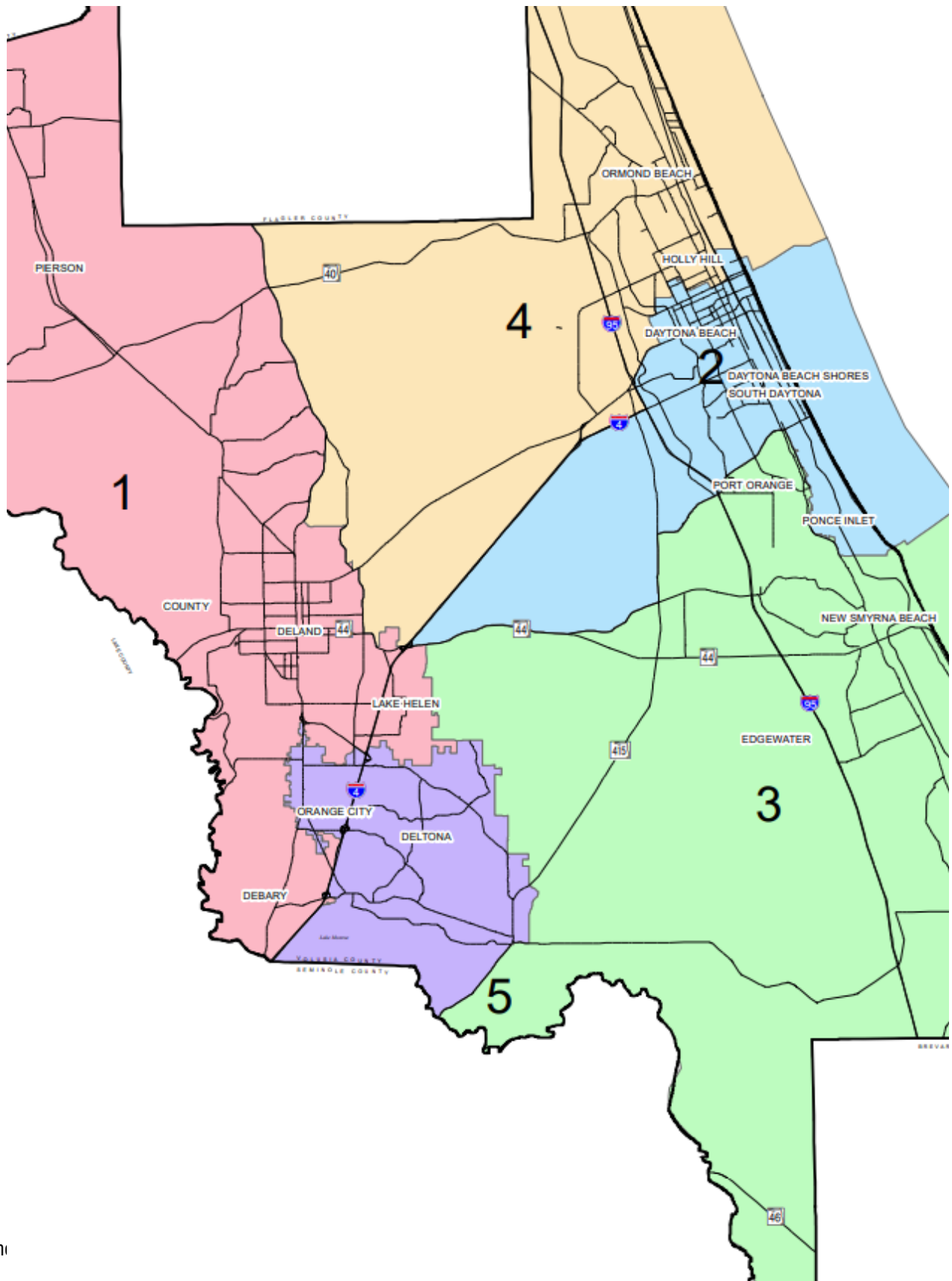


## Volusia County Council Districts



# Elections 2022

## 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

**Jayson Meyer** - The Four Steps to the Epiphany by Steve Blank

**Chris Bailey**—Wool by Hugh Howey

**Scott Vanacore** - Built to Last by Jerry Porres and Jim Collins

**Abbas Abdulhussein** - Comfort Crisis by Michael Easter

**Alhadi Abduhl**—Essays of Warren Buffet

**Amanda Thorpe**— President's Club Nancy Gibbs

**Ammie Olsen** - The Body Keeps the Score by *Blessed Van De Kolk MD*

**Amy Dunn**—Never Split the Difference Chris Voss

**Ana Taylor**—Four Winds by *Hanna Kristen*

**Ana Ventura**—Disney Ride of a Lifetime by Bob Iger

**Anne Ruby**—Demonization of Middle Aged Women by Victoria Smith

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

**Antonio Antinori** - Epoch Times

**Barb Girtman**— Magic of Thinking Big

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

**Mayor Bill Hall**—A Tree the Grows in Midtown

**Mayor Bill Partington** - Mornings on Horseback by David McCullough

**Billie Wheeler** - Sold on Monday by Kristina McMorris

**Bob Apgar**—The Brethren by John Grisham

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

**Bob Fitzsimmons** Vanishing American Adult by Ben Saase

**Bob Williams** - Essential Physics by Sabine Hossenfelder

**Brandon Young** Bringing Up the Boss by Racheal Pacheo

**Brook White**—Le Corps Expéditionnaire Français En Italie, 1943-1944

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

**Charlie Lydecker** - My Story by David Grohl

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

**Colby Allman**— Rich Dad Poor Dad by Robert Kyosaki

**Chris Tolland**—House Advantage by Jeffrey Ma

**Dale Ketchum**—Spies by Caulder Walton

**Dan Francati** - Rational Bible by Dennis Prager

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

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

**David Batten**— Roosevelt's War War within WWII

**David Santiago** - Believe In People by Charles Koch

**Deb Dolbow** - When God Winks by Squire Rushnell

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

**Deric Feacher** - Everybody Matters by Bob Chapman and Raj Sisodia

**Mayor Derrick Henry**—Finding Me by Viola Davis

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

**Ed Kelley** — Day of the Panzer by *Jeff Danby*

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

**Erica Benefield** - Think & Grow Rich by Napoleon Hill

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!



**Ernie Audino** - Guns of August by Barbara Tuchman

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

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

**Fred Guzman** - Vikings by Ben Hubbard

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

**Gary Kreisler** - The Whistler by John Grisham

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

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

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

**Greg Snell**—Biography by Thomas Edison

**Hardy Smith** - The Real Madrid Way Steven Mandis

**Harold Briley** - Out Book of Awesome by Neil Pasricha

**Jake Johannsen**- How to Save the West by Spencer Klavin

**Jami Gallegos** - The Power of Knowing What You  
Don't Know by Adam Grant

**Jay Suarez**—Forever Young by Mark Hyman

**Jayne Fifer**—The Fourth Turning is Here Neil Howe

**Jeff Brower** - Dirt to Soil by Gabe Brown

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

**Jessie Thompson**—Where the Red Fern Grows by  
Wilson Rawls

**Judge Jim Clayton**—The Reckoning by John Grisham

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

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

**Joe Forte** - Future of Work by Thomas Malone

**John Danio**—Into the Groove from TinFoil to Vinyl

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

**Joni Hunt** - Smart Brevity by Mike Allen

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

**Joseph Faith** - Start up Nation by Dan Senor

**Joyce Shanahan**—Human Element by Loren Nordgren

**Kerry Karl** - The Hobbit by Tolkien

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

**Kelli Consentino**—Think & Grow Rich by Napoleon Hill

**Kent Sharples** Fever in the Heartland by Timothy Egan

**Kevin Purucker** Opening Chase by Cap Daniels

**Kevin Reid**—Wool by Hugh Howry

**Larry Bartlett**—Think Again by Adam Grant

**Larry McDermott** - 2034 by Elliott Ackerman

**Loretta Arthur** – Themann Hesse Fairy Tales by Her

**Lori Toland**—Gospel of Mark and Psalms

**Lois Paritsky**—The Defense Never Rest by F Lee Bailey

**Mark Watts** - Forces of Nature by Clay Henderson ; Let My  
People Surf by Yvon Chouinard

**Mary Bennett**— True Blue by Stephen Friend

**Mary Greenlees** - Violence Project by Jillian Peterson

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

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

**Sheriff Mike Chitwood**—Code Breakers

**Mike McLean** - The Courage to be Free by  
Governor Ron DeSantis

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

**Mike Scudiero** - Hour of the Assassin by Matthew Quirk

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

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

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

**Randy Hartman**—Forces of Nature by Clay Henderson

**Ray Sanchez** - Turtles All the Way Down by Mary Holland

**Rep Webster Barnaby** - All in Authority by Ralph Drollinger

**Richard Bryan** - Eat Drink Be Healthy Walter Willit

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

**Rob Merrell**— *A New Earth* by *Eckart Tolle*

*Travis McGhee* by *John McDonald*

**Randy Hartman**— Forces of Nature by Clay Henderson

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

**Roy Johnson** Book of Job

**Mayor Santiago Avila** – Facing Your Giants by Max Lucado

**Shawn Richmond** Woke by Vivek Ramaswamy

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

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

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

**Stan Escudero** - The Courage to be Free by  
Governor Ron DeSantis

**Steve Sather** The Courage to be Free by *Gov Ron D eSantis*

**Susan Persis** - The Island by Elin Hilderbrand

**Susie Dolan** - Eat That Frog by *Brian Tracy*

**Tami Kozinski** - Code 6 by James Grippando

**Ted Rover** - Punching Waves by DJ Kadagian

**Tom Coriale** - Do What You Said You Would Do by Congressman  
Jim Jordan

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

**Toni Hunt**— The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren

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

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

**Vic Baker** - Tucker by Chadwick Moore

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

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

**Jim Cameron**—1619 Project



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### **Volusia School District has 87 schools**

- **45 Elementary**
- **12 Middle**
- **11 Alternative / Special Center**
- **9 High**
- **7 Charter**
- **2 Combination**
- **1 District Virtual Instruction Program**

**The School District has over 61,400 students, over 7,600 employees, Fla's 14th largest district.**

