



Volusia Matters Newsletter

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July 2024

June 15 - Gov DeSantis signed a \$116 budget for FY 2024-25.....less than last fiscal year—which reflects a reduction in overall state spending.

Tax savings -

- \$289 million....four sales tax holidays
- \$450 million.....toll relief for commuters, discounted tolls for SunPass drivers
- \$502 million.....one-year exemption on taxes, fees for Homeowners Insurance Policies
- \$200 million....My Safe Florida Home Grants to help homeowners wanting to fortify their homes to reduce insurance premiums, make properties less vulnerable to wind damage.

Education

- \$1.25 billion.....salary increases for teachers....a \$202 million increase over last year

Economic Development

- \$75 million...Job Growth Grant Fund, projects to support local public infrastructure
- \$80 million.....tourism marketing through VIS-IT FLORIDA
- \$175.2 million.....State Small Business Credit Initiative, provides small businesses access to capital to grow their business.

Affordable housing.....

- \$174 million....State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program
- \$234 million....State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) program
- \$100 million...Hometown Heroes Housing to assist first time homebuyers with down payment/closing costs

- \$17 million.....a \$5000 signing bonus for first-time law enforcement officers in Fla

Environment....

- \$535 million....targeted water quality improvements to reduce nutrients in key waterbodies across the state
- \$100 million.....Fla Forever Program for land conservation and recreation.

PLUS.....\$17 billion.....budget reserves.

Infrastructure

- \$5.2 billion to maintain/construct new highways, adding **140** new lane miles;
- **\$1.8 billion** to resurface roadways/fill potholes.
- **\$382 million** to repair 72 bridges and replace another 15.
- Intermodal projects \$334 million for airports, \$109 million for seaports, \$960 million to support transit/freight rail.

DeSantis vetoed \$949.6 million out of the budget (86% more than last fiscal year's vetoes - \$511 million).

Volusia County vetoes included

- General Revenue Vetoes: \$13,714,282
- Trust Fund Vetoes: \$600,000
- Total Vetoes: \$14,314,282

Since Gov DeSantis took office, the State has paid down over 36% of its overall outstanding tax-supported state debt AND maintains a AAA credit rating



June 11 - **VCARD's Real Estate Values Forum**

Property Appraiser Larry Bartlett stated Volusia's property values increased this year 7%.....slightly lower than last year's 15% increase. Overall value of property in Volusia rose to \$104 billion, the highest ever. It's apparent that Volusia STILL has "high demand and low "inventory. Supply is low due to increased mortgage rates.....thus high demand."

While home sales are plentiful cost of property insurance has become a factor.home prices remain high. Volusia's ocean front hotel values climbed 13.7 %

2024 new construction totaled \$1.7 billion and top cities projecting increase in value are:

- New Smyrna Beach 6.8%
- Orange City 7.3 %
- Daytona Beach 8.7 %
- Deltona 5.2 %
- DB Shores 10.4
- Ormond Beach 5.2 %
- Port Orange 5.9 %

Market rents in Daytona Beach area included

- \$1800 for three bedroom apartment
- \$1475 dollars for two-bedroom
- \$1100 for one bedroom
- \$980 for studio

Bartlett said, "increased values, new construction should result in lower millage rates. When values are up, the millage should go down...taxes are either going to be less or stay the same, because we have more properties to spread the property tax burden.

June 11— **Gov Desantis** was in **Daytona** as part of **ERAU's** announcement of their partnership with the **Boeing Company** that will bring **400 high-paying jobs, through 2026**. New employees at this



facility will perform engineering work for their Defense, Space and Security aircraft programs and advanced technology capabilities.

Boeing will lease the Cici and Hyatt Brown Center for Aerospace Technology, located in ERAU's Research Park.

By year's end, Boeing has committed to employ 200 highly trained workers with the other 200 roles are set to be filled over the course of 2025-2026. These jobs will pay an estimated \$100,000 to \$150,000.

This project was made possible due to a \$25 million donation from **Hyatt and Cici Brown**.

Hyatt Brown—"Our focused mission, now and in the future, is economic enhancement of entities in Volusia County that positively affects the quality of life for all our citizens. ERAU and other fine academic institutions are economic growth engines that augment and embellish local median family incomes and prepare citizens for productive, sustainable and visionary careers for generations to come."



Holly Hill has a new Police Chief

Holly Hill city officials have hired **Byron Williams** as their new police chief.



City Manager Joe Forte stated the decision came as the result of discussions and due diligence by an interview panel.

Williams has more than 24 years of law enforcement experience with the DBPD and has been captain for their Criminal Investigation Division for the past 2 years.

We look forward to working with you Byron!



NSB Police Chief Eric Feldman expects a busy July 4th Holiday but doesn't want a repeat of last year's situation.

"A lot of kids coming over from Central Fla on the Fourth of July and they didn't all behave". He is warning that their youth curfew will have no exceptions over the next several days and to look for signs coming into town that there is a curfew."

NSB PD is also scanning social media sites for unapproved "pop-up events"... they've warned an organizer that was planning something in Pettis Park on Saturday that an emergency special event zone just north of Lytle Ave has been authorized.

Daytona Beach Police Dept Seeking Recruits

DB PD serves/protects 70,000+ residents as well as visitors with 246 officers in their ranks. **They are currently seeking additional officers.**

DB PD ranks in Volusia's top tier in regards to pay and benefits. They also provide the opportunity to part of a specialized unit i.e. SWAT, Narcotics, Criminal Investigation Division, Police Motors, Marine Unit and K-9 Unit.

To complete the Police Recruit application, go to the [Daytona Beach Career Portal's website](#).



You must also....

- Pass the [Fla Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test](#).
- Pass full background check, polygraph exam, physical agility test and health physical.
- Complete a panel interview and writing assessment.

Sponsorship Program Applicants must sign an agreement with the City to complete 3 years of service. Sponsored applicants get paid \$19.06 per hour with full health benefits while attending DSC's Basic Law Enforcement Academy complete with tuition, books, and uniforms. Sponsorships are limited.

Anyone interested should complete the online application [The City of Daytona Beach Career Portal's website](#) and attach the following documents:

- Birth certificate/Proof of U.S. Citizenship
- Copy of Social Security Card
- Copy of Driver's License
- Highest Educational Diploma
- DD-214 (Prior Military)
- CJBAT results

Any questions? [Email their Recruiting Office](#) or call 671-5407. Know of someone? Pass this on.....



Fla Constitutional Amendment 5

Fla homeowners can currently reduce the assessed value of their home by \$50,000 which then reduces their property tax burden.....a \$300,000 home would pay taxes on \$250,000.

Amendment 5 would increase that \$50,000 exemption, consistent with the rate of inflation. If the consumer price index is up 4%, homeowners would see a similar increase in their homestead exemption, further reducing their tax burden.

However, this could mean cities and counties, could see a reduction in revenues, raising concerns about maintaining county services like police, fire and libraries. However, non-homestead properties would not see a tax cut.



My Safe Florida Home is accepting applications for wind mitigation inspections. The program provides up to \$10,000 in matching grants to homeowners for improvement projects i.e. roofs, garage doors, exterior doors, and windows to strengthen homes against hurricanes which can save homeowners money on their home insurance policy.

CFO Jimmy Patronis anticipates the entire \$200 million will be spent and prioritized in 15-day increments....based on age and income categories.

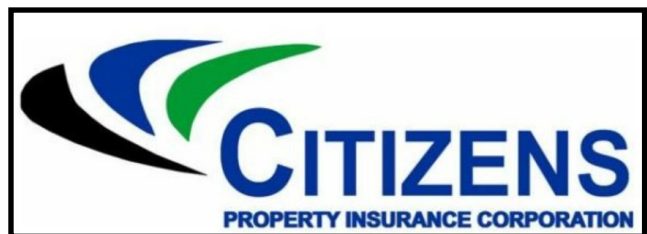
Citizens Property Insurance Bd has proposed 13.5 % rate increase to ensure actuarial soundness and financial stability, influenced by legislative reforms and cost adjustments.

The Bd's decision considered reinsurance costs for significant storm events, despite Citizens' limited purchase of reinsurance for primary commercial policies

The Insurance Information Institute have reported that nine companies have filed for rate decreases and 10 have filed for flat rate increases. So that ought to increase competition which should hopefully drives down premiums.

The board unanimously approved the proposed rate changes, which will now undergo further analysis before final implementation in 2025.

The Florida Legislature has continuously aimed to bring in more private sector property casualty underwriters in order to reduce dependence on Citizens.



Citizens officials again stated those 2022 legislative reforms has significantly lowered litigation rates.

Claims leading to litigation dropped from 50 percent in 2015 to 10 percent in 2023, thus making the private insurance market more competitive.

Those reforms facilitated the transfer of policies from Citizens to private insurers that have been approved by the Office of Insurance Regulation Reducing Citizens policy count has decreased the State's risk exposure by \$55.6 billion, enhances financial stability and protects all Fla insurance customers from potential surcharges if Citizens cannot cover claims after a disaster.

New Veterans Memorial Plaza

Volusia County broke ground on the new \$1.2 m Veterans Memorial Plaza adjacent to the Tom Staed Veterans Memorial Bridge in Daytona Beach.....it'll serve as a tribute to those individuals who've served and made sacrifices for our nation.

funded through a collaboration of resources including Volusia County ECHO Grant, the Daytona Beach Recreation and Facilities District, and donations from Veterans Memorial Plaza Inc.

Personalized bricks with veterans' names engraved at the front of the plaza are available for purchase. For further details on purchasing a brick, go to www.VolusiaVeterans.com

Project Design was completed by Dredging & Marine Consultants. It should be open before the end of the year with a celebratory ribbon cutting.



June 4 - Ormond Beach City Commission began planning for \$25 million in capital improvement projects for next fiscal year.

Their proposed Capital Improvements budget from 2024 to 2029 is \$164 million and will be spent on public art, replacing police vehicles, reconstructing their Sports Complex softball fields, design for a new \$50 million police station/emergency operations center..... \$45 million for water and wastewater projects.

Over \$85 million of the revenue to be used for the projects comes from bonds /leasing. The city is also seeking \$31 million in grants and \$19 million in property tax revenue; a tentative millage rate will be set by the City Commission on July 23, for FY 2024-2025. Public hearings for the tax rate will then follow.

Need to Know Election Dates.....

Early voting for the August Primary Election will be August 10 - 17, 8:00 to 6:00 PM.

Deadline to register/change party affiliation for Primary Election is July 22
Deadline to register for General Election is October 7

Early voting locations are.....

- Elections Supervisor Office DeLand
- Florence Little Town Hall in DeBary
- Center at Deltona on MLK Blvd in Deltona
- Ormond, Daytona, NSB Regional Libraries
- Lakeside Community Center in Port Orange

For more info, go to www.volusiaelections.gov



The County launched a newly redesigned Connect Live web portal July 1, to assist residents and businesses applying for building permits. It will streamline the entire process by making it more user-friendly.

Growth and Resource Management Director Clay Ervin. "This is all part of our ongoing efforts to improve customer service and streamline operations



with the end user in mind."

Existing accounts will remain active with all previous data and records intact, eliminating the need for users to create new accounts. Starting July 1, users can access the updated portal directly at www.connectlivepermits.org



June 25 - **Republican Greg Lopez won a 4-way race for Colorado's 4th Congressional District special election with 57% to finish what's left of former GOP Cong Ken Buck's term.**

Why is it important?with resignations, the House Republican Democrat margins were getting pretty close.

However, Lopez is only to hold the seat until the November election....however, the District is pretty much a safe Republican district.

The current party count in the US House is

- **Republicans: 220 members**
- **Democrats: 213 members**

2 Vacancies (1 Democrat seat in NJ and 1 Republican seat in Wisconsin)

Tax policies of Joe Biden and Donald Trump regarding businesses:

Biden has indicated he wants to rescind several of President Trump's tax initiatives i.e. raise the corporate tax, which affects small businesses, from 21% to 28%.



Many individual provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act are temporary and expire after 2025 unless Congress takes further action.

Then President Trump passed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), a major tax reform law, in 2017 which is set to expire in 2025 absent an extension.

Biden's administration has stated they will permit the TCJA to expire if they retain the presidency which would also end the current 20% deduction of qualified income for pass-through businesses.



Pass-through businesses report their earnings through the owners' individual income tax returns, thus many small businesses would thus be taxed at higher rates.

Corporate Tax Rate:

Trump's 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act lowered corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21% which benefited large corporations, and indirectly helped small businesses operating as C-corporations. TCJA indirectly benefited pass-through entities by reducing individual tax rates.

Biden: aims to raise the corporate income tax rate to 28%, which is closer to the pre-Trump rate of 35%.....also proposes a minimum 15% tax for corporations, ensuring they pay at least that amount regardless of tax breaks. Raising the corporate tax rate to 28% may affect larger small businesses structured as C-corps. However, many small businesses operate as pass-through entities (such as S-corporations, partnerships, or sole proprietorships), and their owners report business income on their personal tax returns. Biden's individual tax rate increase could impact small business owners who report business income on their personal returns

Deductions and Credits:

Trump: Tax Cuts and Jobs Act introduced various deductions and credits that could benefit small businesses, such as the Section 199A Qualified Business Income Deduction.

Biden's proposals include expanding certain tax credits (like the Child and Dependent Care Credit) that could indirectly benefit small business owners.



What is the status of Social Security?

- Social Security has been running an annual deficit since 2010 i.e. collecting less in revenue than it pays 65 or older, blind, or disabled.

- have limited income and resources.
- be either a US citizen or national, or noncitizen in one of the certain alien classifications granted by Dept of Homeland Security (DHS).

pay out in benefits. Social Security operates as a pay-as-you-go system. Current workers' Social Security taxes fund benefits for current beneficiaries. *Any left-over funds go into the Social Security trust fund.*

From 1984 to 2009, Social Security ran a surplus, BUT this surplus was borrowed by the rest of the government, and Social Security received special Treasury bonds in return.

Since 2010, Social Security has run an annual deficit. It redeems the bonds held in the trust fund to pay full benefits.

When the federal government repays those bonds, it borrows from the public to obtain the necessary funds.

In summary, Social Security's reliance on Treasury bonds contributes to the federal deficit and national debt.

Social Security benefits can extend to individuals who are not retired:

Lawfully Present Noncitizens: Lawfully present noncitizens in the US who meet eligibility requirements can qualify for Social Security benefits. Also applies to noncitizens authorized to work in the US with a Social Security number obtained after December 2003.

Permanent legal residents/noncitizens with work visas may be eligible for Social Security benefits.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI):

SSI is different from regular Social Security benefits. It's based on financial need and age or medical condition, rather than work history. SSI eligibility is not tied to retirement. Some noncitizens may qualify for SSI if they meet specific criteria.

Eligibility varies based on individual circumstances.

To qualify for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), you must:

- be a resident of one of the 50 States, or DC
- not be absent from these areas for a full calendar month or for 30 consecutive days.
- not be confined to an institution (hospital or prison) at the government's expense.

Applying for any other cash benefits/payments for which you may be eligible (pensions, Social Security benefits) is necessary.

Providing permission to Social Security Admin (SSA) to contact any of and request financial records about you is required.

Filing an application and meeting certain other re-



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Port Orange Parks Bond Issue

August 20, Port Orange voters will have a bond issuance that, if approved, will provide added revenue to help maintain/enhance City parks and help develop new ones with more recreational opportunities for residents. For more information on the bond and its projects, go to www.poparksbondfacts.com

Since Hurricane Season began June 1, the City is encouraging residents to sign up for online Emergency Alerts and the City's social media pages for updates.

Port Orange Prepares for Rainy Season

The City continues to clear debris from pipes and canals as well as storm drains. Several other cities in Volusia are doing the same....



Now that **Property Appraiser Larry Bartlett** has presented his **FY 2024-25 values**, staff for local entities are now drafting budgets for the upcoming fiscal year which will begin **October 1**.

Look for budget hearings to start soon and **Jim Cameron Consulting** will prepare and email my budget/tax rate chart showing a comparison of city and county **PROPOSED** tax rates, general funds compared to roll-back rates...sometime later this month.

New Smyrna Beach City Commission selected Kevin Cowper as their new City Manager.



Since 2019, Cowper was Dothan Alabama's city manager where he led a large scale City Center Project, and an impressive downtown revitalization plan.

He was also one of the four finalists vying for the position against three other former city managers from Florida and Georgia.

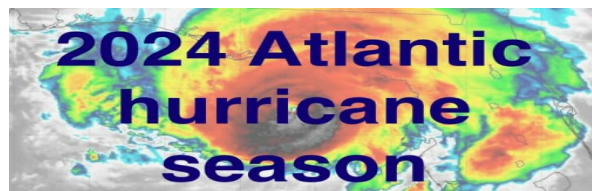
54 candidates applied for the city manager in all. Once a new contract is agreed upon, Cowper will take over for long-time City Manager Khalid Resheidat, who is retiring in August.

Cowper begins work on August 5.



Last March, I mentioned that **New Smyrna Beach City Commission** adopted the temporary moratorium on future development in a section of **Venetian Bay**, as after residents reported severe flooding for more than a year. While the Commission's initial moratorium was to expire on June 25, they've now re-set that moratorium to **Jan 28, 2025**.

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Hurricane Season has begun...Be sure to

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

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



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

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.



The new DeLand SunRail station opens this summer... it'll be 3 miles of the downtown business district (off New York Ave).

VOTRAN staff announced there will be no fixed bus route between the station and downtown.



At the same time, City officials and MainStreet DeLand Association are discussing plans on how to transport SunRail passengers to the city's business district.

Meanwhile, **County Chair Jeff Brower** who is also the chairman of the Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission has suggested VoRide, the county's low-cost curb-to-curb rideshare that uses minivans to transport people requesting rides. It's \$2 a person per trip and is available via the [VoRide app](#).

Brower also said cyclists arriving at the DeLand station, can make use of bike trails.

**First Day of School
Monday August 12**





June 17 - **SunRail debuted new platform ticket vending machines (TVMs)** which will be available on each SunRail platform, with ambassadors to assist people.

Riders with an old yellow SunCard can transfer funds to their mobile ticketing app account or to a new blue SunCard.

The new SunRail Mobile app is free and allows riders to purchase tickets up to one year in advance, reload funds on demand. [SunRail really wants riders to use this new app for ticket purchases but recognizes some people may prefer a physical ticket.](#)

To learn more and to view helpful videos, visit www.SunRail.com

SunRail annual operating revenue/ expenses:

Operating Revenue for SunRail amounts to about \$34.2 million.

Fares paid by riders account for only about \$2.2 million (about 2.5 % of the costs).

Operating Expenses: SunRail's operating costs total some **\$81.6 million** per year.

Thus 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 annual portion will be \$6-7 million???

Governor Vetoes Vacation Rentals Bill

Gov DeSantis vetoed SB 280 - vacation rental bill which would have limited local government's ability to regulate vacation rentals and shift some of that regulation to the state by



controlling licensing, creating more oversight for rental platforms like Airbnb and VRBO, and setting occupancy limits.

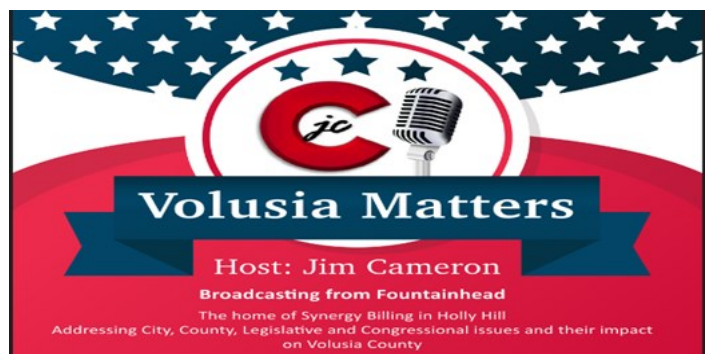
His reasons? It would create "new bureaucratic red tape" and prevent local regulation.

Realtors Assn and League of Cities opposed it while Restaurant and Lodging Assn supported it.

Local company is seeking.....

- **Mechanical Draftsman familiar with Solid Works and Fusion 360**
- **Inventory Control Expediter...a hands on in production position not a computer or purchasing job.**
- **Service Technician**
- **Finish Carpenter / Cabinet Maker**

If you know anyone in these fields that might be looking for a position or looking to change employers...have them call Jim Cameron, 566-2140.



No Volusia Matters Podcast this week. Look for next news and interview podcast on July 9.

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Fla has Strong Economy and Growing GDP

Gov DeSantis stated that Florida's real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew 22% between 2019 and 2024, nearly double the national growth rate of 11.1 percent



during the same frame. Fla has one of the world's strongest economies, with an annual GDP of nearly \$1.3 trillion...leading the nation, with more than 3 million new businesses since 2019 and over 266,000 formed already in 2024.

Fla's private sector job growth increased 2.2 % with construction, education and health services leading with way.



New French fining dining restaurant has just opened at 740 Main St. Daytona Beach. Direct from Paris, France.....proprietor Farah Coopman will be serving delicious French cuisine. I highly recommend that you try it and tell her I sent you.

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

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The **US Supreme Court (SCOTUS)** has declined to hear an appeal in a case challenging the agreement between the Seminole Tribe and Fla's Gaming Compact which allowed mobile sports betting.

This means that Fla's and Seminole Compact will stand.

The Seminole Tribe and the State applauded "the Court's decision to decline consideration of the case involving the Compact"

June 28 - In a **6-3 ruling**, **US Supreme Court** voted to allow cities to enforce bans on outdoor sleeping, even in areas where shelter space is lacking.



This decision overturns a previous ruling by the US 9th Circuit Court of Appeals (San Francisco) that Cities be allowed to regulate encampments but couldn't completely bar people from sleeping outdoors. That Appeals Court also ruled that such bans to be cruel and unusual punishment.

More than 650,000 people are estimated to be homeless, based on a yearly point-in-time survey in 2007.

In March, Deland City Commission approved this same type ban. Jim Cameron Consulting spoke in support. **Deland Mayor Chris Cloudman** stated "It reinforces local decision making over one size fits all legislation."

Last week, in a **6-3 ruling**, the **US Supreme Court** cut back sharply on the power of federal

agencies to interpret the laws they administer..... it changes

the Chevron Doctrine...a landmark

1984 case *Chevron v.*

Natural Resources De-

fense Council, that allowed courts to defer to an agency's interpretation of a statute if Congress hadn't directly addressed the issue.

Basically, if the law was vague, courts would uphold the agency's reasonable interpretation.

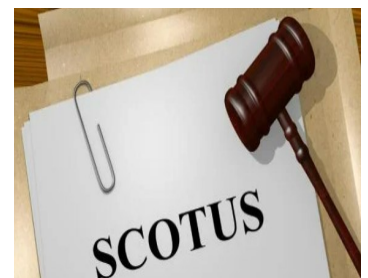
SO....this decision will have far-reaching effects, from environmental regulation to healthcare costs. It curtails the executive branch's ability to interpret laws, giving more say to the judiciary.

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Court's dissent is predicting this ruling would cause a "massive shock to the legal system."

This ruling marks a significant shift in

how federal agencies' interpretations of laws will be evaluated by the courts. It puts more burden on legislators which more specific what laws they approve before a business is expected to adhere to it.



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



Center at Deltona September 27, 7– 11 PM

At this event, the spotlight will shine on wigs, symbolizing the courage and strength of patients who, with unwavering spirit, don these head-pieces in their battle against cancer.

[Click here for Sponsorship Opportunities](#)



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 July 2810am-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.



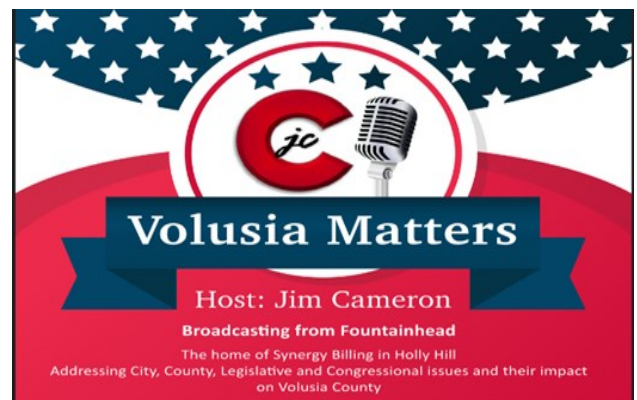
A few months ago, Volusia Matters reported how the County Sheriff's Office did an undercover operation to check out stores that sell vape/tobacco products and found about a dozen to be

in violation of state laws. So **recently, the Sheriff's Office did another undercover operation and found that 11 stores that allegedly sold vape and tobacco products to underage customers.**

As part of the operation, the sheriff's office sent a deputy under the age of 21 to go undercover to several different smoke shops in the area to try to buy nicotine vape products.

Selling tobacco products to people under the age of 21 violates state statutes. Proof of age is required for purchases.

The undercover deputy was able to buy tobacco products from 11 out of 20 locations,. DB PD has been doing these same type operations as well.



No Volusia Matters podcast this week....next news/interview will be July 9

Some friends we lost this past few weeks.....



Rick Banker - in 1977, he began Capo Sunglasses in Ormond. Was active with VMA, chaired the Ormond Beach Budget Advisory Bd, served on Halifax Humane Society, Futures Foundation, Fla Memorial Hospital Boards



Bill Hinebaugh was a community leader, businessman and human resource exec but was best known as Executive Director of the Volusia Literacy Council. He gave 110% for literacy.....



Mary Ann Richardson, owner of the El Caribe Hotel in Daytona Beach for over 40 years; became first woman president of Fla Hotel Motel Assn and was voted by her peers as Hotelier of the Year



Gary Connors was EVP for S.R. Perrott, Inc for 45 years; was Ormond Beach Downtown Revitalization Task Force, Daytona Beach Sports Council, Ormond Beach Rotary, Ormond Beach, and Day-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Registered Voters as of July 1, 2024			
Political Affiliation	Active	Inactive	Total
Democrats	103,538	26,210	129,748
Republicans	155,526	20,758	176,284
No Party Affiliation	98,300	31,802	130,102
Other Parties (Green, Libertarian, etc)	11,572	1,631	13,203
Totals	368,936	80,401	449,337



The Rotary Club Daytona Beach West is commemorating the bravery and sacrifice of our heroes, past, present, and future, who put their lives on the line each day for the greater good.

Their initiative extends recognition to our military, first responders, and individuals who have exemplified heroism. These individuals will be publicly honored by name in a dedicated display.

Sponsored flags will be showcased June 29 - July 7 along the Riverfront Esplanade on N Beach St, Daytona Beach.

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Reggae Sunset Concert on Friday, July 12 Sunset Concert Series with Brothers Within and Tidal Theory at 7:30 PM in the Riverfront Esplanade in Downtown Daytona Beach.

Brothers Within is an organic reggae band out of Daytona Beach Shores. In 2015, with little to no musical talent and a dream, the boys got to work. Between learning to play their instruments and developed an organic relationship that could only be defined as a brotherhood.

Opening act, Tidal Theory is a 5-piece reggae band from Cocoa Beach creating a fusion of Roots Reggae, and Cali Rock. Band members... Andres Pfahl (Vocals, Guitar), Jason Kanoho (Vocals, Guitar), Shane O'Leary (Bass, Guitar), JP Farr (Vocals, Drums) and Kelley B. (Keyboards, Trumpet, Vocals).

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<p>JOB CHANGE</p> <p>Jobs Year Over Year Change</p> <p>222,200 (Positive)</p> <p>Growth Rate</p> <p>2.3% (Positive)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p> <p>Net New Jobs Needed by 2030</p> <p>1.36M</p>	<p>CHILDREN IN POVERTY</p> <p>17.7% (Decreasing)</p> <p><10% 2030 Goal</p> <p>737,567 (Decreasing)</p>	<p>3RD GRADE READING SCORES</p> <p>50% (Declining)</p> <p>110,752 # Not Reading at Grade Level (Increasing)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p> <p>100% 2030 Goal</p> <p>Florida Gap Map</p>	<p>OPEN JOBS</p> <p>397,799 (Declining)</p> <p>361,000 Unemployed Persons (Unchanged)</p> <p>91 Unemployed People per 100 jobs</p>
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<p>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE</p> <p>3.3% (Unchanged)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p> <p>Jobs Year Over Year Change</p> <p>222,200</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p>	<p>STATE OF FLORIDA VISITORS</p> <p>\$105.1 Billion Visitor Spending</p> <p>140.6 Million Visitors</p>	<p>STATE HOUSING STARTS & SALES</p> <p>12,096 Starts (Improving)</p> <p>26,252 Sales (Declining)</p>	<p>POVERTY RATE</p> <p>12.9% (Better)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p>
<p>CONSUMER SENTIMENT</p> <p>73.1 (Declining)</p>	<p>HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE</p> <p>88.0% (Improving)</p> <p>View Statewide Heat Map</p>	<p>SALES TAX REVENUE</p> <p>\$3.528 Billion per Month (Declining)</p>	<p>VOTER PARTICIPATION</p> <p>54% (Declining)</p>
<p>RIGHT / WRONG DIRECTION</p> <p>51%/42%</p>	<p>LAND IN CONSERVATION</p> <p>31%</p>		

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

- July 3, 1 PM Environment/Natural Resources Advisory Committee (ENRAC) Admin Bldg DeLand
- July 9, 9 AM Development Review Bd Admin Bldg DeLand
- July 11, 9 AM ECHO Advisory Committee Admin Bldg DeLand
- July 17, 9 AM Code Enforcement Bd Admin Bldg DeLand
- July 17, 9 am W Volusia Tourism Advertising Authority Main St Deland
- July 17, 2 pm HAAA Bd Daytona Beach CVB 140 S Atlantic Ave Ormond Beach
- July 24, 6 pm Volusia Growth Mngt Commission VGMC Cty Admin Bldg
- July 30 at 5:30 PM District office Deland—Volusia School Bd a tentative budget to set TRIM rates for 2024-2025 school year



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

Clerk of the Court

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

Supervisor of Elections

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

State Attorney

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

Sheriff

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

Public Defender

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

Tax Collector

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

Property Appraiser

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

County Chair

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

County Council District 2

[Steve Miller](#)
[Matt Reinhart](#) *

County Council District 4

[Troy Kent](#) * ELECTED

School Board District 2

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

School Board District 4

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

County Judge

[Rachel Myers](#) * UNOPPOSED

County Judge

[Bryan Feigenbaum](#) * UNOPPOSED

Daytona Beach Mayor

[Derrick Henry](#) * ELECTED

Daytona Beach Commission Zone 2

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

Daytona Beach Commission Zone 4

[Stacy Cantu](#) * ELECTED

Daytona Beach Commission Zone 6

[Paula Reed](#) * ELECTED

DB Shores Commission Seat 2

[Mark Card](#) * ELECTED

DB Shores Commission Seat 3

[Stephen Dembinsky](#) * ELECTED

DB Shores Commission Seat 4

[Michael Politis](#) * ELECTED

DeBary Commission Seat 1

[William Sell](#) * ELECTED

DeBary Commission Seat 2

[Jim Pappalardo](#) * ELECTED

Deland Commission—Seat 2

[Harper Hill](#)
[Charles Paiva *](#)

Deland Commission—Seat 4

[Daniel Reed](#)

Deltona Commission Zone 1

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

Deltona Commission Zone 2

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

Deltona Commission Seat 4

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

Deltona Commission Seat 6

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

Edgewater Commission Dist 2

[Gigi Bennington](#)
[Mike Thomas](#)

Edgewater Commission Dist 4

[Robert Wilkie](#) ELECTED

Holly Hill—Mayor

[John Penny](#) ELECTED

Holly Hill—Dist 1

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

Holly Hill—Dist 2

[Jeffrey Delanoy](#) ELECTED

Lake Helen Commission Zone 2

[Roger Eckert*](#) ELECTED

Lake Helen Commission Zone 4

[Charlene Bishop](#) ELECTED

New Smyrna Beach—Mayor

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

New Smyrna Beach—Zone 3

[Jason McGuirk *](#)
[Larry Westley](#)

New Smyrna Beach—Zone 4

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

Oak Hill Mayor

[Doug Gibson](#)
[Ricky Taylor](#)

Oak Hill Commission Seat 1

[Mark Drollinger](#)
[Steve McGee](#)

Oak Hill Commission Seat 2

[Carrie Werning](#) ELECTED

Orange City Mayor

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

Orange City At Large

[Dana Knight](#) ELECTED

[Anthony Pupello](#) DID NOT QUALIFY

Orange City Council Seat 1

[Harold Grimm](#) ELECTED

Orange City Council Seat 2

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

Orange City Council Seat 3

[Alexander Tiamson*](#) ELECTED

Orange City Council District 4
[Lisa Marie Richardson](#) **ELECTED**

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

Ormond Commission Zone 2
[Travis Sargeant*](#) **ELECTED**

Ormond Commission Zone 3
[Barbara Bonarrigo](#)
[Kristen Deaton](#)
[Dan Dragone](#)

Ormond Commission Zone 4
[Harold Briley*](#) **ELECTED**

Pierson Mayor
[Samuel Bennett](#)
[Gray Leonhard](#)

Pierson Council Seat 4
[Jimmy Anderson](#)
[Sergia Cardenas](#)

Ponce Inlet Council Seat 1
[Bill Milano*](#) **ELECTED**

Ponce Inlet Council Seat 2
[Jair Kessler](#)
[Joe Villanella*](#)

Port Orange Mayor
[Derek LaMontagne](#)
[Scott Stiltner](#)

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

Port Orange Council Dist 4
[Lance Green](#)
[Joseph Mialki](#)

South Daytona Mayor
[Bill Hall](#) **ELECTED**

South Daytona Council
[Eric Sander](#) **ELECTED**

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

Fla House Dist 27
[Ferrari, Andy \(DEM\)](#)
[Richard Gentry \(REP\)](#)
[Stephen Wayne Shives \(REP\)](#)
[Dennis Simpson \(LPF\)](#)
[Beckie Sirolli \(REP\)](#)

Fla House Dist 28
[Joseph Hannoush \(LPF\)](#)
[John Navarra \(DEM\)](#)
[Bill Partington \(REP\)](#)

Fla House Dist 29
[Webster Barnaby* \(REP\)](#)
[Matt Johnson \(LPF\)](#)
[Rosemarie Latham \(DEM\)](#)

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

US Senate
[Stanley Campbell \(DEM\)](#)
[Mucarcel-Powell, Debbie \(DEM\)](#)
[Scott, Rick* \(REP\)](#)

US Congress - House Dist 6
[John Grow \(REP\)](#)
[Richard Paul Dembinsky \(WRI\)](#)
[John David Stockton \(DEM\)](#)
[Michael Waltz* \(REP\)](#)

US Congress - House Dist 7

- [Adams, Jennifer](#) (DEM)
- [Tatiana Fernandez](#) (DEM)
- [Mike Johnson](#) (REP)
- [Cory Mills](#) (REP)*
- [Allek Pastrana](#) (DEM)

Circuit 7 Judgeships

- [Chris France](#) (NOP)* **UNOPPOSED**
- [Rose Marie Preddy](#) (NOP)* **UNOPPOSED**
- [Mary G. Jolley](#) (NOP)* **UNOPPOSED**
- [Linda Gaustad](#) (NOP)* **UNOPPOSED**
- [Leah Case](#) (NOP)* **UNOPPOSED**
- [Elizabeth Blackburn](#) (NOP)* **UNOPPOSED**
- [Chris Kelly](#) (NOP)* **UNOPPOSED**

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

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

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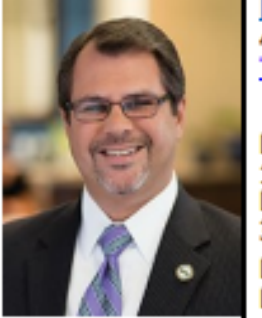
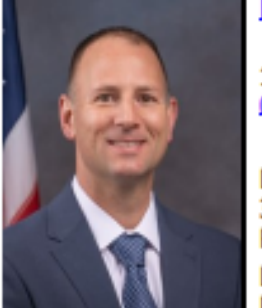
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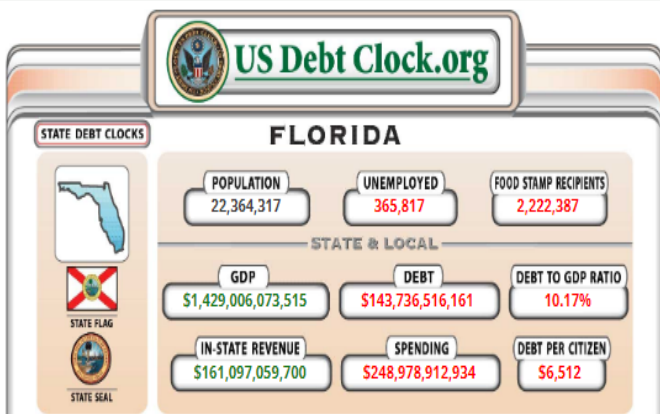
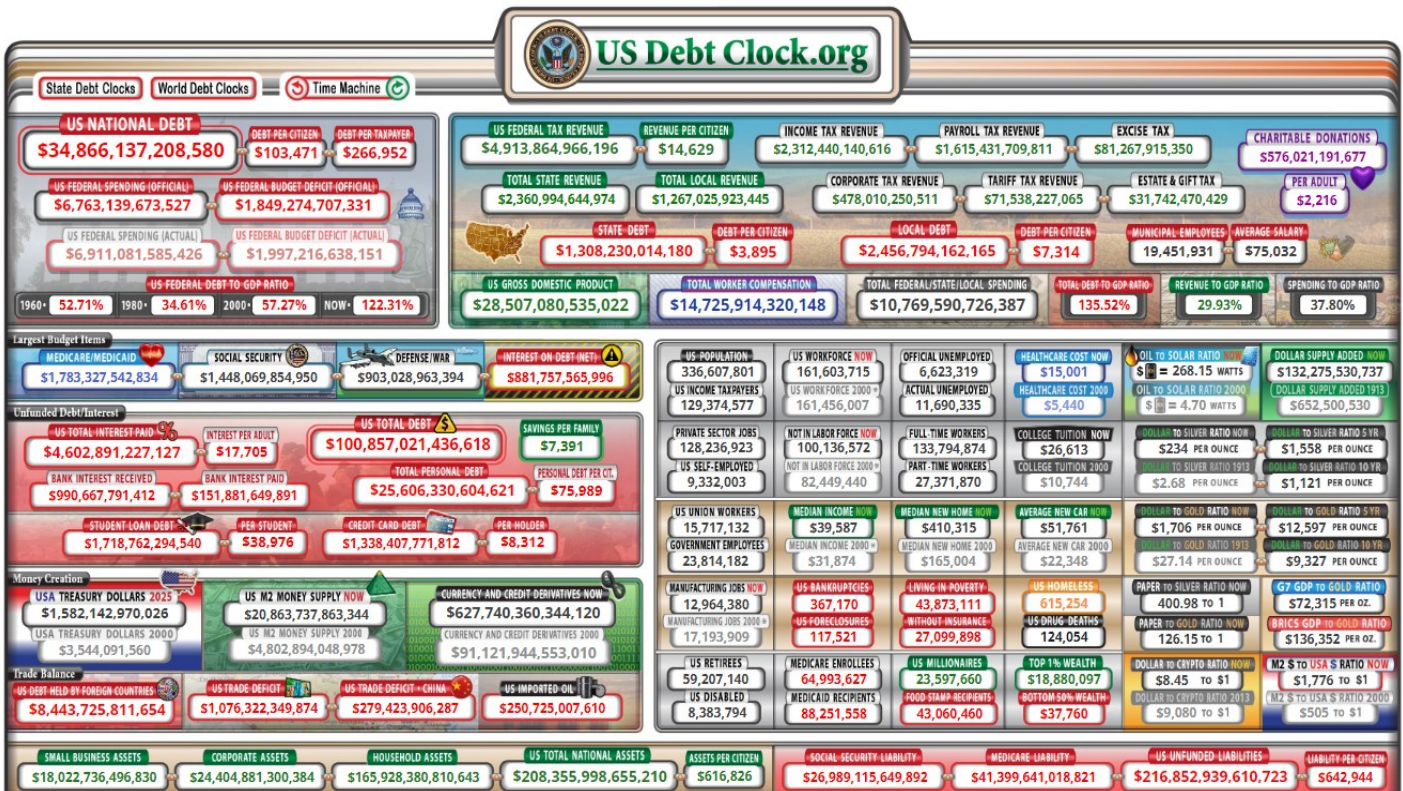
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Projections show the federal government will pay more than \$1 trillion in net interest costs starting in 2029. The recent rise in net interest spending has been driven by higher interest rates.

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

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

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

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

Local Government Links

[Volusia County Council](#) - July 16, 9 am Admin Bldg

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

[Ormond Beach City Commission](#) July 23 - 7 pm City Hall

[Port Orange City Council](#) July 16 - 6:30 City Hall

[Holly Hill City Commission](#) July 9, 23 6 pm City Hall

[South Daytona City Council](#) July 23 - 6 pm City Hall

[DB Shores City Commission](#) July 23 - 6 pm City Hall

[DeBary City Council](#) July 3, 17 - 6:30 pm City Hall

[Deland City Commission](#) July 1, 15 - 7 pm City Hall

[Deltona City Commission](#) July 1, 15 - 6:30 pm City Hall

[Edgewater City Council](#) July 1 – 6:00 pm City Hall

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

[New Smyrna Bch Commission](#) July 23 - 5:00 pm City Hall

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

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

[Ponce Inlet Town Council](#) July 20 - 6:00 pm City Hall

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

[River to Sea TPO](#) No meeting this month



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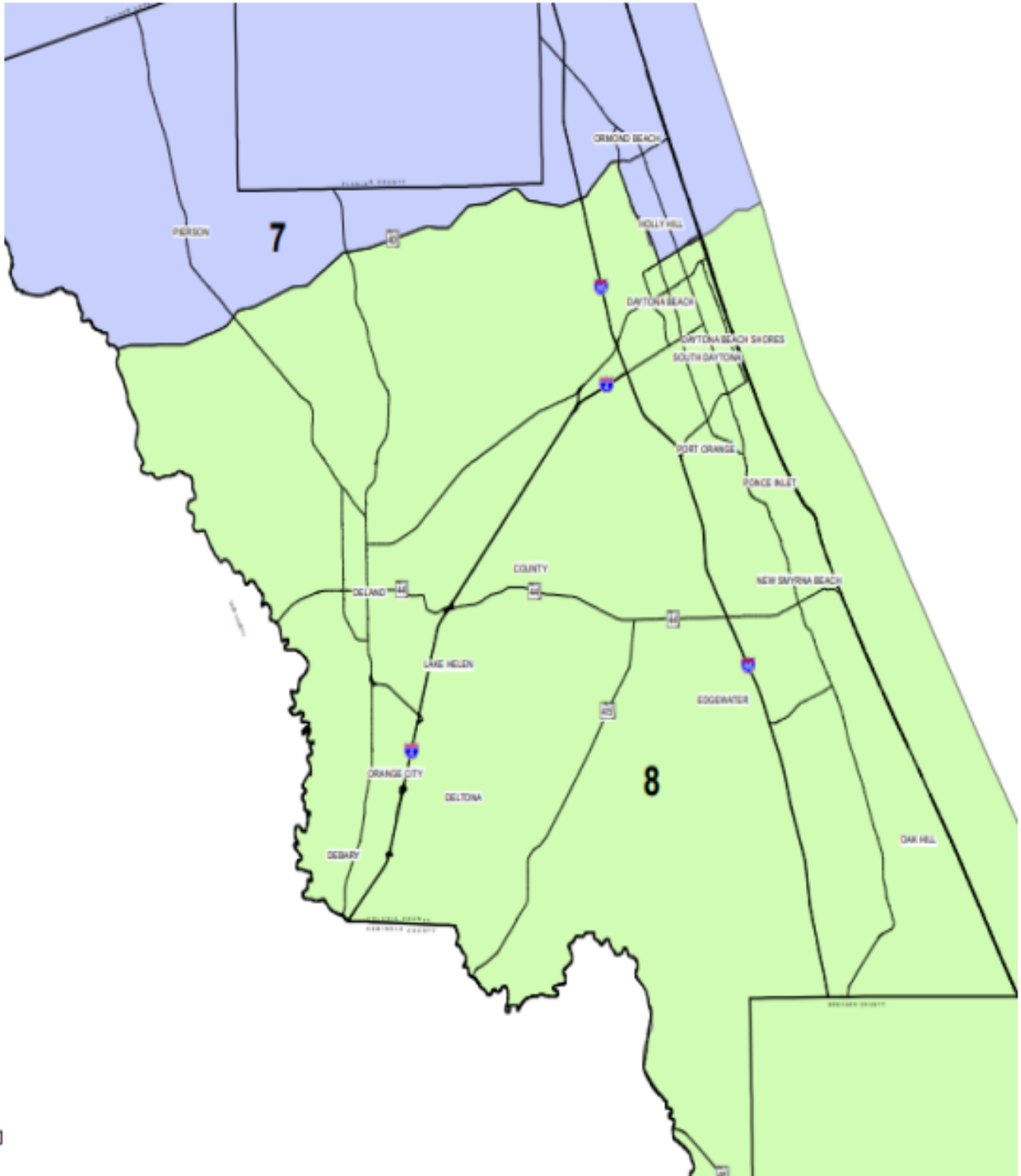
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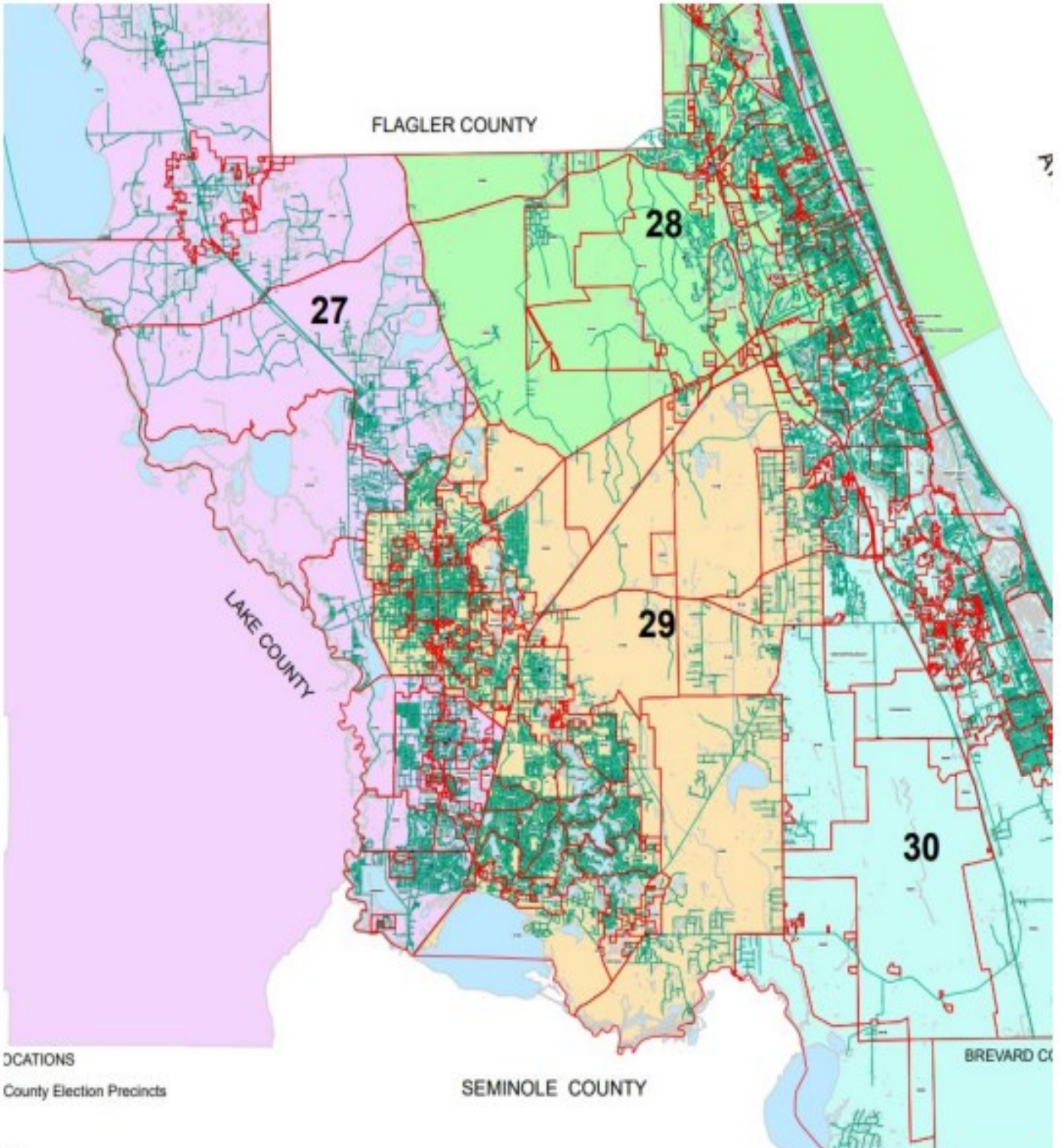
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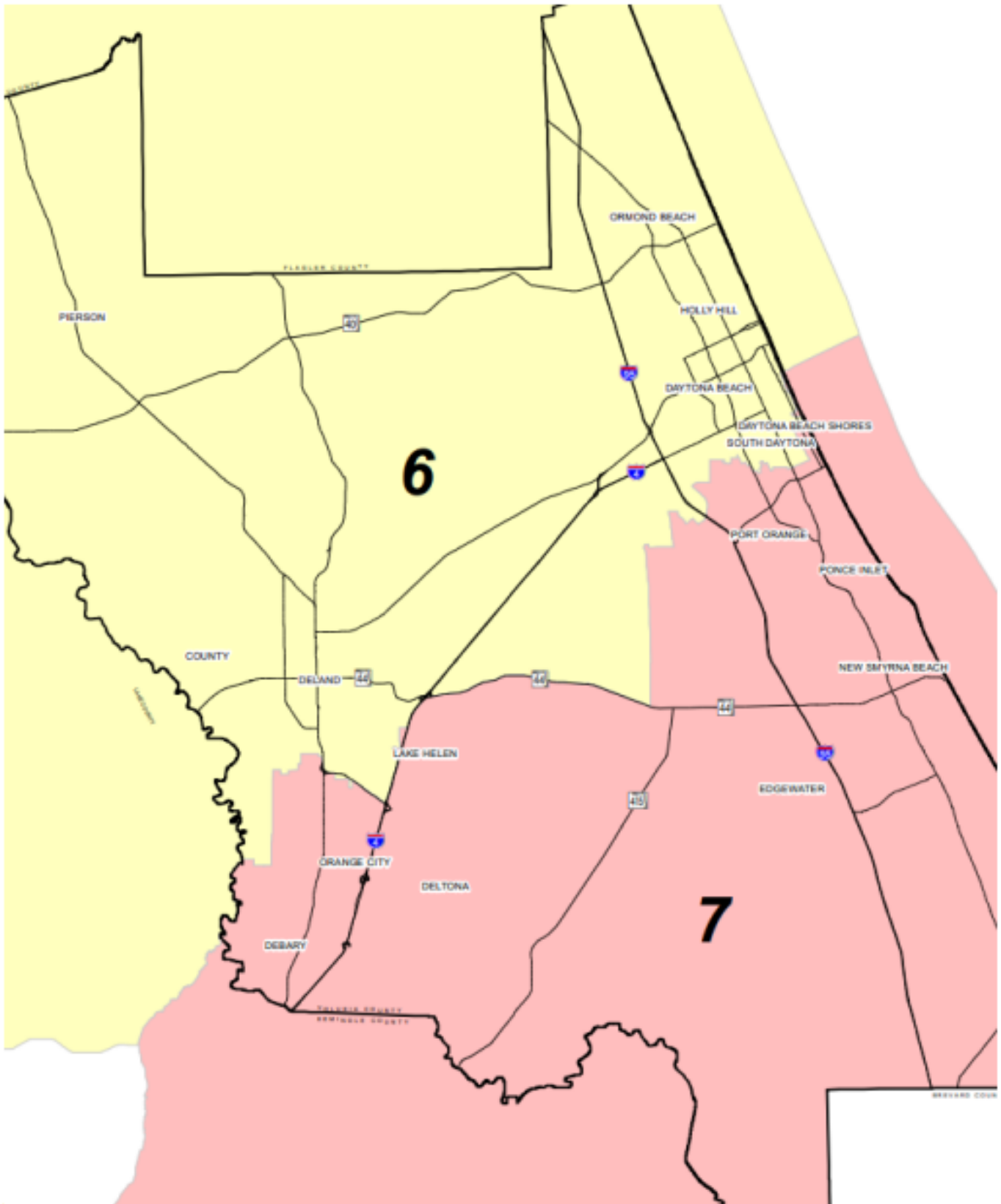
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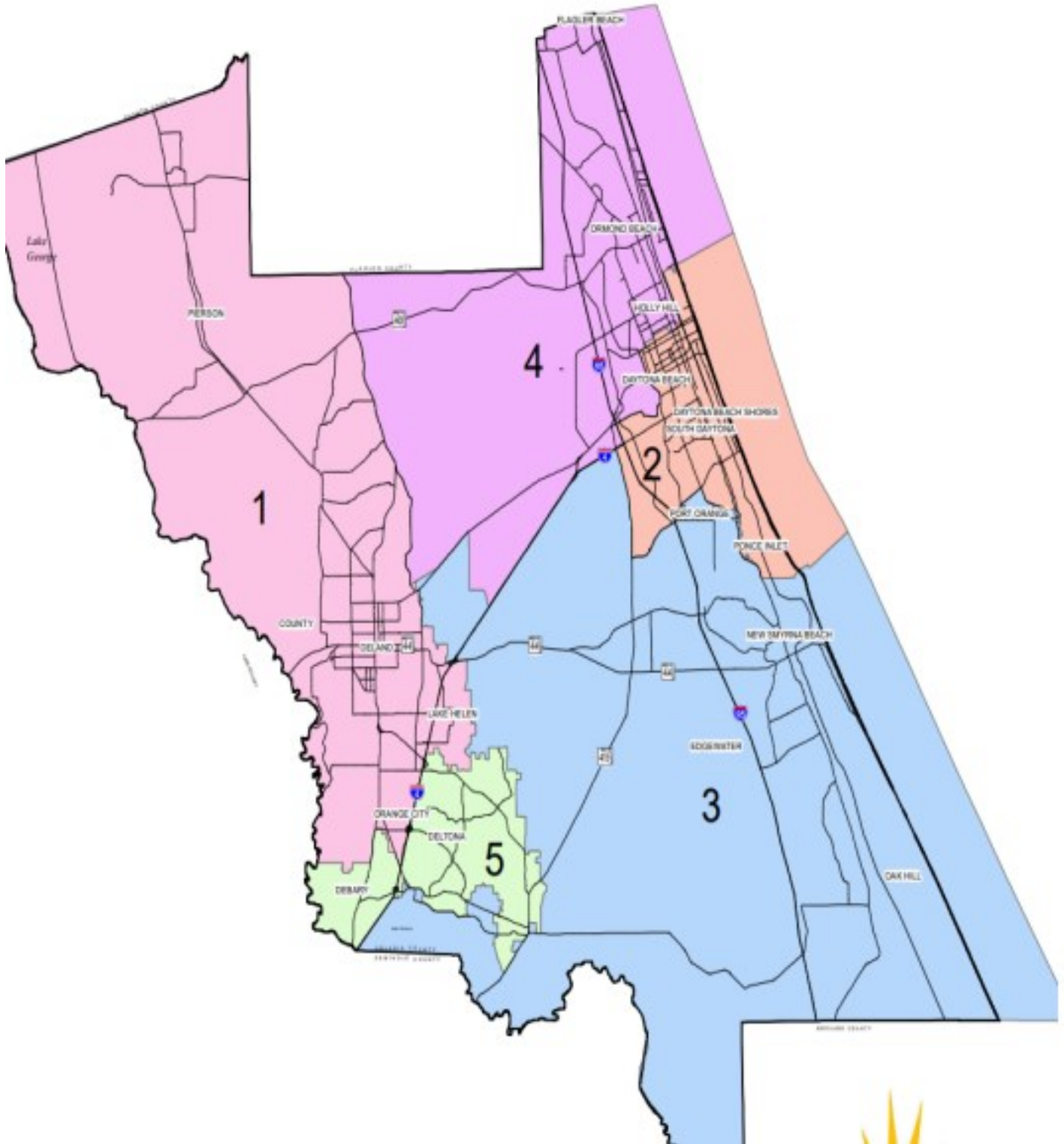


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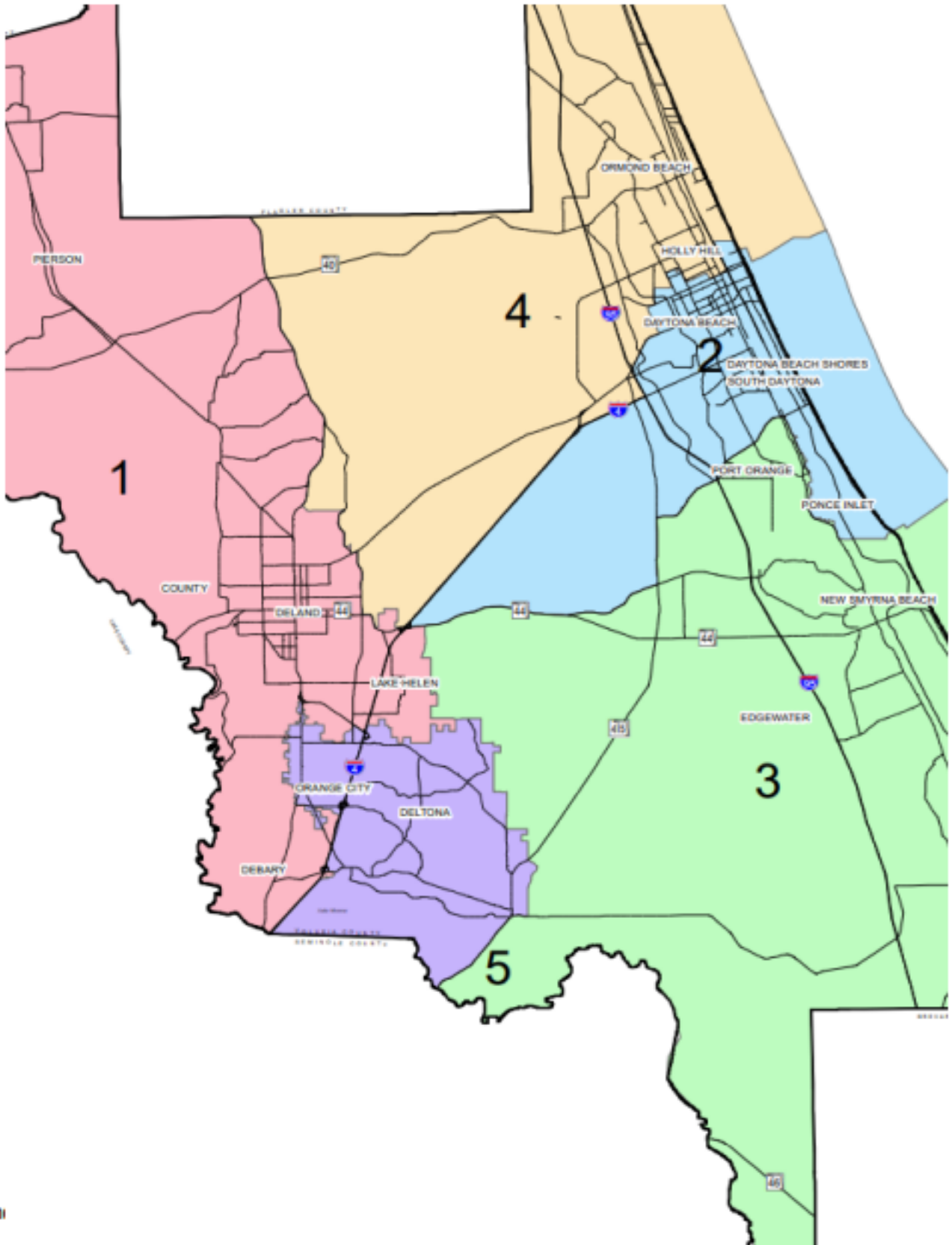
Congressional Districts 6 and 7



Volusia County Council Districts



Volusia County School Board Districts





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