



Volusia Matters Newsletter

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November 5 General Election Results

US Senate

[Mucarcel-Powell, Debbie \(D\)](#) 42%
[Rick Scott* \(R\)](#) 55%

US Congress - House Dist 6

[John David Stockton \(D\)](#) 33%
[Michael Waltz* \(R\)](#) 67%

US Congress - House Dist 7

[Adams, Jennifer \(D\)](#) 43%
[Cory Mills \(R\)*](#) 57%

Fla Senate District 7

[George Anthony T Hill \(D\)](#) 31%
[Tom Leek \(R\)](#) 69%

Fla House Dist 27

[Ferrari, Andy \(D\)](#) 31%
[Richard Gentry \(R\)](#) 69%

Fla House Dist 28

[Joseph Hannoush \(LPF\)](#) 2.3%
[John Navarra \(D\)](#) 40%
[Bill Partington \(R\)](#) 58%

Fla House Dist 29

[Webster Barnaby* \(R\)](#) 56%
[Matt Johnson \(LPF\)](#) 2.8%
[Rosemarie Latham \(D\)](#) 41%

Fla House Dist 30

[Chase Tramont* \(R\)](#) 66%
[Smith, Kelly Anne \(D\)](#) 34%

Sheriff

[Mike Chitwood \(IND\)*](#) 81%
[James L Powers, Jr \(R\)](#) 19%

County Chair

[Jeff Brower*](#) 51.4%
[Randy Dye](#) 48.6%

County Council District 2

[Steve Miller](#) 45.7%
[Matt Reinhart*](#) 54.3%

School Board District 2

[Cassie Gonyer](#) 41.4%
[Krista Goodrich](#) 58.6%

School Board District 4

[Donna Brosemer](#) 58.6%
[Carl Persis*](#) 41.4%

Daytona Beach Commission Zone 2

[Nicholas Edgar](#) 33.3%
[Ken Strickland*](#) 67.7%

Deltona Commission Zone 1	
<u>Davison Heriot*</u>	53.1%
<u>Brandy White</u>	46.9%
Deltona Commission Seat 4	
<u>Dori Howington</u>	55.5%
<u>Dana McCool*</u>	45.5%
Deltona Commission Seat 6	
<u>Dominic Nick Lulli</u>	50.9%
<u>Jody Lee</u>	49.1%
Edgewater Commission Dist 2	
<u>Gigi Bennington</u>	42%
<u>Mike Thomas</u>	58%
New Smyrna Beach—Mayor	
<u>Fred Cleveland*</u>	72.5%
<u>Frank Dalton</u>	38.5%
New Smyrna Beach—Zone 3	
<u>Jason McGuirk*</u>	58.6%
<u>Larry Westley</u>	41.4%
New Smyrna Beach—Zone 4	
<u>Brian Ashely</u>	54.7%
<u>Randy Hartman*</u>	45.3%
Oak Hill Mayor	
<u>Doug Gibson</u>	29.8%
<u>Ricky Taylor</u>	70.2%
Oak Hill Commission Seat 1	
<u>Mark Drollinger</u>	68%
<u>Steve McGee</u>	32%
Orange City Mayor	
<u>Kelli Marks</u>	65%
<u>Laurie Scotton</u>	45%
Orange City Council Seat 2	
<u>Cristina Oyarbide</u>	36.8%
<u>Lisa Stafford*</u>	63.2%
Ormond Beach Mayor	
<u>Jason Leslie</u>	53.6%
<u>Susan Persis</u>	46.4%

Pierson Mayor	
<u>Samuel Bennett</u>	47.8%
<u>Gray Leonhard</u>	52.2%

Pierson Council Seat 4	
<u>Jimmy Anderson</u>	54.6%
<u>Sergia Cardenas</u>	45.3%



Amendments to the state constitution... 60% supermajority vote is required for the approval for these amendments.

Amendment 1 - SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS....state bring back partisan school bd elections on Nov 2026.

YES 54% NO 46% **FAILED**

Amendment 2 - HUNTING AND FISHING ...establishes hunting/ fishing as a state constitutional right.....to

“preserve forever fishing and hunting, as a public right.”

YES 67% NO 33% **APPROVED**

Amendment 3 - RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA . allows adults 21 and older to purchase/ consume cannabis products without a doctor’s recommendation.

YES 55% NO 45% **FAILED**

Amendment 4 ABORTION..protects abortion access in the state to allow abortions without condition until viability..estimated to be about 24 weeks of pregnancy.

YES 57% NO 43% **FAILED**

Amendment 5 PROPERTY TAXES .. gives homeowners more savings on their property taxes by adjusting one of the state’s homestead exemptions for inflation.

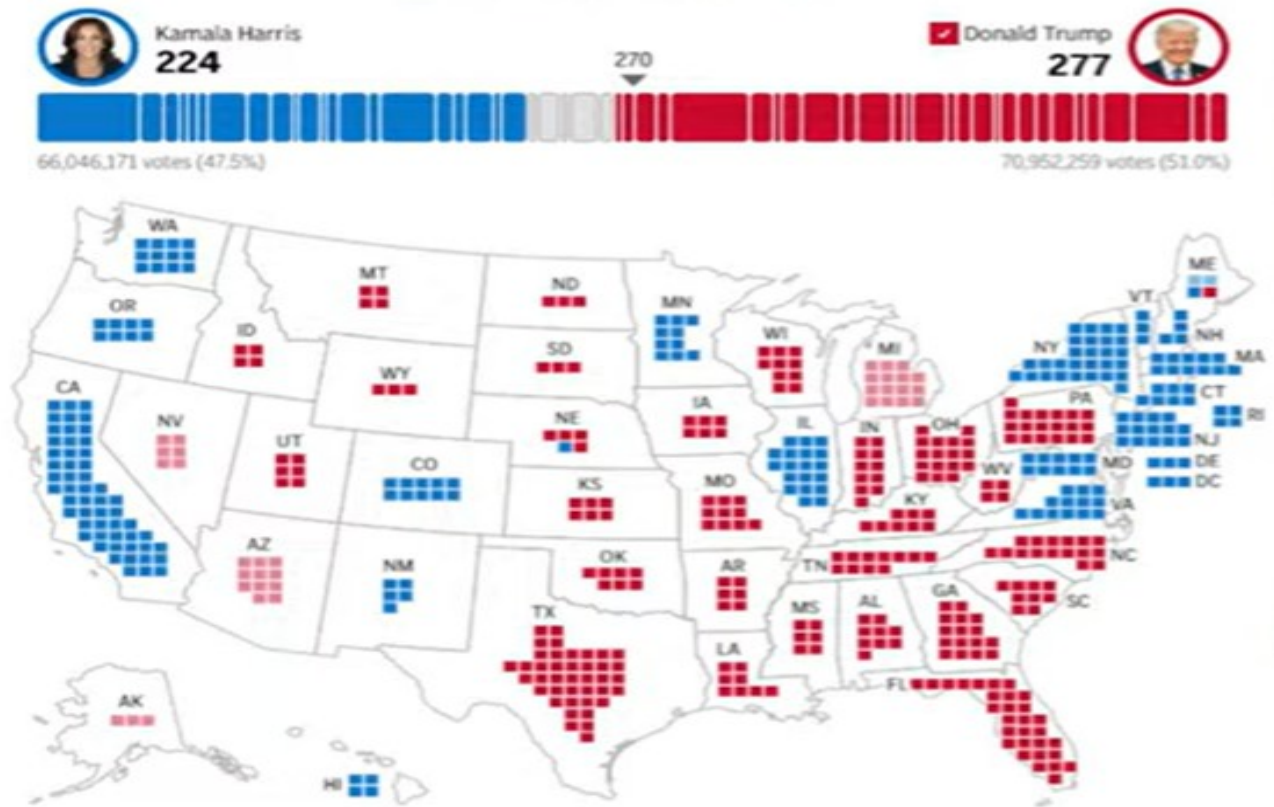
YES 66% NO 34% **APPROVED**

Amendment 6 CAMPAIGN MONEY ...repeals public campaign financing.

YES 50% NO 50% **FAILED**

Florida’s current Constitution was adopted November, 1968 and since then, it has been amended 144 times while the US Constitution only has 27 amendments.

US Electoral College Map



The Electoral College has 538 votes total. A candidate needs at least 270 electors—more than half of all electors—to win the presidential election.

Trump 277
Harris 224

Florida Voter Turnout.....

Trump	6,099,686	56.1%	30 Electoral Votes
Harris	4,669,481	43.9%	

Volusia County Vote Turnout

Active Eligible Volusia Voters	384,336	Democrats	87,882
Official Voter Turnout	313,405	Republicans	141,284
Percent Turnout	81.5%	NPAs	74,731
Types of Ballot		Other Parties	9,508
Mail	89,388		
Early Voting	147,112		
Election Day	76,167		

A special thanks to Elections Supervisor Lisa Lewis and staff for providing results.



The Florida Legislature includes.....

Senate - 40 members

House of Representatives - 120 members

Based on last night's elections...UNOFFICIAL count

Senate Republicans won 15 seats ..

Senate Democrats won 3 seats.

Numerous races still being tallied.

Based on last night's elections, UNOFFICIAL count

House Republicans won 87 seats.

House Democrats won 20 seats.

Numerous races still being tallied.

It APPEARS that Republicans maintained supermajorities in both legislative chambers.

Congress includes 535 members.....

US Senate.....100 members....51 seats for a voting majority.

Based on last night's elections, Republicans gain the majority in the US Senate with 52 seats and Democrats' 42 seats. 6 seats still unaccounted.

US House....435 members. Numbers of members from each State is based on population... every 10 years, Legislatures apportion their States into districts. It takes 218 seats for a voting majority.

LATEST COUNT..... Republicans lead with 198 vs 180 Democrats....

When do States START counting votes?

14 states BEGIN counting AFTER polls close.....

Alabama, Alaska, Idaho, Illinois, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, Washington and Washington, D.C.

23 states BEGIN counting on Election Day before polls close.....Arkansas, California, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

12 states BEGIN counting BEFORE Election Day.....Arizona, Colorado, Delaware, **Florida**, Hawaii, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, Virginia and Utah.

Did you know that you can obtain a copy of any deed, mortgage, or land record recorded in Volusia County from 1988 to present, for FREE on www.clerk.org?



CEO Alliance Chair Hyatt Brown addresses Aura Aero CEO Jeremy Caussade attendees including Cici Brown, Cty Mgr George Recktenwald, NASCAR's Lesa France and City Commissioner Quanita May

Aura Aero agrees to locate US HQ at DBIA

October 17 – a meeting took place at Brown & Brown whereby Aura Aero, a French electric plane manufacturer, stated that it will establish its US HQ at Daytona Intl Airport.

CEO Business Alliance Chair Hyatt Brown stated “it create approx 1000 new jobs with an average salary of over \$70,000 per year. ERAU was the key to getting them here. Auro Aero will be working with ERAU with engineering etc. They're currently leasing a hanger and will be doing research/manufacturing. It's going to be 4 to 5 years in order to build a new 500,000 square ft manufacturing facility on the Bellevue extension (just south of the airport)”.

Brown also said.... “They'll be manufacturing a new 19-seat electric prototype airplane with eight engines (see photo) for commuters traveling from small towns to big hubs. There is a definite need for this kind of transportation now and it's going to expand in the future because of a new demographic in the US.....Wall Street Journal is reporting that 20 to 40 year olds are moving out of big cities to mid-sized/smaller towns seeking the quality of life that they get in smaller cities”.

Volusia County provided \$500,000 in performance-based incentives, Daytona Beach provided \$100,000 in matching funds along with \$100,000 from the CEO Business Alliance. The City also provided a 6-year \$3.5 M property tax break.

The CEO Business Alliance, Team Volusia as well as Volusia's universities also played major roles. Also key was that Volusia is part the "Space Triangle" along with Orlando and Brevard (home to Cape Canaveral/Kennedy Space Center and Space Florida).

The announcement is an economic development game-changer.....whereby this along with the recent Boeing announcement will be the most significant since GE moved here in 1962.





FY 2024, FEMA’s total budget is \$25.5 billion with allocations for disaster relief and preparedness programs.

FEMA’s funds are distributed across several areas:

- **Disaster Relief Fund (DRF)** provides immediate assistance to individuals/communities affected by disasters. For FY 2024, the DRF has been allocated \$20.2 billion.
- **Grants and Training** to help states/local communities prepare for and respond to natural disasters i.e. funding for emergency management, homeland security, and pre-disaster mitigation.
- **Shelter/Services Program (SSP)** supports communities providing services to migrants. For FY 2024, \$300 million has been allocated to this program.

FEMA’s budget is ensure that the agency can respond effectively to emergencies and support recovery efforts in the US.

DHS Secretary Mayorkas said that while FEMA has enough funds to deal with the immediate response to Helene, it could run out of funds before the season ends on Nov 30.

President Biden is pondering calling Congress back into session to approve more funds. Lawmakers aren’t due back to Washington, until Nov 12.

Congress recently replenished FEMA’s disaster fund with a \$20 billion infusion as part of \$1.59 trillion short-term government spending bill (Sept 30).

Sen Rick Scott recently said that Congress should “immediately reconvene” to pass such a package.

Mass debris removal in the County and cities throughout the County began last week.....

To receive these services, residents should bring storm debris to the public right of way.

Due to limited resources, multiple storm events, and the amount of debris, much of this Debris Removal wont be collected until late December..ouch!

Don’t mix yard debris piles with electronics, and household hazardous waste.. It will not be collected.

Residents can dispose of them free of charge at the Tomoka Landfill or West Volusia Transfer Station.

As of the second quarter 2024, total consumer debt in the US economy reached a record high of approx \$17.8 trillion including mortgages, auto loans, student loans and credit card debt

SpaceX has launched 72 rockets from Cape Canaveral in 2024



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As of Sept 30, **Fla's minimum wage** increased to **\$13 per hour** for non-tipped employees and it's **\$9.98 for tipped employees**.

Remember, this is part of that 2020 constitutional amendment that provides a gradual year to year increase until the minimum wage reaches \$15 in Sept 2026.



US Economy Update.....

Despite a recent so-so job market, high interest rates' impact homebuilding, higher debt delinquencies, the economy kept expanding at an above-trend pace in late summer.

GDP rose 2.8% in the July-September quarter after 3% growth in the April-June quarter.

Factors includes –

- sales to domestic purchasers increased from 2.8% to 3.5%.....
- personal consumption expenditures increased from 2.8% to 3.7% (a major reason for the overall growth)
- robust hiring and .04% wage growth
- a boost from exports and federal defense spending
- business spending on equipment rose a robust 11%

Meanwhile, a slowdown in new home construction curtailed the economy somewhat AND surprisingly, imported goods were down.

Inflation was up 2.1% over the 12 months ending in September.....just over the Fed's 2% target.

Employers' wage/benefit costs rose 3.9% over the last year AND initial jobless claims fell to 216,000 last week.

NOTE – the Federal Reserve meets November 6-7... how will this affect their decisions regarding interest rates?

NOTE- Q4 economic data will be out in late January.



Because of Hurricane Helene.....Fla saw around 9,500 new unemployment claims week before last, but that number dropped to 6,100 claims for the week ending

Oct 12.

However, it remains to be seen what impact Hurricane Milton will have on the state's jobs count. Even with fluctuations in weekly jobless claims lately, Fla's monthly unemployment picture has remained stable.

Since August, Fla's rate has been 3.6%. and has remained below the national unemployment rate — for over a year.

- **Volusia's median hourly wage is approx \$18.50 per hour....half of the workers earn more and half earn less.**
- **Volusia median household income in is \$58,380 per year.... represents middle point of household incomes.....half earn more/ half earn less**



- **US Senate is currently in recess and goes back into Session November 12 until November 24.**
- **Recess is November 25 to November 30 and back into Session December 1 until December 22.**
- **US House is currently in recess and goes back into Session November 12 until November 21.**
- **Recess is November 22 to December 2 and back into Session December 3 until December 19.**

The 119th Congress is scheduled to begin on **January 3, 2025**. The House of Representatives will reconvene and vote for a House Speaker (Mike Johnson is current Speaker....no other names has been raised in the last few weeks). Senate reconvenes that same day.

119th Congress.....

- January 3, 2025.....Congress scheduled to convene
- January 6, 2025: Joint session to count electoral votes and certify the [2024 US presidential election](#).
- January 20, 2025: [Presidential inauguration](#).



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So far in FY 2024, the federal govt has spent \$1.27 trillion more than its revenue collections.

Presidents...Congress....Budgets...Deficits and that Damn National Debt

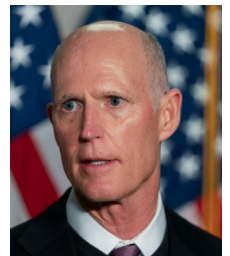
All US Presidents and Congress have mandatory spending obligations...i.e. Social Security and Medicare. However, they both SOME discretionary say-so over budgets and taxes. At the same time, ANY President's budget, along with any proposed changes to the tax code, must receive congressional approval. In addition, other factors such as GDP growth, can also either help or hinder a president's budgetary goals.



Fundamentally, the national debt is driven by a mismatch between revenue and spending. Wars in the Middle East and Afghanistan, stimulus payments during the Great Recession and the COVID-19 pandemic, and rising Medicare costs have sent government spending soaring in recent years.

Meanwhile, tax cuts under multiple presidential administrations have reduced government revenue. And while calls for fiscal responsibility and debt reduction are common in Washington, the challenge remains for a demonstrated commitment to achieving those goals.

Meanwhile, Sen [Rick Scott](#) introduced the *Debt-Per-Citizen-Transparency Act* to require all Congressional Budget Office (CBO) cost estimates to disclose how much a new piece of legislation will affect the debt-to-citizen ratio.



US Federal Deficits adding to National Debt?

Economics of deficits and debt have changed since former President Trump was inaugurated in 2017

and Kamala Harris became vice president in 2021.

However, the US government debt is much higher relative to the size of the economy than in the past, and it's on track to continue rising. Interest rates likely to remain high, adding to cost of servicing that debt.

And when Baby Boomers begin retiring there'll be a day of reckoning for America's retirement programs. Social Security faces automatic cuts in 2033 if Congress doesn't stabilize its finances before then.

The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget report that Trump's and Harris' fiscal agendas will increase deficits from 2026 to 2035.

In January 2017, public debt was 77% of GDP and Congressional Budget Office now reports that number would reach 84% of GDP in 2024 (COVID had a role in this number).

US govt's long-term borrowing cost on 30-year bonds, was about 3% in January 2017. That rate is now 4.3%.

The candidate that takes office in January 2025 will face a substantially higher baseline level of debt and a higher cost of servicing it.

If things continue as is, CRFB estimates debt will rise to 125% of GDP by 2035 or up to 133% or more.

US national debt is now \$35.7 trillion....approx \$251,000 per taxpayer.

Debt continues to rise due to an aging population, increasing healthcare costs, and insufficient tax revenues.....all contributing to ongoing budget deficits.

And interest on this debt is becoming one of the fastest-growing elements of federal spending, further stressing the fiscal outlook.

In August alone, federal govt ran a budget deficit of \$380 billion (vs a \$89 billion surplus in August 2023).

However, the jump was largely due to 2 key factors:

- a \$330 billion reduction in outlays in 2023 related to the Supreme Court's decision on student debt cancellation
- a timing shift in payments to August 2024.

AUGUST 2024 spending totaled \$687 billion...

Depts spending most money are (per [US Treasury](#)).

Office of the President	\$74 M
SBA	\$222 M
General Services Admin	\$234 M
Dept of Interior	\$359 M
Legislative Branch	\$593 M
Judicial Branch	\$889 M
Corp of Engineers	\$1,058 M
Natl Science Foundation	\$1,058 M
EPA	\$1,342 M
Dept of Commerce	\$1,434 M
Intl Assistance Programs	\$1,771 M
NASA	\$2,155 M
Dept of State	\$3,425 M
Dept of Justice	\$3,661 M
Independent Agencies	\$4,419 M
Dept of Energy	\$4,545 M
HUD	\$6,134 M
Dept of Homeland Security	\$6,890 M
Office of Personnel Mgmt	\$9,686 M
Dept of Transportation	\$11,242 M
Dept of Labor	\$11,437 M
Defense Civil Programs	\$11,865 M
Dept of Agriculture	\$14,990 M
Dept of the Treasury	\$15,423 M
Dept of Education	\$38,894 M
Dept of Veterans Affairs	\$45,267 M
Dept of Defense—Military Programs	\$78,749 M
Interest on Treasury Debt Securities	\$92,293 M
Social Security Admin	\$134,485 M
Dept of Health/Human Services	\$201,778 M



Trump Administration and the Federal Reserve

Sept 18 - the Federal Reserve loosened the screws on the economy with a .50% interest rate reduction.

For now, it appears the Trump administration's potential policies could shape monetary policy dynamics in the years to come.

A few months ago, **candidate Trump** said Presidents should have a say over decisions made by the Federal Reserve.....should be consulted on interest rate decisions, and Fed banking regulation proposals should be subject to White House review.

The President nominates the Fed chair and 6 other Board members (subject to Senate confirmation). But the Fed has substantial operational independence to make policy decisions that carry vast influence over the direction of the world's largest economy and global asset markets.

They control short-term rates. Long-term borrowing costs are influenced by both the monetary policy outlook and other global economic developments. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note has jumped over 0.6 percentage point since they cut rates in September.

In September, annual inflation was measured at 2.4%.....as of Sept 19, the current Fed interest rate is 4.75 to 5%.

The Fed meets today and tomorrow and is prepared to cut interest rates by a quarter-point.

However, they need to be mindful of how the Trump administration's policies will impact the national debt. Fiscal watchdogs estimate Trump's agenda could add \$7.75 trillion to the debt load. You need to stay tuned



Volusia's Clerk of Court offers Property Fraud Alert, a FREE service that you can sign up for at www.clerk.org which alerts you if anything is recorded in Volusia's Official Records that might affect your real property..

In 2021, Volusia Sheriff's Office established its own Training Academy....3 years later, the VSO Academy has brought in 7 recruit classes of the next generation of deputies. For more info on the Academy and careers at VSO, go to <https://www.volusiasheriff.gov/careers/>

Did you know? Sheriff's Office runs Volusia Family Resource Center at 3747 W ISB Daytona Beach (former United Way bldg). The program screens/connects youthful offenders and their families with juvenile justice agencies and mental health resources. Partners include Dept of Juvenile Justice, Volusia County Schools, Halifax Health Behavioral Services, Children's Home Society, Hope Florida.



Supts Rick Surrency, Carmen Balgobin, State Atty RJ Larizza, Supts LaShakia Moore, Tim Forson,

State Attorney RJ Larizza, 4 School Superintendents Launch 7th Circuit Initiative

State Attorney R.J. Larizza, working with Volusia County Schools Superintendent Dr. Carmen Balgobin (and Superintendents from Putnam, St Johns, Flagler) announced the launch of “Safety First, Success Always”. It’s intent is better address substance use (vaping/THC/fentanyl) and violence (fighting/threats/guns) in our schools and communities.

For almost a year, 7th Circuit leaders and staff developed a proactive approach which focuses on *education, awareness* and *accountability*. Stakeholder meetings were held with parents and students to get input. The initiative is currently ongoing and has already received positive feedback.

The following is a breakdown of the initiative’s 3 pillars.

- **Education:** All 4 school districts will implement circuitwide curriculum on substance use and violence in the Character/Life Skills through Resiliency Education (required for grades 6-12 students). State Attorney Larizza provided a video to teach students what consequences they could face if they break the law.

Assembly presentations will be brought to schools to be more proactive and inform younger students about substance use and violence.

- **Awareness:** Public service videos regarding substance use and violence will be distributed by the school districts and state attorney’s office to raise awareness of the risks and consequences.
- **Accountability:** All 4 school districts have identified circuitwide, age-appropriate consequences and a required education component related to substance use and violence will be applied through each district’s Student Code of Conduct.

State Attorney RJ Larizza stated, “The ‘Safety First, Success Always’ initiative is a first of its kind in Florida. Safety is our top priority as we partner to create a strong response to substance use and violence. We are confident this program will empower our students and community to foster a safe environment for success.”



The **Vietnam Traveling Wall is a smaller replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington.** Its purpose is to bring the memorial to communities that might not have the chance to visit Washington and allow people to pay their respects and honor the sacrifices made during the Vietnam War.

Volusia Matters would like to thank **Daytona Beach City Commissioner Stacy Cantu** for arranging the Vietnam Traveling Wall display November 1-3 in Veterans’ Plaza in Riverfront Esplanade on Beach St. The display drew over 1000 attendees.

**Volusia Flagler
Transportation Planning
Organization**



October 23- Volusia Flagler transportation planning organization TPO agreed on their 2025 priorities.....

SOME of these items are....

- to increase transportation investment with new potential revenue sources
- flexible/ predictable funding transportation projects;
- install pedestrian crossing traffic control beacons in areas with safety concerns;
- increase infrastructure funding for projects that advance automated electric technologies;
- require electric vehicle charging stations to be open to all users..

For more information on these priority items, go the Volusia Flagler TPO site.... www.r2ctpo.org



Property Tax Collection is year-round...

On average since, 2020*

- 4% are paid in installments
- 1% are paid in partial payments
- 4% go delinquent..tax certificates sold in May...

Majority of property taxes are paid in November. Revenue is distributed once a month (twice in November)

to taxing authorities in the County.

- 44 tax districts (ad valorem)
- 188 special districts (non-ad valorem)

Tax Years 2020-2030



The Q Breakfast

**Friday, November 15,
7:30 AM DBIA...**

[Click here to RSVP](#)

**Topic—Exploring Outdoor Recreation Economy
Speakers—County’s Tim Bailey Jessica Fentress
Economic Report by Lou Paris**

**November 14 2 PM LYNX
Admin Bldg Orlando
SunRail Commission**



**November 18....Elected Officials Roundtable – 9 AM
DBIA....agenda to be available next week.**



November 19....Florida Legislature Organizational Meeting - Tallahassee...this is where the newly elected (or re-elected) House and Senate members are sworn in, officers are elected, rules are adopted, begins committee appointment process and sets the stage for the upcoming legislative term

**November 19, 4 PM
New Daytona Beach
Fire Station One HQ
Groundbreaking Ceremony
S Ridgewood Ave**





DB Keiser Campus President Ben Sedrine snips with local law enforcement officials

Keiser University - Daytona Campus introduces the MILO Training Simulator!

Keiser University has partnered with MILO—a world-leading provider of interactive simulation training, curriculum, range design, and equipment—to offer simulator training to local criminal justice community partners at the Daytona Beach Campus.

October 16, the Daytona Campus held a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by federal, state, county, and local law enforcement agencies, as well as local dignitaries and news media.

Criminal justice agencies can use these realistic, versatile MILO Range M-SATS (Mobile-Situational Awareness Training System) units throughout the year to complement their current tactical judgment training.

And some of the law enforcement officials there included **Ormond Beach Police Chief Jesse Godfrey, Holly Hill Chief Byron Williams, Daytona Beach Captain Jeremy Nicklow** as well as **Robert Abraham, DBS Chief Mike Fowler, Port Orange Chief Manny Marino, Tomoka Correctional Officer Kyle Hopkins and others.**



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A DECEMBER TO REMEMBER

Start a new holiday tradition with the family this year while you explore the brand-new Riverfront Esplanade overlooking the Halifax River in Downtown Daytona Beach! A December to Remember at the Riverfront Esplanade is a multi-day extravaganza, starting November 29, filled with community events, a movie on the lawn, holiday bazaar, Santa sightings, live music, and so much more! Join us in celebrating the holidays together during a December you surely won't forget! For more information, visit: <https://www.riverfrontesplanade.com/a-december-to-remember>

Fla Legislature House/Senate Interim Committee weeks set -

Senate

Week of December 2nd
 Week of January 13th
 Week of January 21st
 Week of February 3rd
 Week of February 10th
 Week of February 17th

House

Week of December 9th
 Week of January 13th
 Week of January 21st
 Week of February 3rd
 Week of February 17th

2025 Legislative Session begins March 4.



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November 3 - Sen Marco Rubio discussed Chinese hacking of US telecom companies on "Face the Nation."

In October federal authorities launched an investigation into a cyberattack linked to China-backed hackers that targeted major US telecommunications companies and systems used for key government intelligence collection capabilities.

The hacking group known as "Salt Typhoon" hit numerous companies including Verizon, AT&T and Lumen Technologies.

Apparently, Chinese hackers breached systems used by US intelligence to conduct wiretaps, and both government agencies and the affected private companies are trying to ascertain what information, if any, the Chinese were able to collect.

Rubio described the situation as "very serious" and that it could be one of the biggest breaches ever. He emphasized that while the breach does not appear to directly affect the U.S. presidential election, it poses a significant national security threat.

Did you know? Volusia Sheriff's Office uses Live911 to give deputies on patrol a live audio feed of 911 calls in their area. Hearing a live 911 call in real time can help speed up response time and get valuable first-hand information directly to responding units with zero delay.



US companies are now quicker to fire CEO's over poor stock performance....a new report shows that 42% of S&P 500 companies and 45% of Russell 3000 companies replaced their CEO's this year due to low returns.

This urgency has grown since the pandemic as boards no longer excuse poor returns due to external factors. Investor pressure and corporate activists are also driving this trend.

Despite quicker firings, Boards still prefer promoting insiders and the number of female CEO's has reached a historic high.

IRS has announced 2025 contribution limits for 401(k) and IRAs.

Employees can defer \$23,500 into workplace plans (up from \$23,000 in 2024).

The change applies to 401(k)s, 403(b)s and the majority of 457 plans.

The limit on annual contributions to an IRA, however, remains \$7,000 — the same as in 2024.

The IRS sets annual caps on contributions to both workplace and individual retirement plans that fluctuate to keep up with inflation.





The County is participating in Operation Green Light for Veterans.

From Nov. 4 to 11, the County will illuminate the Ocean Center, Historic Courthouse, and Tom Kelly Admin Center with green lights to let veterans know they are seen, appreciated, and supported.

Veterans Services Director Bob Watson stated, "This is a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of our men and women in uniform."

The County's veterans services officers help former and current members of the Armed Forces and their dependents prepare claims for benefits at offices in DeLand, New Smyrna Beach, Daytona Beach, and Deltona.

For more information, call 386-740-5102 or visit volusia.org/veterans.



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They're nice people!

Volusia's Clerk of Court has over 100 M digitized court/land record images, most are available to the public for FREE at www.clerk.org

Some friends we recently lost.....

Joie Alexander – former teacher and principal with Volusia County Schools. She was at-large member on County Council for 8 years and 2 years as District 3 councilmember. She also served on the Fla Assn of Counties Board of Directors. Joie will be missed.....



James Russell—New Smyrna Beach...worked with the late mayor Jim Vandergriff to annexing into the city the lands that would become Venetian Bay. Russell was also a regular at VCARD as well as city and county meetings.



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Volusia Property Data

Info supplied by Volusia Property Appraiser Larry Bartlett

	Residential	Commercial Industrial	# Parcels	# Homesteads	Just Value
Daytona Beach	48%	38%	43,132	14,192	\$15.5 B
DB Shores	84%	12%	8,001	1,989	\$2.8 B
DeBary	54%	7%	13,708	7,504	\$5,04 B
Deland	64%	21%	20,849	9,503	\$6.04 B
Deltona	86%	7%	43,227	26,463	\$10.9 B
Edgewater	72%	16%	14,764	7,413	\$3.5 B
Holly Hill	56%	31%	8,036	2,595	\$1.5 B
Lake Helen	74%	12%	2,103	899	\$408 M
NSB	84%	11%	26,209	11,051	\$11.2 B
Oak Hill	72%	11%	2,095	727	\$425 M
Orange City	32%	48%	7,181	2,391	\$2.0 B
Ormond Beach	67%	23%	26,223	12,504	\$8.79 B
Pierson	43%	14%	1,608	345	\$234 M
Ponce Inlet	93%	1%	4,002	1,498	\$1.9 B
Port Orange	0.67	0.24	32,292	16,272	\$9.3 B
South Daytona	0.61	0.29	7,541	3,256	\$1.6 B



Summary

**Properties Paying No Taxes
2024 Preliminary Tax Roll Counts**

Category	Parcel Count	% Prcl Ct : Real Property	Pay No Tax	% No Tax : Real Property	Pay Tax	% Pay Tax : Real Property
Countywide	308,936	100.0%	24,046	7.8%	284,890	92.2%
Unincorporated	90,885	100.0%	10,094	11.1%	80,791	88.9%
Volusia County Fire District	94,009	100.0%	10,512	11.2%	83,497	88.8%
Municipalities - Total Overall	217,964	100.0%	13,950	6.4%	204,014	93.6%
Daytona Beach	35,558	100.0%	2,432	6.8%	33,126	93.2%
Daytona Beach Shores	6,702	100.0%	209	3.1%	6,493	96.9%
DeBary	11,888	100.0%	826	6.9%	11,062	93.1%
DeLand	17,530	100.0%	1,767	10.1%	15,763	89.9%
Deltona	40,179	100.0%	2,031	5.1%	38,148	94.9%
Edgewater	12,499	100.0%	789	6.3%	11,710	93.7%
Holly Hill	5,980	100.0%	253	4.2%	5,727	95.8%
Lake Helen	1,736	100.0%	131	7.5%	1,605	92.5%
New Smyrna Beach	22,516	100.0%	1,540	6.8%	20,976	93.2%
Oak Hill	1,840	100.0%	187	10.2%	1,653	89.8%
Orange City	4,599	100.0%	365	7.9%	4,234	92.1%
Ormond Beach	20,935	100.0%	1,321	6.3%	19,614	93.7%
Pierson	1,284	100.0%	100	7.8%	1,184	92.2%
Ponce Inlet	3,598	100.0%	230	6.4%	3,368	93.6%
Port Orange	25,357	100.0%	1,517	6.0%	23,840	94.0%
South Daytona	5,763	100.0%	252	4.4%	5,511	95.6%



Countywide

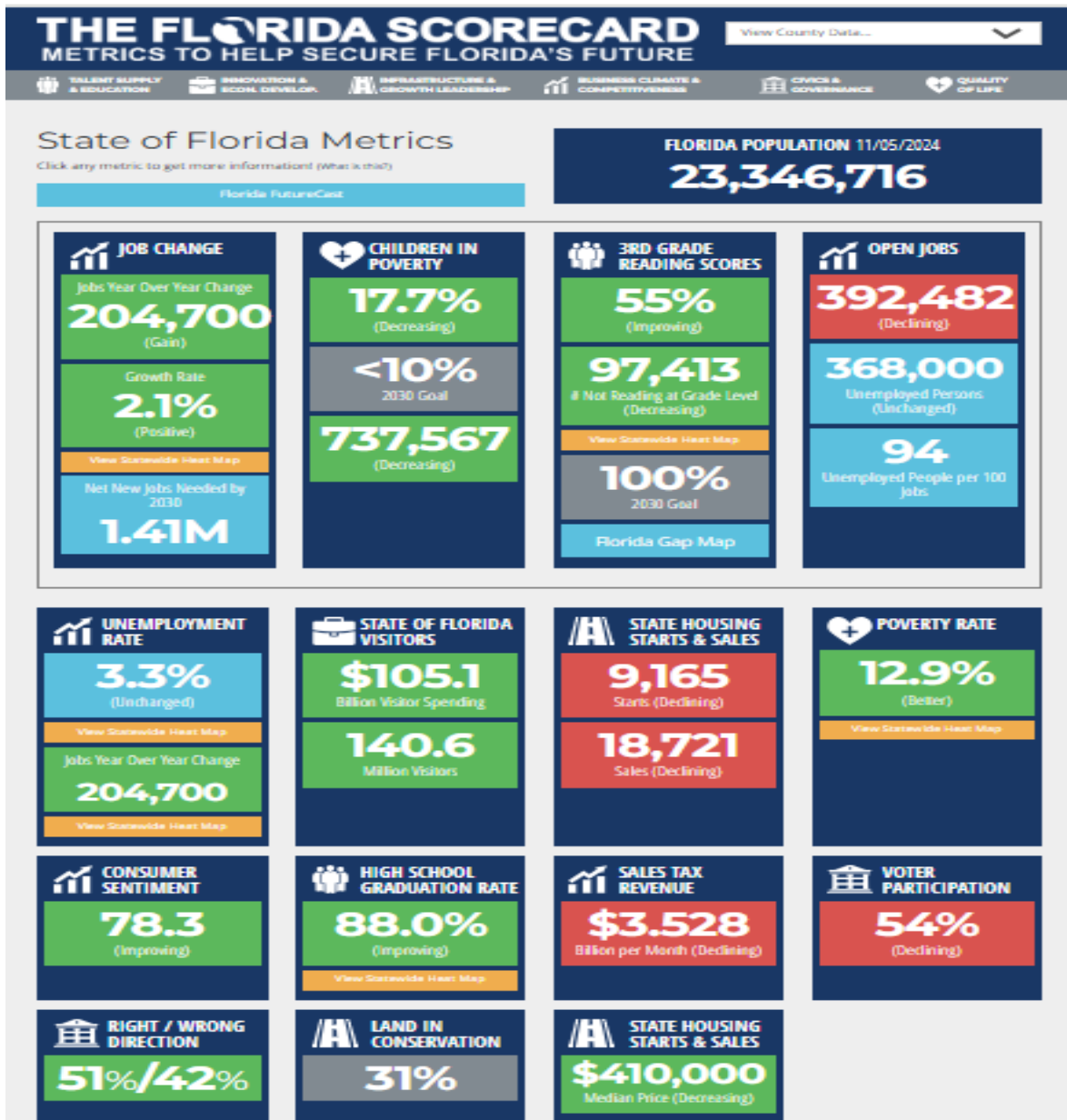
**Properties Paying No Taxes
2024 Preliminary Tax Roll Counts/Values**

Category	Parcel Count	County Taxable Value	Pay No Tax	% No Tax : Real Property	Exempt Value for Properties w/No Tax	% Ex Val : Co Txbl Val
Residential	229,354	42,416,125,320	5,549	1.8%	1,326,291,851	2.3%
Commercial	8,805	9,283,161,328	214	0.1%	287,317,309	0.5%
Industrial	2,185	1,595,809,881	3	0.0%	3,323,180	0.0%
Vacant	44,563	2,187,975,621	2,283	0.7%	59,931,508	0.1%
Governmental	8,617	25,862,470	8,531	2.8%	4,551,650,964	8.0%
Institutional	1,151	575,347,436	802	0.3%	1,324,809,455	2.3%
Miscellaneous	6,615	169,946,325	4,597	1.5%	24,980,858	0.0%
Agricultural	7,646	404,583,052	2,067	0.7%	31,534	0.0%
Total Real Property:	308,936	56,658,811,433	24,046	7.8%	7,578,336,659	13.4%

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Category	Parcel Count	% Prcl Ct : Real Property	Pay No. Tax	% No Tax : Real Property	Pay Tax	% Pay Tax : Real Property
Residential	229,354	74.2%	5,549	1.8%	223,805	72.4%
Commercial	8,805	2.9%	214	0.1%	8,591	2.8%
Industrial	2,185	0.7%	3	0.0%	2,182	0.7%
Vacant	44,563	14.4%	2,283	0.7%	42,280	13.7%
Governmental	8,617	2.8%	8,531	2.8%	86	0.0%
Institutional	1,151	0.4%	802	0.3%	349	0.1%
Miscellaneous	6,615	2.1%	4,597	1.5%	2,018	0.7%
Agricultural	7,646	2.5%	2,067	0.7%	5,579	1.8%
Total Real Property:	308,936	100.0%	24,046	7.8%	284,890	92.2%
Tangible Personal Property and Centrally Assessed	50,060		40,731		9,329	
	1,716		1,193		523	
Total Roll:	360,712	100.0%	65,970	18.3%	294,742	81.7%



MEET A.L.I.C.E.
2022 data from unitedforalice.org

WHO IS A.L.I.C.E.
129,317 households living in Volusia & Flagler Counties are ALICE or Below

WHAT IS A.L.I.C.E.
Aset Limited Income Constrained Emloyed

44% of Volusia & 41% of Flagler households are A.L.I.C.E or Below

IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY

- Increase in housing instability
- Decrease in Mental/Physical Health
- Lack of disposable income
- Lower employee and student performance

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FOOD LIMITATIONS
35% of Volusia and Flagler county households have limited access to grocery store which increases food insecurity

RENT BURDEN
55% of Volusia and Flagler county renters are putting more than 30% of their paycheck towards rent.

WORK FORCE
Retail Associates, Customer Services Representative, and Cashiers are the top three occupations that are most likely to be A.L.I.C.E. or below.

HOW CAN I HELP A.L.I.C.E.?

Individual

- Promote 2-1-1 & VITA
- Volunteer with agencies
- Become an advocate for sliding scale services like childcare and health insurance

Company

- Offer hybrid schedule, Competitive Compensation package, or growth opportunities
- Provide paid time off and flex time to support employees with children and family members with health issues
- Partner with local mental health organizations to offer counseling

LEARN MORE:

ALICE stands for Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed.....something that I remember from my Chamber days and it always concerned me. These are the paycheck-to-paycheck families/individuals who are working but barely have enough income to make it through the

month or sometimes not. They often work 1-2 or 3 jobs to make ends meet but when hours get cut or the car breaks down or a major rent increase occurs.... they're in trouble.

And what does that do to the Christmas budget?

Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) are groups that operate independently of any government, aiming to improve social conditions. They're usually non-profit entities working work on local, national, or international levels on a wide range of issues humanitarian aid, environmental protection, human rights, and community development..... examples include American Red Cross, Amnesty Intl, Salvation Army. They often rely on funding from private donations, membership dues, and government grants.

Volusia Calendar

Volusia Calendar is a new segment to the Volusia Matters brand It'll include Community and Government sections....

And I need your help. If your organization has an annual or semi-annual MAJOR event (not monthly), please e-mail me the event name and date. Its purpose is to help business/ community leaders plan their calendar AND help organizations avoid scheduling their major events on the same night. This has been a problem in this county for years. Volusia Calendar will also be included in Volusia Matters newsletter each month. And again, e-mail your organization's MAJOR events to

Jim@jimcameronconsulting.com



Community Calendar

November 7-10.....Greek Festival – Greek Orthodox Church, Daytona Beach

November 13.....Southeast Volusia Chamber Annual Meeting

December 11.....Pt Orange/South Daytona Chamber Annual Meeting

January 18....DB Kiwanis Duck Race – Jackie Robinson Ballpark

January 25-26.....Rolex 24

TBA....Daytona Regional Chamber Annual Meeting

February 8....First Step Shelter Mayor's Gala– Daytona Beach Hilton

February 12 – 16....Daytona Beach Speed Weeks

February 28 - March 9.....Daytona Beach Bike Week 2025

March 11...United Way Herbert Davidson Dinner – ERAU

April TBD....Pt Orange/South Daytona Chamber Tasteful Affair Restaurant Showcase

April TBD - Central Fla Boy Scouts Annual Golden Eagle Dinner (on a Thursday)

May 1-5....Halifax Health 51st Annual DIS ProAm Golf Tournament

October 10...Halifax Health Foundation Bahama Casual Dinner

Governmental Calendar

November 15...County Economic Q Breakfast – 7:30 AM DBIA

November 18....Elected Officials Roundtable – 9 AM DBIA

November 19....Florida Legislature Organizational Meeting - Tallahassee

Dec 2 - Feb 17.....Fla Senate Committee Weeks (see full schedule on page 13)

Dec 9 - Feb 17.....Fla House Committee Weeks

January 7...Volusia Legislative Delegation – 10 AM Deland City Hall Contact Duncan DeMarsh or Julie Watts 944-1010

January 9...Volusia County Council organizational session – 9 AM County Admin Bldg Deland

TBA....State of the County

March 4....Legislative Session Begins

There are some 2000 spaces in the county's 65 off beach parking lots.



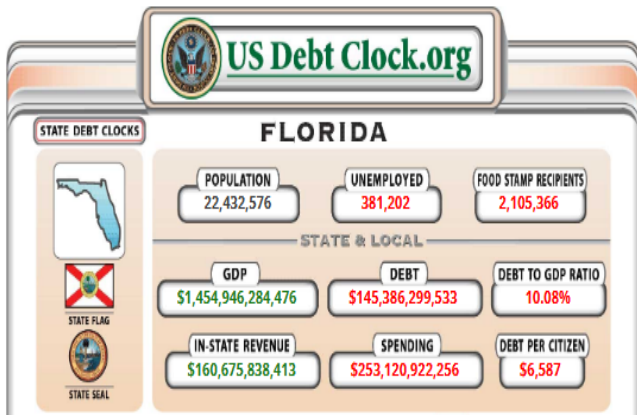
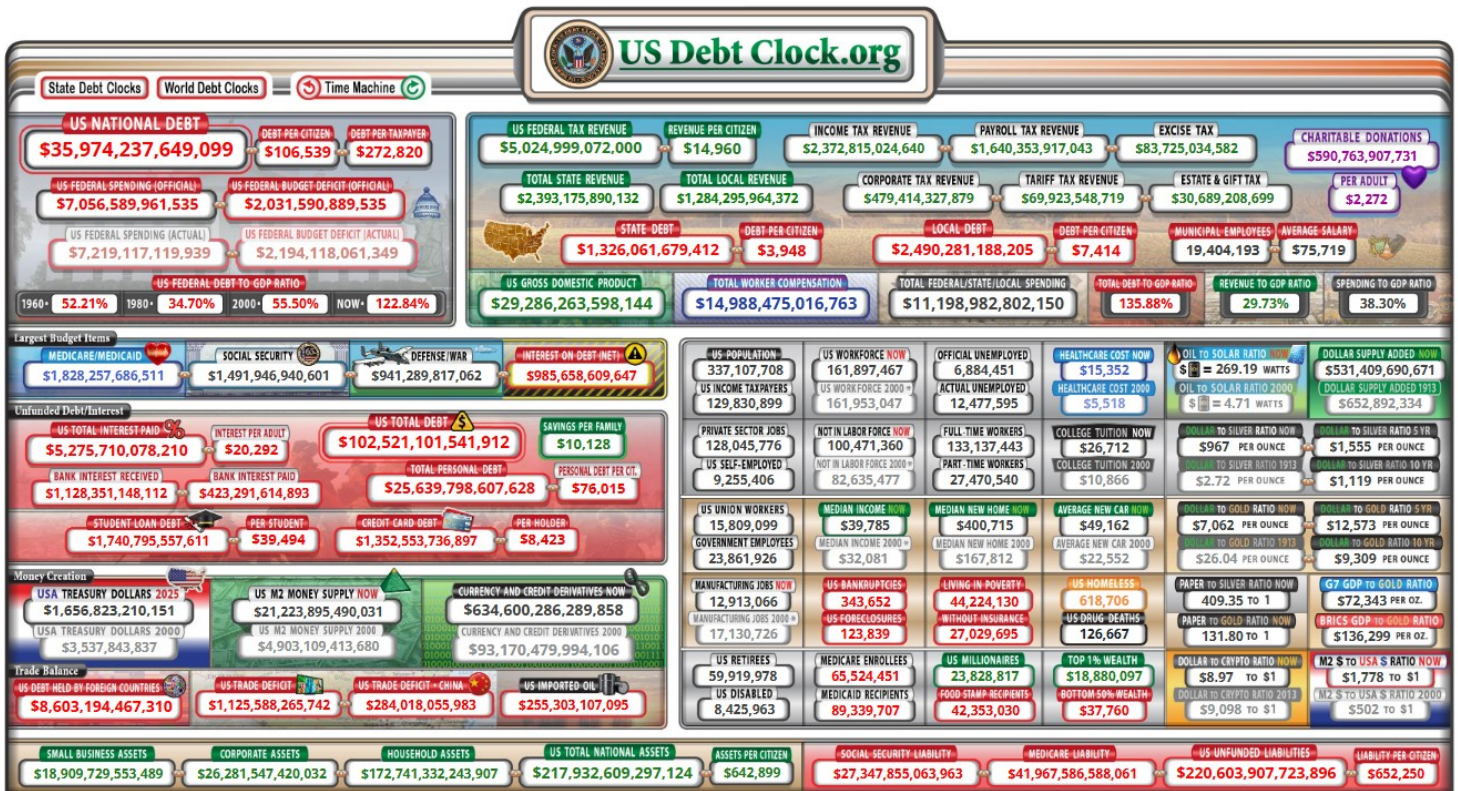
Color Run for Success

This family-friendly COLOR RUN is perfect for all ages—KIDS, TEENS, and ADULTS.....November 16, 9:30 AM Enjoy a scenic riverfront course, vibrant color stations, a fun Kids Zone, and live music.

Come prepared to be covered in color and have a blast! Thank you for your support of the Boys and Girls Club of Volusia / Flagler. [Click here to register!](#)

Address: 355 N. Beach St.

....when my daughter, Holley was little and wanted something...she'd say, "you don't need money Dad, just write a check." as of 6:20 PM November 5, 2024



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

Today it's \$35.6 trillion....nearly 100% of GDP.... highest level since World War II. On the current trajectory it will hit 200% of GDP by 2050.

Despite economic growth, FY 2023 deficit was \$1.3 trillion, 4th year in a row of a deficit above \$1 trillion. Projections show the federal government will pay more than \$1 trillion in net interest costs starting in 2029. The recent rise in net interest spending has been driven by higher interest rates.

GAO has previously suggested that Congress develop a plan to address the government's unsustainable fiscal path.

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](#) November , 19 - 4 pm Admin Bldg

[Daytona Beach City Commission](#) November 16 - 6 pm City Hall

[Ormond Beach City Commission](#) November 5, 19 - 7 pm City Hall

[Port Orange City Council](#) November 5, 19 - 6:30 City Hall

[Holly Hill City Commission](#) November 12, 26 6 pm City Hall

[South Daytona City Council](#) November 12 - 6 pm City Hall

[DB Shores City Commission](#) November 8, 22 - 6 pm City Hall

[DeBary City Council](#) November 7, 21 - 6:30 pm City Hall

[Deland City Commission](#) November 4, 18 - 7 pm City Hall

[Deltona City Commission](#) November 4, 18 - 6:30 pm City Hall

[Edgewater City Council](#) November , 21 – 6 pm City Hall

[Lake Helen City Commission](#) November 10 - 7 pm City Hall

[New Smyrna Bch Commission](#) November 12, 26 - 5 pm City Hall

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

[Orange City City Council](#) November 12, 26 - 6:30 pm City Hall

[Ponce Inlet Town Council](#) November - 6 pm City Hall

[School Board of Volusia](#) November 12, 26 - 4:30 pm Deland

[River to Sea TPO](#) November 27, 9 am DBIA Airlines Rm

County Advisory Board Meetings

November 6

- Environmental Natural Resources Advisory Committee
ENRAC 1 PM County Admin Bldg, Deland
- Contractor Licensing/Construction Appeals Board
4 pm County Admin Bldg, Deland

November 12

- Development Review Committee
9 am County Admin Bldg, Deland

November 20

- Code Enforcement Board
9 am County Admin Bldg, Deland
- West Volusia Tourism Advertising Authority
9 am County Admin Bldg, Deland
- Halifax Area Advertising Authority
2 PM Daytona Bch CVB 140 S Atlantic Ave Ormond Bch

November 21

- Planning/Land Development Regulation Commission
9 am County Admin Bldg, Deland



Did you know that you can search anyone by name in the Case Inquiry on www.clerk.org to see if they've involved in court cases in Volusia County for FREE? And you can research if they've been involved in eviction proceedings, domestic violence, charged with a crime, or been sued for unpaid debt, among many other case types?



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- Birth certificates



US East Coast and Gulf Coast ports are back in action after a three day strike dockworkers and port operators agreed on a 62% wage hike over six years. The strike, involving 45,000 dockworkers, caused a backlog with at least 54 ships waiting to unload threatening shortages from bananas to auto parts.



It'll take weeks to clear the congestion.....the biggest strike in nearly 50 years and had major economic and political implications especially with the elections.

While the wage deal was extended through Jan 15, further negotiations will address union protections against automation and AI.

Port cities in Florida with longshoremen union include: **Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Jacksonville, Tampa Bay, Cape Canaveral, Fernandina Beach, Fort Pierce, Panama City and Pensacola** and they're crucial for both international trade and local economies.

The longshoreman's union wants job assurances despite automation and AI. Let's just see what happens after January 15.

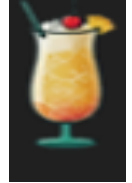


Colby Allman, a local young business owner, has just released his flagship product, **Sabbatical** that focuses on developing, maintaining, and improving AI systems for businesses.

Sabbatical is a suite of AI systems

that enables cutting-edge automation for businesses—saving you time and money.

Your website is a critical part of your business' identity and a key gateway to new clients and higher revenue. Unfortunately, most websites are messy/disorganized with 1,000 products, property listings, or articles that visitors resent having to filter through to finding what they want.



Most websites are cluttered with scattered or buried information/details resulting in visitors frequently having to peruse multiple pages just to find the key facts they need.....no means of reaching out and grabbing visitors before they get confused or frustrated. Other visitors end up saying, "I'll call/email them later," but never calling you, and go on to a different business.

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It asks prospects exactly what they are looking for and suggests the items that best fit their needs. It can help retain your visitors by sending them a message first. Sabbatical can provide information to visitors so they don't have to call you or wait for an email back, saving time and turning "maybe" into "yes!"

Sabbatical can create appointments inside your existing business calendars, summarize visitor conversations then post warm information to your spreadsheet or CMS, and research and email your prospects to turn them into clients. Sabbatical can even integrate with your API creating endless possibilities.

AI is not only a powerful tool but now, it's a necessity. Here's your chance to automate your business™ with Sabbatical.

Click www.sabbatical.cloud to discover how it can help your business.

THE VOLUSIA MONEY & REAL ESTATE SCORECARD

The Volusia Money & Real Estate Scorecard is a monthly report that identifies and tracks various key metrics that are important to Volusia County's economy and consumers.

Compiled by Jami Gallegos, MBA, Owner & Lic. Broker of Lifestyle Realty Group, Inc.

VOLUSIA COUNTY SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES

SEPTEMBER

Source: Florida Realtors

2024

CLOSED SALES



588

↓ -22%
FROM A
YEAR AGO

MEDIAN SALE PRICE



\$369,500

↑ 4.0%
FROM A
YEAR AGO

MONTHS SUPPLY OF INVENTORY



4.5 Mos

↑ UP FROM
2.9 MOS.
A YEAR AGO

DOLLAR VOLUME



\$244
Million

↓ -22%
FROM A
YEAR AGO

ACTIVE INVENTORY



3,049

↑ %45
FROM A
YEAR AGO

NEW LISTINGS



802

↓ -14%
FROM A
YEAR AGO

AVERAGE MORTGAGE RATES

Source: Mortgage News Daily

Last Updated
November 5, 2024

30-YR. FIXED

7.05%

↓ -0.04

6.11% 7.58%

15-YR. FIXED

6.40%

↓ -0.09

5.54% 6.92%

30-YR. JUMBO

7.11%

↓ -0.04

6.37% 7.90%

7/6 SOFR ARM

6.94%

↑ +0.02

5.95% 7.55%

30-YR. FHA

6.57%

↓ -0.05

5.65% 7.00%

30-YR. VA

6.58%

↓ -0.06

5.66% 7.03%

COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE RATES

Source: StackSource



Last Updated
NOV 5,
2024

Freddie Mac	5.34%-6.86%
Fannie Mae	5.54% - 6.81%
HUD 223(f)	6.00% - 6.70%
CMBS	6.33%-7.93%
Regional Banks/Credit Unions	6.77% - 10.50%
HUD 221(d)(4)	6.60% - 7.30%

AVG AUTO LOAN RATES

Source: US News & World Report



OCTOBER
2024

Credit Score Range	New Car Loan Rates	Used Car Loan Rates
781-850	5.25%	7.13%
661-780	6.87%	9.36%
601-660	9.83%	13.92%
501-600	13.18%	18.86%
300-500	15.77%	21.55%

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It's Fall Y'all - Craft & Vendor Fair

For the Love of Shopping presents 'It's Fall Y'all - Craft & Vendor Fair' taking place Saturday, November 9th, from 10am-3pm, featuring vendors, artisans, crafters, music, food, face painting, and fun!

For more information, [click here](#) to visit their website!

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October 16...DB City Commission addressed Affordable Housing Opportunities Trust Fund to fund the construction of affordable housing.

This would pertain to developments whereby construction workers or store employees can't afford local housing.

Much of this is due to more than half of the city's renters live in of the city's housing with a \$34,000 medium income.

The trust funds was part of a broader effort to address the City's affordable housing situation. It's also being supported big time by FAITH group.

Nov 6 – DB City Commission took up an ordinance to create a Residential Rental Registration program in place of their recently repealed Rental Licensing Program.

It establishes an annual registration program that applies to all owners of 1-4 residential rental units. Registration provides the City owner-related information and allows the City to obtain tenant-related information when needed.

The Ordinance also a voluntary inspection establish- es registrants. Registrants who undergo voluntary inspections will have their registration fees waived; and if they pass the inspection will have the inspec- tion fee waived in the following year if inspection is requested.

Daytona Beach Advisory Bd Current Openings....

Affordable Housing Advisory Board

To encourage/facilitate affordable housing while protect- ing the ability of the property to appreciate in value. Meets as needed. Eligibility: Call City Clerk's Office.... 671-8028

Downtown Redevelopment Board

Review/deciding major site plans, redevelopment staff decisions and make recommendations on applications for zoning district map amendments. Meets monthly 1st Tuesday. Eligibility: Members shall reside or have their principal place of business in Downtown/Balough Road Redevelopment areas.

Historic Preservation Board - Advance historic preserva- tion in the City; provide for and protect the City's re- sources having special historic, community, architectural, or archaeological value. Meets monthly 3rd Tuesday. Call City Clerk's Office.... 671-8028

Daytona Beach Citizen Boards (Vacancies 11-04 - 12-31)

Affordable Housing Advisorsory Board

- Two vacancies (1: Low-Income Advocate/Not-For-Profit Affordable Housing Provider and 2: Home Builder)

Beachside Redevelopment Board

- Two vacancies open on 1-1-25
- Three terms expire 12-31-24

Board of Adjustment

- Two vacancies (Alternate, and Zone 6)

Board of Building Codes

- One CURRENT vacancy
- Two terms will expire 12-31-24

Downtown Redevelopment Board

- Two terms expire 12-31-24

Historic Preservation Board

- Three CURRENT vacancies (Zone AL – Mayoral, 3 and 5)
- Four terms expired 04-14-24 (Mayoral, 3, 5, 6)

Midtown Redevelopment Board

- Two CURRENT vacancies

Planning Board

- Three terms expire 12-31-24 (Zone 2,6 and ATL)

People in the Community.....



Amy Zengotita is the new Economic Development Manager/CRA Coordinator for City of Holly Hill. Raised in Pt Orange...Spruce Creek HS graduate.....BA degree from Flagler College and a MS from the Univ of Illinois. She recently

was South Daytona’s Parks & Recreation Director and was PIO for Ponce Inlet. She was a News Journal 40 under 40 professional. Email - azengotita@hollyhillfl.org....office - 386-248-9446.....mobile - 299-5544

Chris Edwards, former Economic Development Director for City of New Smyrna Beach has just started Align Business Logistics, LLC! He has a Bachelors in Public Administration from UCF; MBA from Univ of West Florida.



Nikki Risley General Manager at Daytona Dodge Chrysler Jeep & Ram was awarded the 2024 Most Charitable Woman of the Year award, by the Daytona Beach News Journal



Oct 21.....Deltona City Commission voted to opt out of the Live Local Act which was approved by the legislature last session to address affordable housing.

The legislation provides that builders can get up to a 75% tax exemption if they keep at least a designated percent of units affordable to renters earning 80-100% of the area median income.

One of their main concerns was the potential loss of local control over zoning and land use decisions. It's designed to streamline the affordable housing approval process but city officials but city officials felt it would override their ability to make decisions for their communities.

They're also worried about the impact on infrastructure, traffic, and other municipal services.

Orlando has opted out and other central Florida cities are considering the same.



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Comm Stacy Cantu David Owen, Marine Corp League



Sen Wright DB Comm Cantu NSB Mayor Cleveland



DB Police Chief Jakari Young views Memorial



Waste Pros' Steve Cameron Veterans Museum Joe Rosa



Sen Tom Wright Legis Asst Charlene Gagnier



Veterans attending the Memorial Exhibit



Sheriff Mike Chitwood, Paul Zimmerman
at Bellair Community Group



Ted Hardecky, Vern Wetherholtz and crew cooking hamburgers/hotdogs for DB PD officers during Biketoberfest



Anne Ruby & Sandy Murphy at DB City Commission



Charter Spectrum's Alex Redkin
County Public Protection Director Jim Judge

Daytona Regional Chamber Business After Hours.....Museum of Arts Sciences



Teresa Smith - Volusia Women Who Care, Starlet Riviere - OPTAVIA Health Coach, Rina Hatton - Nexus Wellness, Cyndi Ritchey - Realtor, Adams Cameron & Co [#BossLady](#)



Terri Shurmdom (Blanchard Insurance) Suzanne Engle (Easy Breezy Bookkeeping) Kathy Masterson (Hard Rock Hotel) Pam Cooper (Pam Cooper Photography)



Tabitha Schmidt (MOAS)
Jenny Craig (Copper Bottom Craft Distillery)



Cong Michael Waltz, State Rep Tom Leek



Jayme Dickey, Renae Ann, Eileen Alvarez at DB QB Club



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County Councilman Danny Robbins
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School Bd member Jesse Thompson



Matt and Stephanie Reinhart



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Atty Jarrett DePaula Andrew Urbanak John Reed (St Atty's office)



Duncan DeMarsh Sen Tom Wright

First Step Shelter Stats

Shelter Intakes	2024								
	2020	2021	2022	2023	Q1	Q2	Q3	Oct.	Total
DBPD	54	65	89	123	70	48	82	24	555
OBPD	2	2	5	2	1	5	0	1	18
POPD	0	2	4	8	2	3	2	0	21
DBSPD	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	3
SDPD	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
PIPD	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
HHPD	2	1	6	10	2	4	5	3	33
VCSO	3	3	18	36	3	3	5	3	74
NSBPD	-	-	-	2	1	1	3	0	7
Deland PD	-	-	-	-		1	8	2	11
Oak Hill PD								0	0
Total Law Enforcement	62	75	125	182	79	65	105	35	728
DOC			3	12	3	6	2	0	26
Total Hospitals	38	20	50	57	22	33	29	8	257
Total SS and Worship	55	145	165	100	24	25	15	2	531
FSS Help Line			37	6	0	0	0	0	43
Total	155	240	380	357	128	129	151	45	1585

Safe Zone & Program Referrals	31-Dec	2021	2022	2023	Q1	Q2	Q3	October	Total
DBPD	23	2469	252	420	302	69	126	59	3720
PIPD	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	5
OBPD	0	20	20	22	8	4	0	1	75
POPD	0	25	21	22	10	3	6	1	88
DBSPD	0	20	12	14	0	3	2	3	54
SDPD	0	8	8	2	0	0	0	0	18
HHPD	7	19	14	38	19	18	15	4	134
NSBPD	-	-	-	14	9	3	8	1	35
Deland PD	-	-	-	-	3	0	1	3	7
Volusia County Sheriff				101	26	12	20	8	167
Total	30	2561	329	636	377	112	178	80	4303

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