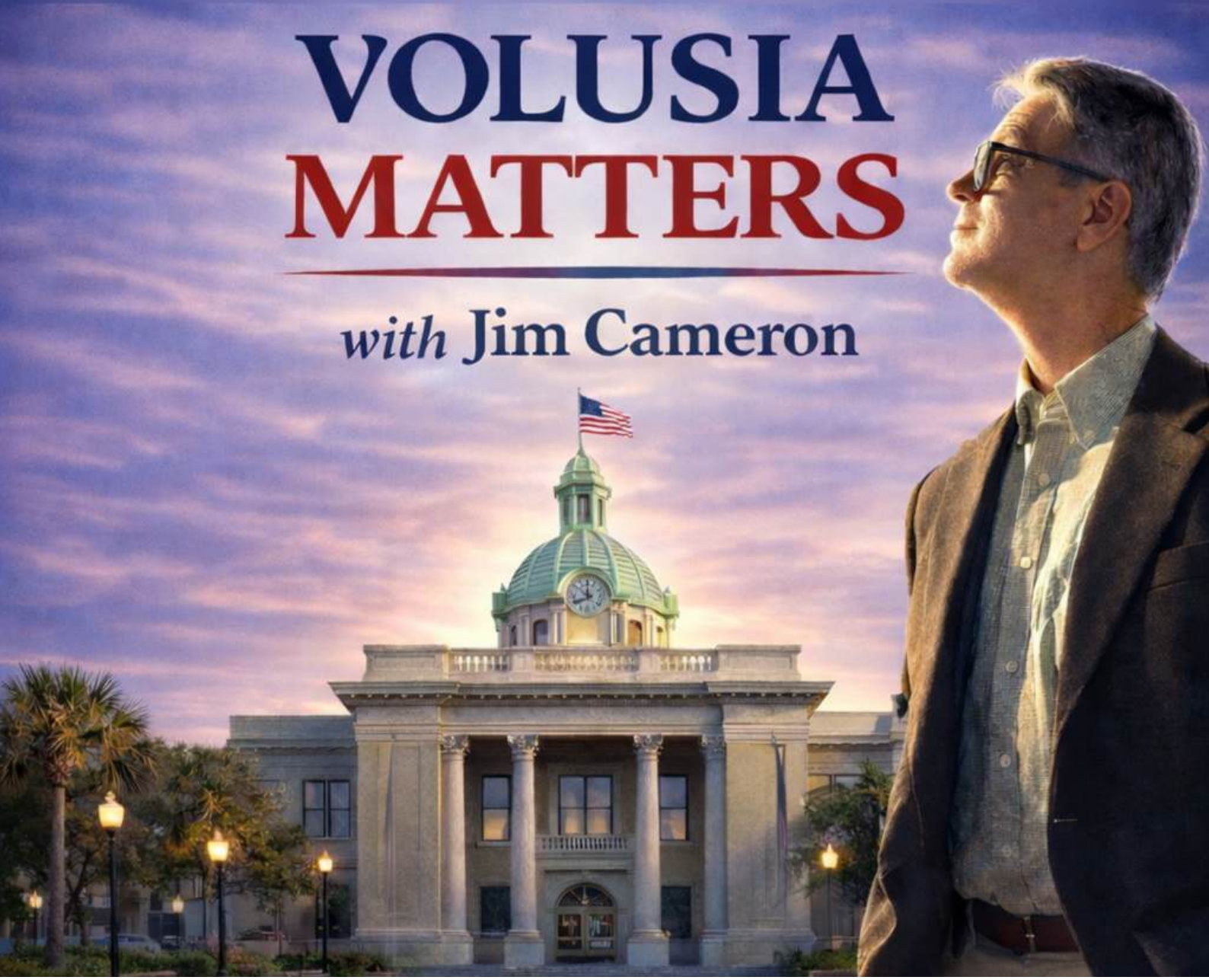


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LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGETS

IN SEPTEMBER, THE COUNTY COUNCIL, SCHOOL BOARD, AND EACH CITY COMMISSION/COUNCIL HELD PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE TAKING FINAL VOTES ON THEIR FY 2026-27 PROPOSED BUDGETS AND TAX RATES...

LOOK FOR MY NEW LOCAL GOVERNMENT TAX RATE AND BUDGET CHARTS ON THE NEXT FEW PAGES.

I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK ALL LOCAL FINANCE/BUDGET DIRECTORS FOR PROVIDING ME THE NECESSARY NUMBERS FOR THIS REPORT.

THESE CHARTS WILL BE ADDED TO JIM CAMERON CONSULTING WEBSITE FOR FURTHER REVIEW....

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FY 2026-27 Tax Rates / Budget Chart

	FY 2025-26 Millage Rate	ADOPTED Rate 2026-27 (Roll Back Rate)	ADOPTED General Fund 2026-27 vs (General Fund 2025-26)	ADOPTED Total 2026-27 Budget vs (2025-26 Budget)	Contact for more info	
Daytona Beach	**5.93**	**5.73 (5.73)**	**$162.8 m ($159.6 m)**	**$402.5 m ($379.8 m)**	301 S Ridgewood Ave Budget Dir Natalia Eckroth 671-8060 DB City Commission	**ADOPTED**
Daytona Beach Shores	**4.58**	**4.99 (4.55)**	**$24.9 m ($25.6 m)**	**$116.0 m ($98.3 m)**	2990 S Atlantic Ave Budget Dir Lori Irwin 763-5353 City DB Shores	**ADOPTED**
Port Orange	**4.97**	**5.15 (4.85)**	**$67.7 m ($63.3 m)**	**$215.2 m ($223.1 m)**	1000 City Ctr Circle Budget Dir Sue Wang 506-5710 City Pt Orange	**ADOPTED**
Ormond Beach	**4.38**	**4.32 (4.17)**	**$53.2 m ($52.4 m)**	**$152.0 m ($142.4 m)**	22 S Beach St Finance Dir Kelly McGuire 676-3226 City Ormond Bch	**ADOPTED**
Holly Hill	**5.8**	**5.8 (5.65)**	**$14.4 m**	**$37.0 m**	1065 Ridgewood Ave Holly Hill Michele Moore Holly Hill Comm	**ADOPTED**
South Daytona	**3.9**	**5.73 (5.73)**	**$162.8 m ($159.6 m)**	**$402.5 m ($379.8 m)**	301 S Ridgewood Ave Budget Dir Natalia Eckroth 671-8060 DB City Commission	**ADOPTED**

DeBary	3.65	3.65 (3.52)	$37.9 m ($31.8 m)	$55.6 m ($45.1 m)	16 Columba Rd Finance Director Liz Bauer 601-0222 City DeBary	ADOPTED
Lake Helen	6.86	7.10 (6.50)	$4.74 m ($4.06 m)	$6.26 m ($6.50 m)	327 SLakeview Dr City Admin John Brant 228-2358 City Lake Helen	ADOPTED
Pierson	5.24	5.24 (4.89)	$1.48 m ($1.23 m)	1.97 m ($1.71 m)	106 N Center St Clerk Yvonne Braddock 749-2661 Town Pierson	ADOPTED
Edgewater	6.33	6.33 (6.11)	$42.4 m ($33.6 m)	$128.4 m ($182.3 m)	104 N Riverside Dr Bdgt Dir Bridgette Vaissiere 424-2400 x 4000 City Edgewater	ADOPTED
Ponce Inlet	6.25	6.23 (6.17)	$10.9 m ($10.8 m)	$23.7 m ($22.6 m)	4300 S Atlantic Ave Finance Dir Kim McColl 236-2150 Town Ponce Inlet	ADOPTED
Orange City	7.23	7.03 (7.05)	$22.1 m ($21.2 m	$38.3 m ($44.1 m)	205 E. Graves Ave Finance Dir Devlin Moore 775-5427 Orange City Council	ADOPTED
Oak Hill	5.69	5.68 (5.33)	$2.94 m	$6.14 m	34 US Hwy 1 City Admin John Barkley 345-3522 City Oak Hill	ADOPTED

Volusia County Schools	**5.27**	**5.24 (5.23)**	**$626.9 m ($702.9 m)**	**$1.09 b ($1.36 b)**	200 N Clara Ave Deland Budget Dir Deidra Whittenberg 255-6475 Volusia School Bd	**ADOPTED**
County of Volusia	3.2 County 1.5 Sheriff *4.801 - Total	3.10 County 1.59 Sheriff *4.69 – Total (3.1 – County 1.5– Sheriff 4.64 – Total)	$352 m – County $179 m – Sheriff $241 m – County $162 m – Sheriff	$1.06 b – Cty ($1.11 b – Cty)	123 W Indiana Ave Deland Bdgt Dir Veronica Black 736-5934 County Council	**ADOPTED**
New Smyrna Beach	**4.64**	**4.63 (4.51)**	**$77.5 m ($76.6 m)**	**$185.5 m ($199.5 m)**	210 Sams Ave Budget Dir Jo Anne Drury 410-2650 NSB City Commission	**ADOPTED**
Deltona	**6.71**	**6.49 (6.49)**	**$82.9 m ($78.6 m)**	**$316.5 m ($245.5 m)**	2345 Providence Blvd Finance Dir John McKinney 878-8555 City Deltona	**ADOPTED**
Deland	**6.03**	**6.18 (6.02)**	**$54.4 m ($52.3 m)**	**$138.7 m ($133.2 m)**	120 S Florida Ave Budget Dir Dan Stauffer 626-7079 City Deland	**ADOPTED**





Team Volusia Board of Directors met September 18

Kirsten Pierce Volusia Schools' Director of workforce innovation for explained the district's current and upcoming career/technical education programs. Each is designed to provide students with a specific workforce skill that is needed in Volusia County. Kirsten stated the district will major announcement regarding CTE in the several weeks.

Prospects.....TEAM Volusia

- received 74 initial inquiry calls
- 21 additional inquiry site visit calls
- 13 additional site visits
- 14 negotiation stage projects.

TV staff has several codename projects-

Project Alta a potential$80 million aviation/aerospace company providing 120 job potential jobs in the site visit stage
Project Canal Street...advanced manufacturing firm (site visit stage)
Project Open Door...advanced manufacturing firm with 18 potential jobs (site visit stage).
To date, TV has located 4 new businesses so far.... Valor Capital, tact manufacturing, Concentra healthcare and harmony united.

Next TV bd meeting will be Friday, November 13, 8 AM at ERAU



Volusia League of Cities met September 24 at Pictona at Holly Hill

The League's current board includes.....

- Nancy Miller, Mayor of DB Shores — President
- Brandon Young, S Daytona — 1st Vice President
- Phyllis Butlien, DeBary — 2nd Vice President
- Lois Paritsky, Ponce Inlet — Past President
- Karen Allen, Executive Director

While no formal action was taken, there was of protecting local government "home rule" as well as preparing for the 2027 Florida legislative session.

All 16 cities are dealing with property-tax revenues, rising operating costs and state legislation affecting local-government finances. The League's role is to coordinate the cities' position on those issues. At the Sept 14 Volusia Elected Officials Roundtable,local officials were already discussing regional issues including home rule (protecting local decision-making matters whereby state legislation can preempt cities from regulating matters that have been handled locally, property taxes/municipal funding (Amendment 3 property-tax proposal)....including one-size-fits-all requirements on cities.

There is concern regarding Volusia's housing shortage while preserving municipal authority over growth management, zoning and where housing is located.... Volusia because cities are seeing different growth pressures communities.
Next Meeting is Dec 10

Sept 27–29, Mayor Derrick Henry outlined a new push to revitalize the Boardwalk area, including the city-owned property at 29 S Ocean Ave, near the pier and existing entertainment district.
The city hopes to attract year-round entertainment, family activities, jobs, and tourism while encouraging area property owners to make improvements. A RFP was sent to some 3000 prospects including amusement, hospitality, tourism, and entertainment operators. Proposals are due October 27 before City Commission review. The effort will combine redevelopment with seawall and beach-access improvements, a Boardwalk extension, and traffic changes.

The goal is to restore the Boardwalk as a destination for residents and visitors.

The Mayor ALSO wants to look at how Main Street can connect across the river to Beach St downtown. He feels linking these two corridors could help residents and visitors move easily between the beachside and downtown, and help businesses in both areas grow together. The project is still in the conceptual design stage with the city and its design team using feedback from residents and stakeholders to shape this vision. More renderings are coming soon so everyone can see what these improvements could look like.

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Sept 22 - County Council.....

- entered a joint project agreement with City of Daytona Beach on Harvey Ave Beach Approach Improvements i.e. combine Boardwalk and Harvey Ave beach ramp improvements into one project. The City will manage bidding/construction, while the County pays its share. Afterward, the City will own and maintain transferred area for public use.
- County's Emergency Management Dept recently hosted a Healthcare Summit to connect healthcare providers, fire depts to share experiences, discuss how they can better collaborate. Participants discussed evacuation, sheltering, transportation, communication, staffing, continuity of care, and power outages. These annual planning reviews help facilities protect vulnerable residents and coordinate effectively during emergencies.

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Oct 6 - County Council.....

- voted 7–0 to advance an ordinance banning large-scale data centers in unincorporated areas. This comes after new Fla SB legislation took effect, preserving local authority to regulate large data centers through land-use rules. The proposal goes to the Planning and Land Development Regulation Commission on October 15, then returns to Council for a final vote on October 20.
- voted 6-0 to implement a 12-month moratorium on license-plate readers on county rights-of-way....as opposed to an outright ban. Sheriff Chitwood told council members all cameras have been turned off and will be removed within 30 days. However, he advised a moratorium vs a complete ban because it's apparent this matter will be addressed by the legislature during their next regular session. This all comes after FDOT stopped approval of new automated license plate reader (LPR) systems in state right of ways starting August 31.
- Voted to support the ECHO Advisory Committee recommendations to fund 10 projects totaling $12.7 million which will generate another $12.8 million in matching funds. The projects are from five cities and four nonprofit groups. ECHO funds are intended to support projects across the County and across environmental, cultural, historic, and outdoor recreation areas.

Estimated Business Income Tax Schedule

Federal estimated income-tax payments for a business, the schedule depends on how your business is structured. For a sole proprietorship, LLC taxed as a sole proprietorship, partnership, or S-corp owner, the estimated tax generally flows through to your personal return and uses Form 1040-ES.

Sole proprietor/LLC taxed as sole proprietor: You generally pay estimated federal income tax personally using Form 1040-ES, including self-employment tax where applicable.

S corporation: The corporation generally does not pay federal income tax on its ordinary income; you may need personal estimated payments on your share of the income.

C corporation: The corporation itself generally makes estimated tax payments. Corporations generally must make estimated payments if they expect to owe $500 or more.

2026 estimated-tax schedule

4th quarter 2026	**January 15, 2027**

2027 estimated-tax schedule

1st quarter 2027	**April 15, 2027**
2nd quarter 2027	**June 15, 2027**
3rd quarter 2027	**September 15, 2027**
4th quarter 2027	**January 18, 2028***

***Jan 15, 2028 falls on a Saturday, so the deadline moves to the next business day.**

Fed Reserve Bd increases interest rate by a quarter point.... .3.50 - 3.75 to 3.75 - 4.00

Sept 16 - US Federal Reserve raised its key interest rate by one-quarter of a percentage point moving the federal funds target range from 3.50%–3.75% to 3.75%–4.00%. It was the Fed's first rate increase since July 2023.

The decision comes as inflation is 3.4%....still above the Fed's 2% long-term goal with higher energy prices, gasoline and oil, have adding to inflation pressures The Fed uses interest rates to influence borrowing, spending and investment.

Higher rates generally make loans and mortgages more expensive, which can slow economic activity and reduce inflation over time.

For consumers and businesses, the decision could mean higher borrowing costs, while people with savings may continue to benefit from higher interest rates. Investors will also be watching the Fed's new economic projections and comments from **Chairman Kevin Warsh** for clues about future rate decisions.

See Federal Reserve on next page..

Next Federal Reserve Bd Meeting October 27-28

Federal Reserve…what's their next move?…….there is growing disagreement among policymakers over whether interest rates need to rise again to bring inflation under control. Fed's next policy meeting will be Oct 27–28.

Some Governors want to increase rates over the next 6-9 months to return inflation to the Fed's 2% target.
Other Fed officials say further increases could be appropriate if economic data support them, but need not happen at consecutive meetings.

Others have indicated no immediate need for another increase.

It appears most policymakers consider another rate increase by the end of 2026 likely to be appropriate, but such decisions depend on incoming economic information.
Current federal funds target range: 3.75%–4.00%, following the September increase.
October 27–28 meeting: Markets broadly expect rates to remain unchanged at that meeting.

If rates rise again, borrowing could become more expensive for businesses and consumers, including those using variable-rate credit cards, business loans and some other forms of credit. Mortgage rates also respond to Treasury yields and broader market expectations…but do not really move in lockstep with the Fed's rate.

For Volusia County businesses, the key issues to watch are borrowing costs, consumer spending, inflation and hiring.

The Fed is weighing the risk of persistent inflation against the possibility that tighter policy could slow economic activity

Big Increase in US Treasury Notes

The interest rate on the 10-year Treasury note has climbed to just over 5%….its highest level in almost 20 years. It's due to concerns about inflation, higher oil prices and expectations that the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates by a quarter percentage point.

The 10-year Treasury rate influences many other interest rates in the economy including mortgages, car loans, business loans and other borrowing.
Higher oil prices are also adding to increased transportation and production costs.

The 30-year Treasury note reached a 20-year high.

The big question now is how long these higher interest rates will last. If oil prices remain high, inflation could remain above the Fed's 2% target, putting continued pressure on the Fed to keep interest rates higher, meaning increased borrowing costs for consumers and businesses.



US House and Senate must pass appropriation bills to fund federal government and avoid a shutdown

Congress passed continuing resolution in September to keep the federal government temporarily funded through December 11. NOW Congress has to pass appropriation 12 bills before December 11 to complete the FY2027 appropriations process—or pass another extension.

12 FY 2027 appropriations bills that Congress needs to enact include……

1 Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA
- USDA, farm programs, food assistance, FDA

2 Commerce, Justice, Science
- Commerce Dept, DOJ, FBI, NASA, National Science Foundation

3 Defense
- Pentagon/national defense

4 Energy & Water Development
- Dept of Energy, nuclear security, Army Corps of Engineers

5 Financial Services & General Government, Treasury, IRS, financial agencies, White House operations

6 Homeland Security
- Border security, immigration, FEMA, Coast Guard, TSA

7 **Interior, Environment & Related Agencies**
- Interior Dept, EPA, national parks, public lands

8 Labor, Health & Human Services, Education
- HHS, NIH, CDC, Education Dept, workforce programs

9 Legislative Branch
- House, Senate, Capitol Police, Library of Congress

10 Military Construction, VA
- Military construction and VA health care/benefits

11 National Security, State Programs
- State Dept, foreign aid, diplomatic operations and intelligence programs

12 Transportation, HUD
- Highways, transit, airports, housing programs, HUD

House Appropriations Committee has passed all 12 FY 2027 bills, but only 3 passed the full House. Senate has not advanced any FY 2027 appropriations bills through committee.

Before Dec 11, Congress has 3 choices:

1.Pass the 12 individual appropriations bills and complete FY 2027 funding.
2.Combine several bills into larger packages or omnibus billand pass them
3.Pass another continuing resolution extending the current FY 2026 funding levels beyond December 11.

If Congress fails to do one of those things by Dec 11, another government shutdown becomes possible.

Oct 2 - latest US jobs report for Sept, shows a clear cooling in the labor market. It is not a collapse, but it is weaker than economists expected. (Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Key numbers

- Jobs added: 29,000 in September, far below the roughly 84,000–90,000 economists expected.
- Unemployment: Rose from 4.1% to 4.2%. About 7.1 million Americans were unemployed.

July was revised from a gain of 21,000 to a loss of 10,000.
August was revised from 162,000 to 133,000. Together, those revisions reduced employment by 60,000 jobs.

Wages: Average hourly earnings increased just 0.1% in Sept and were up 3.0% over the past year.

- Labor-force participation: Increased slightly to 61.8%.
- Health care: Added 17,000 jobs, continuing to be one of the stronger areas.
- Construction: Added 11,000.
- Manufacturing: Added 9,000.
- Financial activities: Lost 7,000 jobs.

What does it mean for the economy? The biggest message is "slower growth, but not a recession." Hiring has weakened, but unemployment remains relatively low and layoffs have not surged...labor market remains stable but losing momentum.

The report gives the Federal Reserve more reason to be cautious about raising interest rates. Weaker hiring and slower wage growth reduce some pressure on inflation. Sept numbers increase the possibility the Fed will leave rates unchanged rather than raise them.

For businesses, the report is a warning. Employers are more cautious about hiring, which could slow consumer spending/economic growth. If this trend continues for several months, it will become a much more serious concern.

Bottom line.....Sept jobs report suggests US economy is still growing, but labor market is losing momentum. The next few jobs reports will be important in determining whether this is simply a period of slower hiring or the beginning of a broader economic slowdown.

Inflation Rises, Raising Concerns for Consumers and the Fed

US inflation rose faster than expected in Sept....consumer prices increased 0.6% from August.....annual inflation rate jumped from 3.4% to 3.7%.

Gas prices jumped 9.1%.....a big impact on this monthly increase along with rising housing costs and other expenses

Core inflation, which excludes food and energy, increased 0.3% monthly and 2.6% annually.

Inflation has outpaced wage growth for 6 consecutive months, adding to consumer affordability concerns.

The latest report complicates the Federal Reserve's efforts to reach its 2% inflation target. Investors increasingly expect interest rates to remain elevated, with another rate hike possible before year-end. Stocks fell, Treasury yields climbed, and the dollar strengthened following this report.



VCARD take part in Beach/River Clean Up....

Sept 19 - Approx 50 volunteers took part of International Beach/River Clean Up.

Volunteers Areas included beaches Daytona, DB Shores, Ormond as well as City Island.

VCARD would like to thank **Shailesh Patel/DMC** for sponsoring lunch.

I'd like to congratulate **VCARD Exec Kelli Consentino** for coordinating this event.

Incertec, a metal-finishing company is in the process of moving its plant from Titusville to Edgewater.

It'll involve an $8 M renovation with roughly 150 jobs and a projected $60M in annual output.

It's the most significant industrial win in a while, aerospace and defense-adjacent work.

Sept 14 - Edgewater City Council.....

- **approved fire services assessments for FY 2026-27 to fund fire protection services, facilities, and programs, distributing costs among properties receiving special benefits**. Residential properties will pay $50 while commercial/warehouse properties pay $0.03 per square foot, industrial properties $0.01, and so on. Some government, exempt institutional, agricultural, and qualified disabled veteran properties are excluded. Assessments become liens and are collected through tax bills.
- will attend a joint public meeting with New Smyrna Beach, Oak Hill, and the Volusia County Council to address shared economic development priorities affecting Southeast Volusia on October 14, 2026, at the Brannon Center.
- adjusted their Fire Rescue Law Enforcement General Govt, Parks/Rec, Multi-Model transportation impact fees.

Volusia School District proposed an enhanced compensation package during September 22 contract negotiations with VUE to attract, retain, and support employees. The proposal includes a $3 retention-pay increase, 2% higher supplements, a 1.05% cost-of-living adjustment for all bargaining-unit members, and additional salary increases based on experience.

Employees with at least 10 years of service would receive compensation matching the Teacher Salary Increase Allocation, while employees in years one through nine would also receive raises. The package adds one bereavement-leave day and ten consecutive paid parental-leave days.

Negotiations continue October 6, balancing employee support with financial stability. The district says investments remain fiscally responsible.

Oct 13 — School Board meeting discussed

- Student Progression Plan 2026–2028 including grade advancement, grading, graduation requirements;
- district's Safety & Security policy overhaul (Policy 510)
- 2027–28 school calendar
- Dr Joe Castelli was appoved to become the District's Director of Operations..

ERAU business students gained aviation industry experience through summer internships at companies including Flexjet, Embraer, American Airlines, Safran, Wilmington International Airport and Boeing.

These internships help students build skills, confirm career interests and gain professional confidence. Forty students from the ERAU's College of Business were selected for internships and several participants received promising next steps, including full-time job offers from American Airlines and Boeing.



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- Renovate and repurpose existing galleries
- Create a unified, walkable campus
- Reimagine The Brown's identity around innovation, discovery, and connection

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Reference our FAQ section for answers to your questions about construction, timeline, and our future plans.

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Get the latest project updates, renderings, and stories.

Museum in Motion

Through an expanding calendar of programs, we're bringing hands-on learning directly into schools and community spaces—meeting audiences where they are and sparking lasting curiosity. Meanwhile, members enjoy exclusive experiences, and the Lohman Planetarium continues to inspire with special events and immersive shows.

Check Our Event Calendar



Space Florida Update.....

Recent activity by Space Fla continues to strengthen the Space Coast economy, by continued investing in launch facilities, aerospace manufacturing, and commercial space infrastructure at Cape Canaveral and Kennedy Space Center. Companies such as Blue Origin, Airbus, Redwire, and other aerospace firms are expanding operations that could have several direct/indirect implications for Volusia.

For Volusia County, this means:

More opportunities for local suppliers and contractors.

Increased demand for engineers, technicians, software specialists, and advanced manufacturing workers.

Additional partnerships with institutions such as Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Daytona State College.

As the Cape's aerospace sector expands, Daytona Intl Airport could benefit from increased aviation training, maintenance, drone technology, aerospace logistics, and business aviation activity. Daytona already serves as an aviation education hub through ERAU and related companies.

Record launch activity from the Cape continues to attract business activity to Central Florida (including Volusia).

Volusia businesses involved in:

- Electronics
- Precision manufacturing
- Security technology
- Information technology

may find opportunities as vendors or partners in Fla's growing space economy. Botton line.....growth at Kennedy Space Center and Cape Canaveral increasingly affects jobs, education, tourism, technology, and business development throughout Volusia—not just Brevard.

SYNERGY BILLING

Fla Office of Insurance Regulation

· helps protect insurance customers and keep the insurance market fair.

· reviews insurance companies, approves or rejects rate changes, checks companies' financial health, and investigates complaints

· makes sure insurers follow Fla laws and pay valid claims.

· can order refunds when companies charge too much or earn excessive profits

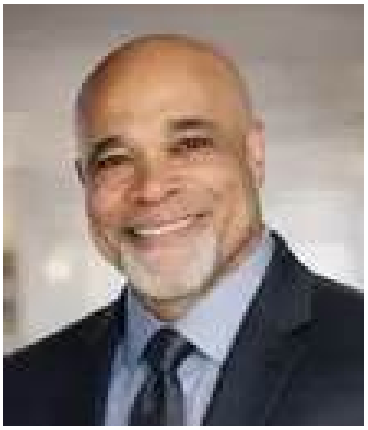


Geoff and Laura Murphy are still newcomers to the area. Having left Homer, Alaska.....they toured 8 months in Fla before choosing Daytona Beach where they live on the peninsula. Since then, they developed an interest in the area's history and began their part to assist in the City's future. Geoff serves on the Daytona Beach Historic Preservation Bd, and Laura serves on the Beachside Redevelopment Bd. Both are Daytona Beach Citizens Academy graduates and members of the Beachside Neighborhood Watch. Laura has a Masters degree in Leadership and Geoff has a corporate operations background. Together, they founded the Doors to Shores Team with Align Right Realty Horizons with nearly forty years of combined real estate and property renovation experience.
Contact – Geoff 907-299-2195 or Laura 907-399-9937

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My friend, **Jason Rudy** just moved into his new home....he's in the middle of organizing where things go. Btw, if you need any type of fencing.. call his company at 278-4800.



Brian Walker



Belinda Williams Collins

Brian Walker is the new Interim City Manager for Holly Hill. He was their previous Asst City Manager and Community Development Director.
Joe Forte retired last month.
Belinda Williams Collins is Holly Hill's new Senior Planner. She was previously Deland's Senior Planner.

Oct 12 - **Avalon Park Daytona Beach Advances Toward January 2027 Groundbreaking**

Construction will start on 750 acres; plans include homes, retail, a grocery store and an education village

Avalon Park Daytona Beach is moving forward with plans to break ground in January 2027. Initial site work will cover 750 acres, approximately one-quarter of the overall project, with plans for homes, 100,000 square feet of retail space, including a grocery store, and an education village.

Avalon Park Group has been working with several partners on a specialized K–12 school, supporting its vision of a community where education is an integral part of daily life. Additional details will be announced as planning and partnerships progress.

This development update comes as the federal court denied the City of Ormond Beach's motion to dismiss the pending lawsuit.

Avalon Park Group remains committed to working with Ormond Beach, and all stakeholders, toward a mutually beneficial resolution. In a good faith effort to continue those discussions, Avalon Park Group has offered an informal stay of the lawsuit, including discovery, through January 4, 2027.

Beat Kahli, President and CEO of Avalon Park Group, "Our plans for the January groundbreaking are coming together, and we look forward to working with all stakeholders to build a community where people can live, learn, work, and play. We will have more news to share as we get closer to January."

About Avalon Park Group
Avalon Park Group is a diversified family of companies engaged in businesses ranging from master-planned community development to technology and health care services, co-working, food hall management, mining, and property management, in Fla, Switzerland, and beyond. With more than $1 billion in total assets, Avalon Park Group combines its exceptional reputation, sound business experience, and significant financial resources to invest in extraordinary opportunities. Avalon Park Group's mission is to change the way the world lives, learns, works, and plays by creating healthy sustainable communities and every aspect thereof. For more info on Avalon Park Group, visit online or call 407-658-6565. Media Contact: Beat Kahli, Avalon Park Group, 321-229-4116.

Sept 26…Sheriff Mike Chitwood swore in 12 new deputies who have completed their New Deputy Training program.

These men and women joined VSO after prior years of service with other law enforcement agencies across the county, state and country. Several also bring experience from past military service. Hopefully, these new officers received that bonus benefit from the State's $10 million bonus package whereby eligible officers get a one-time $5,000 payment after taxes

Oct 15— County Planning Land Development Regulation Commission (PLDRC) reviews the data-center ban (first reading passed 7-0 on Oct 6). Factors considered included Water, Power, and Business Estimate.

Tue Oct 20 — County Council final vote on the data-center ban.

Volusia County's Purchasing and Contracts Division has received a 2026 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award from the National Procurement Institute…..its 18th award 18 since 2003.

Volusia is one of 251 agencies in the US and Canada to receive the honor, which recognizes innovation, professionalism, productivity and e-procurement.

Led by **Pam Wilsky, the Purchasing and Contracts Division** is responsible for maximizing the purchasing value of public funds and safeguarding a procurement system built on quality and integrity. Congratulations to Pam and her team…..



Congrats to **Kristin Weiss**! Last week, she celebrated her first anniversary at CEO of DRC! I've enjoyed several Chamber events lately and she has a fine team running the organization. Keep up the good work Kristin!

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Martians / Marslakók Exhibit

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Explore Martians / Marslakók - a free, bilingual, interactive outdoor exhibition paying tribute to Hungarian and Hungarian-born Nobel Prize winners, as well as the great figures of domestic science and the outstanding achievements they accomplished.

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Bring Your Café or Restaurant to Fountainhead

Jayson Meyer is developing the Fountainhead Innovation Center—a place where entrepreneurs, businesses, and inventors can work and connect.

Plans include space for a restaurant, café, and wine bar at the center of the building. It could become a popular gathering place for meetings, meals, and new ideas.

Because the space is included in the building's plans, an experienced operator may be able to open with lower upfront costs than starting from scratch.

Once completed, the center is expected to attract 300 to 400 people each day, creating a strong base of potential customers.

Interested in opening a restaurant, café, or wine bar? Contact Jim Cameron at Synergy Billing at 386-566-2140 to learn more or schedule a tour.

Upcoming Events / Calendar of Events

Volusia Calendar is part of the Volusia Matters brand .....Community and Government sections....
If you have an annual /semi-annual event (not monthly), please e-mail me the event name and date. It's to help business/ community folk a plan their calendar AND avoid scheduling conflicts. Volusia Calendar will appear in Volusia Matters newsletter each month., so e-mail your MAJOR events to Jim@jimcameronconsulting.com

Community Calendar

Oct 14...SEV Regional Economic Summit....Brannon Center....8 AM - 12 NOON
Oct 21...National Support Your Local Chamber Day.....Daytona Regional Chamber....12 noon
Oct 22 — Deltona State of the City (chamber event) with Mayor Santiago Avila, Jr.
Oct 22..Halifax Urban Ministries 45th Anniversary Soirée ...6 PM...Shores Resort Spa
Nov 7-8...Halifax Art Festival.....Downtown Daytona Beach
Nov 12..SEV Chamber.....Annual Meeting & Awards..... Brannon Center....6 - 8:00 PM
Nov 20....Economic Development Q Breakfast....Daytona Intl Airport.....7:30 AM
Dec 1....Daytona Chamber's Elected Officials Meet/Greet....Brown & Brown.....5 PM
Dec 3...Pt Orange/S Daytona Chamber Annual Banquet....DB Shores Community Ctr
Dec 3....VCARD Christmas Party.....Fountainhead Innovation Ctr.....5 - 7 PM
Jan 14...VCARD Installation/Awards Banquet.....ERAU... 5-7 PM
Feb 3...SEV Chamber State of Series.....Brannon Center....11:30 AM - 1 PM
March 22 - 24....Volusia Days at the Capitol.....Tallahassee
April 17....1st Step Shelter Mayor's Gala....Ocean Center....6 PM

Governmental Calendar

Nov 9 - Elected Officials Roundtable....Daytona Intl Airport....7:30 AM



Your Local Government Meeting Links

Volusia County Council Oct 6th - 9 AM / 20th - 4 PM County Admin Bldg

Daytona Beach City Commission Oct 7, 21 - 6 pm City Hall

Ormond Beach City Commission Oct 20 - 7 pm City Hall

Port Orange City Council Oct 20 - 6:30 pm City Hall

South Daytona City Council Oct 13 - 6 pm City Hall

DB Shores City Commission Oct 13 - 6 pm City Hall

DeBary City Council Oct 7 - 6:30 pm City Hall

Deland City Commission Oct 19 - 7 pm City Hall

Deltona City Commission Oct 19 - 6:30 pm City Hall

Edgewater City Council Oct 19 – 6 pm City Hall

Holly Hill City Commission Oct 13, 27 - 6 PM City Hall

Lake Helen City Commission Oct 8 - 6 pm City Hall

New Smyrna Bch Commission Oct 13, 27 - 6:30 pm City Hall

Oak Hill City Commission Oct 12, 26 - 6 pm City Hall

Orange City City Council Oct 13, 27 - 6:30 pm City Hall

Ponce Inlet Town Council Oct 15 - 6 pm City Hall

School Board of Volusia Oct 13 - 4:30 pm Deland

River to Sea TPO Oct 28 , 9 am 1540 Cornerstone Blvd Ste 240 DB

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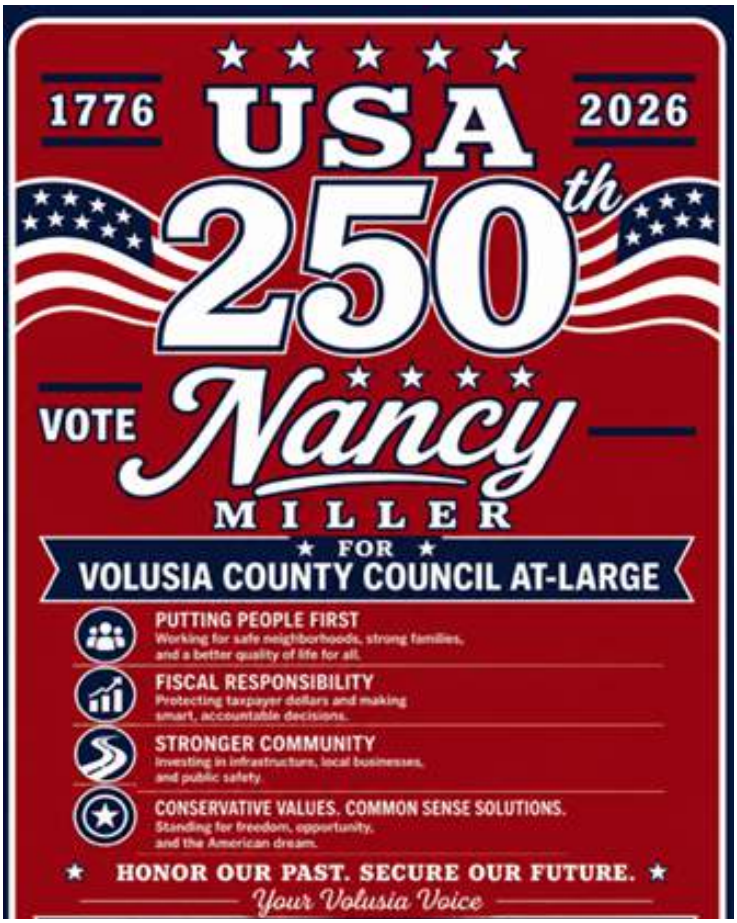
· **Remote Accessibility:** Users can manage and monitor their facilities in real-time via desktop, laptop, or mobile devices.

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PORT ORANGE
SOUTH DAYTONA

Last week, the Port Orange/South Daytona Chamber hosted a Town Hall regarding Amendment 3: How it will affect your community and your businesses... Speakers included **Volusia Tax Collector Will Roberts, Property Appraiser Larry Bartlett, County Councilman Matt Reinhardt, Pt Orange Mayor Scott Stiltner, S Daytona Mayor Bill Hall,** elected reps from DB Shores and Ponce Inlet along with **Sherrif Mike Chitwood**. Since cities cannot actively campaign for or against, PO/SD Chamber hosted this educational forum in which anyone was invited, including the media.



THE VOLUSIA REAL ESTATE SCORECARD

Monthly market intelligence for Volusia County

VOLUSIA COUNTY
All Property Types

August 2026
Source: Florida Realtors

CLOSED SALES
2.5% from a year ago
1,263

MEDIAN SALE PRICE
2.9% from a year ago
$350,000

ACTIVE INVENTORY
-18% from a year ago
6,076

DOLLAR VOLUME
8.9% from a year ago
$539 Million

NEW LISTINGS
-1.4% from a year ago
1,525

MONTHS SUPPLY OF INVENTORY
down from 6.6 MOS. a year ago
4.9 Months

AVERAGE MORTGAGE RATES

Last Updated October 7, 2026
Source: Mortgage News Daily

30 Yr. Fixed	15 Yr. Fixed	30 Yr. Jumbo
7.63% +0.07	7.25% +0.03	7.71% +0.01
5.99% – 7.63%	5.55% – 7.25%	6.10% – 7.71%
$1,770 / mo	$2,282 / mo	$1,784 / mo

7/6 SOFR ARM	30 Yr. FHA	30 Yr. VA
6.95% +0.06	7.25% +0.05	7.26% +0.04
5.29% – 6.95%	5.62% – 7.25%	5.64% – 7.26%



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Votes by Mail to Date 10/7

Vote by Mail Returned 9,031
Democrats 3,406
Republicans 3,475
Other Parties 299
NPAs 1,851

Nov 3 General Election.....Vote by Mail

Volusia's initial mailing of domestic/ civilian vote-by-mail ballots was Sept 24. Military/overseas was Sept 18.

Any registered Volusia voter can request one via County Supervisor of Elections or 386-736-5930 or VoteByMail@volusia.org
or go to Elections Supervisor's office

Voters must provide their name, date of birth, permanent Volusia address, and either Fla driver's license/Florida ID number or last 4 digits of their SS number. It also requires a signature.

Volusia County Vote-by-Mail information and request page
Deadline to request a mail- in ballot is:
Thursday, Oct 22, 5:00 PM.

For Fla domestic voters, your ballot must be received by Elections Supervisor by 7:00 PM Nov 3.... not simply to have it postmarked by Nov 3.

Fla Dept of State recommends domestic voters mail their completed ballot NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 26.

Also, County voters can use secure ballot drop boxes at designated locations, including early-voting sites. Those ballots must also be deposited by 7:00 PM Nov 3.

Amendment 3: Tax Relief/Local Revenue at Stake
Latest Poll Results

Fla voters will decide this issue next month. It would increase the homestead exemption for qualifying homeowners, and reduce property taxes used for local services.. If approved, the exemption would rise to $150,000 in 2027 and $250,000 in 2028. The expanded exemption would apply to non-school property taxes. Actual savings would vary based on a home's taxable value, existing exemptions, Save Our Homes benefits and local tax rates.

It needs 60% voter approval.....While polls in July showed 61-64 % support, Sept polls show support ranging 45 to 55%, leaving it short of that 60% threshold. The results suggest many voters remain undecided, and support may shift depending on how voters weigh possible tax savings against the effects on public services.

Volusia County CFO estimates the amendment could reduce recurring property-tax revenue by ~$129 million annually overall. County officials say the impact would involve services and programs including law enforcement, Fire Rescue, ECHO and Volusia Forever. The Council would make budget decisions in 2027; possible responses could include reducing services, changing hours, raising user fees or postponing projects. No specific cuts are automatic.

Volusia Property Appraiser estimates a $61.8 million reduction to the County General Fund at the $250,000 exemption level, plus impacts to other funds and local governments. Its figures across the taxing authorities total about $236.6 million at that level. These are projected government revenue losses, not homeowner savings.

Supporters argue the measure would help homeowners facing rising costs. Opponents, including public-safety organizations, warn reduced local revenue could pressure budgets. The central question for voters is how to balance potential tax relief with the possible consequences for services and local funding

Fla's maintains high reserve levels and rainy-day funds:
FY 2026–27 General Fund reserve totals ~$16 billion...
..the reserves provide fiscal flexibility to absorb economic downturns or revenue shocks

Volusia Charter Review Commission is proposing 5 amendments to the County's Charter which will go on November 3 ballot. The County Council will host three public hearings on these proposed amendments on June 2 and 16. The County Council does not have authority to revise the proposed amendments or to decline to place the proposals on the ballot.

Amendment No. 1 would see the County return to the pre-2002 system, whereby the Council would still be 5 district members and two at-large members. If adopted, the Council itself would select one of its 7 members to serve as chair for a term of one year as opposed to voters electing a County Chair.

Amendment No. 2 - Removal of Charter limitations regarding reimbursement of work-related expenses by County Council members for out-of-county expenses and in-county expenses.

Amendment No. 3 – regarding County Constitutional Officers….. Clerk, Sheriff, Tax Collector, Property Appraiser, and Supervisor of Elections and Tax Collector.. adds language so that Constitutional Offices m the entioned in the Charter is consistent with Florida's Constitution.

Amendment No. 4 - shifts detailed HR rules/staff requirements in the County Charter and into more flexible local ordinances. While this change allows the County Council to manage personnel policies more easily, the County would still be legally required to hire employees based on merit.

Amendment No. 5 - creates a conservation lands registry where the County Council can "lock" specific properties to protect them from being sold or transferred. Adding or removing land from this list requires a "majority plus one" vote (5 out of 7 members) and follows strict public notice rules if property is being delisted. While registered lands are generally protected, they can still be used for county public projects or transferred to entities with eminent domain authority.

WSBB and Volusia Matters hosted recent shows regarding items on the Nov 3 ballot

· **Charter Adm 1 – selection of the County Chair….CRC Chair Mark Watts spoke…..County Chair Jeff Brower spoke in opposition.**
· **Charter Adm 5……creation of a conservation lands….Mark Watts spoke support for registry Growth Management Commentator Catherine Pante opposed it.**
· **Fla Const Adm 3 - Homestead Exemption, Stan Escudero spoke in support and Diezel Depew spoke in opposition.**

I'd like to thank **WSBB GM/Announcer Ammie Ryan** for hosting these shows.





• Early voting Oct 19 - 31 8am - 6pm

Early Voting Sites

• Supervisor of Elections Office
1588 N Woodland Blvd, DeLand

• Wayne Sanborn Center
815 S Alabama Ave, DeLand

• Florence Little Town Hall
12 Colomba Rd, DeBary -

• The Center at Deltona
1640 Dr. M.L.K. Blvd, Deltona

• Ormond Beach Regional Library
30 S Beach St, Ormond Beach

• Charles Cherry Cultural/Educ Ctr
925 George Engram Blvd, DB

• Daytona Beach Regional Library
105 Jackie Robinson Pkwy, DB

• Lakeside Community Center
1999 City Center Cir, Port Orange

• New Smyrna Bch Regional Library
1001 S Dixie Fwy, New Smyrna Bch

November 2026

County Council At Large
- Nancy Miller
- Mike Poniatowski

County Council, District 1
- Wendy Anderson
- Don Dempsey

County Council, District 3
- Danny Robins
- Byron White

County Council, District 5
- David Santiago
- David Sosa

School Board, District 1
- Brenda Lyn Beery
- Jamie Michele Haynes

School Board, District 3
- Grace Kellermeier ELECTED

School Board, District 5
- Ruben Colon ELECTED

Daytona Bch Commission Zone 1
- John Navarra
- Monica Paris

Daytona Bch Commission Zone 3
- Quanita May
- Steve Miller

Daytona Bch Commission Zone 5
- Willie Williams ELECTED

Spectrum

DB Shores Mayor

- Stephen Dembensky (UNOPPOSED)

DB Shores Commission Seat 3

- Chris Conomos (UNOPPOSED)

DB Shores Commission, Seat 5

- Vincent DonVito

DeBary Council Mayor/Seat 5

- Phyliss Butlien
- Lita Handy-Peters

DeBary Council, Seat 3

- Michael Scheck (UNOPPOSED)
-

DeBary Council, Seat 4

- Christopher Adams (UNOPPOSED)

Deland Mayor

- Chris Cloudman (UNOPPOSED)

DeLand Commission Seat 3

- Jessica Davis (UNOPPOSED)

Deland Commission Seat 5

- Kevin Reid (UNOPPOSED)

Deltona Mayor

- Maritza Avillia Vazquez
- Jason Voelz

Deltona Commission District 1

- Davison Heriot
- Brandy White

Deltona Commission District3

- Tarra D'Errico
- Sean O'Donnell

Deltona Commission District 5

- Chris Bellingham
- Stephen Colwell

Deltona Commission District 6

- Chris Nabicht
- Christian O'Brien

Edgewater Mayor

- Diezel Depew ((Elected)

Edgewater Council District 1

- Charlotte Hope Gillis
- Charles Martin

Edgewater Council District 3

- Deborah Dolbow
- James McGuiness

Holly Hill Commission District 2

- Carmen Ruiz (Elected)

Holly Hill Commission District 4

- Damon Samson (UNOPPOSED)

Lake Helen Commission Zone 2

- Earl Farmer (UNOPPOSED)

Lake Helen Commission Zone 4

- Charlene Bishop (UNOPPOSED)

New Smyrna Beach Mayor

- Fred Cleveland
- Lisa Martin

NSB Commission Zone 1

- Carl Curtis Hodges (UNOPPOSED)

NSB Commission Zone 2

- Jennifer Devine
- Cynthia Sniezak

Oak Hill Commission

- Glyn Weeks (UNOPPOSED)

Oak Hill Commission

- Joe Catigano
- Terry Mason

Orange City At-Large

- Stephen Gensel
- Dana Knight

Orange City Council District 3

- Brett Marquez
- Sherry Pough

Orange City Council District 4

- Anthony Pupello (UNOPPOSED)

Orange City Council District 5

- Frances Darms (UNOPPOSED)

Ormond Beach Mayor

- Lori Tolland— ELECTED

Ormond Beach Commission Zone 1

- Melissa DeVriese - ELECTED

Ormond Beach Commission Dist 2

- Jennifer Bright
- Travis Sargent

Ormond Bch Commission Zone 3

- Kristin Deaton
- Ted Rhodes

Ormond Bch Commission Zone 4

- Amber Bobak
- Harold Briley

Pierson Council Seat 1

- Julia Crisp
- Linnie Richardson

Pierson Council Seat 3

- Brandy Peterson (UNOPPOSED)

Pierson Council Seat 5

- Robert Greenlund (UNOPPOSED)

Ponce Inlet Council Seat 2

- Bill Milano (UNOPPOSED)

Ponce Inlet Council Seat 4

Joseph Villanella (UNOPPOSED)

Port Orange Council District 1

Stan Schmidt (UNOPPOSED)

Port Orange Council District 2

- Tracy Grubbs (UNOPPOSED)

Port Orange Council District 4

- Lance Green (UNOPPOSED)

South Daytona Council Seat 2

- Doug Quartier

South Daytona Seat 3

- Lisa ONeal

Fla Senate District 8

- Jake Johansson (REP)
- Ngying, Judy (DEM)
- Wozniak, Gabriel Jude (LPF)

Fla House District 27

- Richard Gentry (REP) *Incumbent
- Andy Ferrari (DEM)

Fla House District 28

- Joseph Hannoush (LPF)
- Sammy Jackson (DEM)
- Bill Partington (REP) *Incumbent

Fla House District 29

- Webster Barnaby (REP) *Incumbent
- Donald Kanfer (DEM)

Fla House District 30

- Edwin Munoz (DEM)
- Chase Tramont (REP) *Incumbent

Congress—District 6

- Randy Fine (REP) *Incumbent
- Michael Gist (NPA)
- Andrew Parrott (LPF)
- Eric Yonce (DEM)

Congress—District 7

- Dalton Bale (DEM)
- Ryan Elijah (REP)

Lisa Lewis
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS
Volusia County, Florida

General Election Ballot will include congressional, legislative, county, city offices.....State Constitutional adms and County Charter adms

Early Voting
October 19 - 31
8:00am - 6:00pm
See Voting Sites on pg

General Election
Nov 03, 7 AM - 7 PM
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October 6.....the congressional picture has shifted noticeably over the past month. History has shown changes in the makeup of Congress during mid-term election, thus current data show many toss up races in the House, while the Senate remains close as well.

Current balance of power

- House Republicans 220, Democrats 215
- Senate has Republicans 53 vs Democrats 47* (2 independents caucus with Democrats)

Split control between House and Senate is a significant possibility
The most significant development is the House. Several forecasters are now predicting Democrats building momentum in the House need 3 seats for a majority.
Senate is considerably more complicated because Democrats need to gain four seats to move from 47 to 51.Among the important Senate battlegrounds are Ohio, New Hampshire, Kansas, Maine, North Carolina, Georgia, Michigan and several other closely contested states.

Several factors are showing up repeatedly in the latest reporting:
President Trump's approval rating and the national political environment are affecting Republican candidates in competitive districts and states.

Economic concerns, particularly inflation and gasoline prices, are important campaign issues.

Democrats appear to have a larger pool of competitive House districts to target than they did earlier in the campaign. Republicans retain important structural advantages in the Senate, including the map of seats being contested and the number of states where Republican candidates start with an underlying advantage.

Republican campaigns and outside groups are responding with substantial spending. Florida is an example: a Republican-aligned super PAC has spent nearly $5 million supporting Sen. Ashley Moody.

What the three most important outcomes would mean
1. Democrats win the House, Republicans retain the Senate....A divided Congress. Democrats would control the House and Republicans the Senate. Major legislation would require bipartisan negotiations, while congressional investigations and oversight would become particularly important.

2. Democrats would control both chambers of Congress while President Trump remains in the White House.....a very different governing environment, with congressional Democrats controlling committees, legislation coming out of Congress, appropriations and oversight.

3. Republicans would retain unified congressional control, although the size of their majorities would matter substantially. A small majority could make it difficult for Republican leadership to move legislation without near-unanimous support from its own members.
Most important thing to watch during the next 26 days is not simply national polling. It is the handful of 9 Senate toss-ups and 42-plus competitive House districts that will determine control.



Sept 28 - Florida TaxWatch published "Data Centers and Florida's Tax Base: Balancing Fiscal Opportunity, Responsible Development, and Taxpayer Protection."

It covers the legislative background regarding data centers, including HB 7031 from 2025 session, which ended the sales tax exemption for data centers under 100 MegaWatts. It also outlines the impact of a data center on local revenues.

It notes that ad valorem taxes from such facilities could offset some or all of the roughly $11.86 billion in annual local revenue the proposed Homestead Property Tax Amendment 3 would cost (homestead exemptions wouldn't apply to them).

Click here to see the report....

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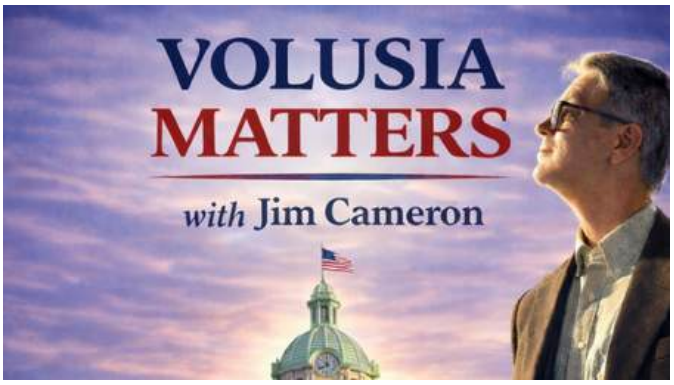
- All-weekend VIP access, including the HAF VIP area in the Riverfront Esplanade
- Artist demonstrations and special presentations
- Saturday lunch & Sunday brunch
- HAF Patron Dollars toward original artwork
- A Collector Circle Patron gift packet

US Senate has passed the Protect College Sports Act 77-22 that would create national rules for college athletics and Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) payments. (Sen Ashley Moody voted YES/Sen Rick Scott voted NO).

It would give college athletes a clear federal right to earn money from their NIL. NIL deals over $600 generally would have to be disclosed. It also addresses how colleges can share revenue with athletes and could increase the amount schools are allowed to provide.

The bill would establish rules covering transfers, eligibility, athlete health and safety, agents and NCAA enforcement. Generally, athletes would be allowed one transfer without losing eligibility. Supporters say the bill would bring consistency and stability to college sports.

Critics worry it could give the NCAA and colleges too much control over athletes. The House has its own college-sports proposal, called the SCORE Act, so negotiations could follow as this bill moves to the House.



Click this link for VM Podcast News/Interview with Drake Wyman, Advocacy Director for Daytona Regional Chamber... https://mailchi.mp/jimcameronconsulting/h-6690768

County Council Adopts ECHO Projects.....

Aug 27, the ECHO Advisory Committee reviewed and scored ten applications submitted for the 2026 ECHO Grant Cycle. Nine applications scored 80 points or higher, and the Committee recommends them to the County Council for approval. The recommended awards total $12,744,290 and will leverage $12,833,272 in matching funds, for a total community investment of $25,577,562.

The recommended projects include 5 cities and 4 not-for-profit organizations, as listed below:

- · Marine Discovery Center, Inc./Phase IV Project – Education Center & Dock $1,019,290
- · Museum of Arts & Sciences/The Brown Public Site Amenities $2,500,000
- · City of Edgewater/Edgewater New Boat Ramps & Amenities $2,500,000
- · City of Ormond Beach/Sports Complex Softball Quad Field Improvements $1,000,000
- · City of DeBary/Community Park Splash Pad Improvements $125,000
- · City of Port Orange/Willow Run Park $2,000,000
- · City of Holly Hill/Ross Point Heritage Park & Scenic Observation Pier $1,000,000
- · Conservation Florida, Inc./D Ranch Preserve Nature Center $2,500,000
- · Volusia Flagler Family YMCA/Port Orange Family YMCA Playground Project $100,000

A tenth application, submitted by the City of Daytona Beach for the Harvey Ave Boardwalk Extension and Beach Access Improvements project, requested $400,000 in ECHO funds with a $400,000 match from Community Redevelopment Agency CRA) funds. Staff's final completeness review found that the application meets County Council's approved requirements for grant funding. County Council may, at its sole discretion, vote to fund the project. Council approval of this grant would serve as that pre-approval and affirm the project's countywide economic impact.

Resolution 2020-79, reestablishing the ECHO program, directs that ECHO funds be allocated to provide broad geographical distribution throughout the county and apportioned appropriately among environmental, cultural, historic, and outdoor recreation projects

County Advisory Meetings - October

- Development Review Committee Oct 13, 9 AM - 12:00 PM County Admin Bldg Deland
- Code Enforcement Board Oct 14, 9:00 AM – 2 PM County Admin Bldg Deland
- Planning Land Development Regulation Commission Oct 15, 9 AM – 4 PM County Admin Bldg Deland
- W Volusia Tourism Adv Authority….Oct 21, 9 AM – 11 AM Main St Deland Office
- Volusia Forever Advisory Committee – Oct 23, 9 AM – 12 PM County Admin Bldg Deland
- Development Review Committee Oct 27, 9 AM - 12 PM County Admin Bldg Deland
- SE Volusia Tourism Adv Bureau Oct 27, 9 AM – 12 PM NSB Area Visitors Bureau
- County's Negotiations Team/Intl Union of Police Assn Oct 27, 1:30 – 4:30 PM Historic Couthouse Deland
- Volusia Growth Mngt Commission Oct 28, 6 PM DB City Hall



County Council approved new technology to support Sheriff's Office 911 dispatchers handling medical, fire, and law enforcement calls.

The Priority Dispatch System will guide call takers through questions tailored to each emergency, helping them assess its urgency and decide which services and level of response are needed. Trained staff will still speak directly with callers and make response decisions; the system provides additional guidance and helps organize information. The County and Sheriff's Office will organize the system, test it, and train dispatchers. It is expected to begin handling live calls in the coming months. The new tool will complement dispatcher experience and training and support emergency response across the County.

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Friends that we've lost



Bill Arthur passed away on September 16...he was 81. He served in the US Army from 1962 to 1964 ..stationed in Korea and received an an honorable discharge. He then moved to Georgia and was an aircraft mechanic for Lockheed Martin before moving to Daytona Beach area where he earned his degree from ERAU. He owned several local businesses and served as Mayor of Holly Hill from 1996 until 2005. During that time, he was a member of the Volusia-Flagler TPO. Bill was an enjoyable individual to work with.



Pat Patterson passed away Sept 21...he was 77. A Navy veteran, he as an insurance agent for 47 years. He served on the Volusia County Council from 1995 to 1998 and again from 2012 to 2018. He served in the Fla House of Representatives 1998 - 2000, then later returned to the Fla House 2002 to 2010. He served on numerous boards of directors and organizations, including AdventHealth Fish Memorial and the Early Learning Coalition of Flagler and Volusia Counties. Pat leaves behind his loving wife of 40 years, Anne. Not many knew it but Pat was a great chef

Long-range projections show pressure ahead.....Fla's financial outlook has projected future structural deficits in outer years if recurring spending grows faster than recurring revenue. That's one reason lawmakers are cautious about creating permanent programs.

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Latest InTakes at First Step Shelter

Shelter Intakes	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
DBPD	54	65	89	123	270
OBPD	2	2	5	2	8
POPD	0	2	4	8	9
DBSPD	0	0	0	1	3
SDPD	1	2	1	0	0
PIPD	0	0	2	0	0
HHPD	2	1	6	10	20
Volusia County Sheriff	3	3	18	36	17
NSBPD	-	-	-	2	6
Deland PD	-	-	-	-	13
Oak Hill Volusia County Sheriff	-	-	-	-	-
Total Law Enforcement	62	75	125	182	346
DOC			3	12	11
Total Hospitals	38	20	50	57	108
Total SS and Worship	55	145	165	100	79
FSS Help Line			37	6	0
Total	**155**	**240**	**380**	**357**	**544**

2025	Q1	Q2	Jul-26	Aug-26	Sep-26	Total
317	53	47	23	19	20	**1080**
14	3	7	2	0	4	49
20	3	3	0	3	1	**53**
2	2	3	0	1	1	13
0	0	0	0	0	0	**4**
0	1	0	0	0	0	3
15	3	2	2	3	4	**68**
46	4	3	4	7	3	144
13	3	3	0	2	1	**30**
14	11	23	6	8	6	81
0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
441	83	91	37	43	40	1525
13	3	5	0	2	0	**49**
90	26	18	4	8	0	419
58	22	18	6	7	4	**659**
0	0	0	0	0	0	43
602	**134**	**132**	**47**	**60**	**44**	**2695**



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METRICS TO HELP SECURE FLORIDA'S FUTURE

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TALENT SUPPLY & EDUCATION | INNOVATION & ECON. DEVELOP. | INFRASTRUCTURE & GROWTH LEADERSHIP | BUSINESS CLIMATE & COMPETITIVENESS | CIVICS & GOVERNANCE | QUALITY OF LIFE

State of Florida Metrics

Click any metric to get more information! (What is this?)

Florida FutureCast

FLORIDA POPULATION 10/06/2026

23,809,570

JOB CHANGE

Jobs Year Over Year Change

59,000

(Gain)

Growth Rate

0.6%

(Positive)

View Statewide Heat Map

Net New Jobs Needed by 2030

755,580

CHILDREN IN POVERTY

16.5%

(Decreasing)

<10%

2030 Goal

711,576

(Decreasing)

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

60%

(Improving)

82,821

Not Reading at Grade Level (Decreasing)

View Statewide Heat Map

100%

2030 Goal

Florida Gap Map

OPEN JOBS

448,449

(Increasing)

502,000

Unemployed Persons (Declining)

112

Unemployed People per 100 Jobs

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

4.5%

(Declining)

View Statewide Heat Map

Jobs Year Over Year Change

59,000

View Statewide Heat Map

STATE OF FLORIDA VISITORS

$134.9

Billion Visitor Spending

143.3

Million Visitors

SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING STARTS & SALES

9,859

Starts (Improving)

21,497

Sales (Declining)

$415,000

Median Sale Price (Decreasing)

POVERTY RATE

12.6%

(Unchanged)

View Statewide Heat Map

CONSUMER SENTIMENT

67.7

(Improving)

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE

92.2%

(Improving)

View Statewide Heat Map

VOTER PARTICIPATION

79%

(Improving)

RIGHT / WRONG DIRECTION

53%/39%

Volusia County Metrics (What is this?)

Volusia County FutureCast

Click any metric to get more information!

EMPLOYMENT CHANGE

Employment Year Over Year Change

107

(Gain)

Growth Rate

0.0%

(Unchanged)

View Statewide Heat Map

Net New Jobs Needed by 2030

19,675

CHILDREN IN POVERTY

16.2%

(Decreasing)

<10%

2030 Goal

16,024

(Decreasing)

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

61%

(Improving)

1,714

Not Reading at Grade Level (Decreasing)

View Statewide Heat Map

100%

2030 Goal

Florida Gap Map

OPEN JOBS

8,818

(Unchanged)

13,960

Unemployed Persons (Declining)

159

Unemployed People per 100 Jobs

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

5.2%

(Declining)

Jobs Year Over Year Change

107

View Statewide Heat Map

HOUSING PERMITS

4,553

Permits (Declining)

POVERTY RATE

12.2%

(Unchanged)

View Statewide Heat Map

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE

95.6%

(Improving)

View Statewide Heat Map

LAND IN CONSERVATION

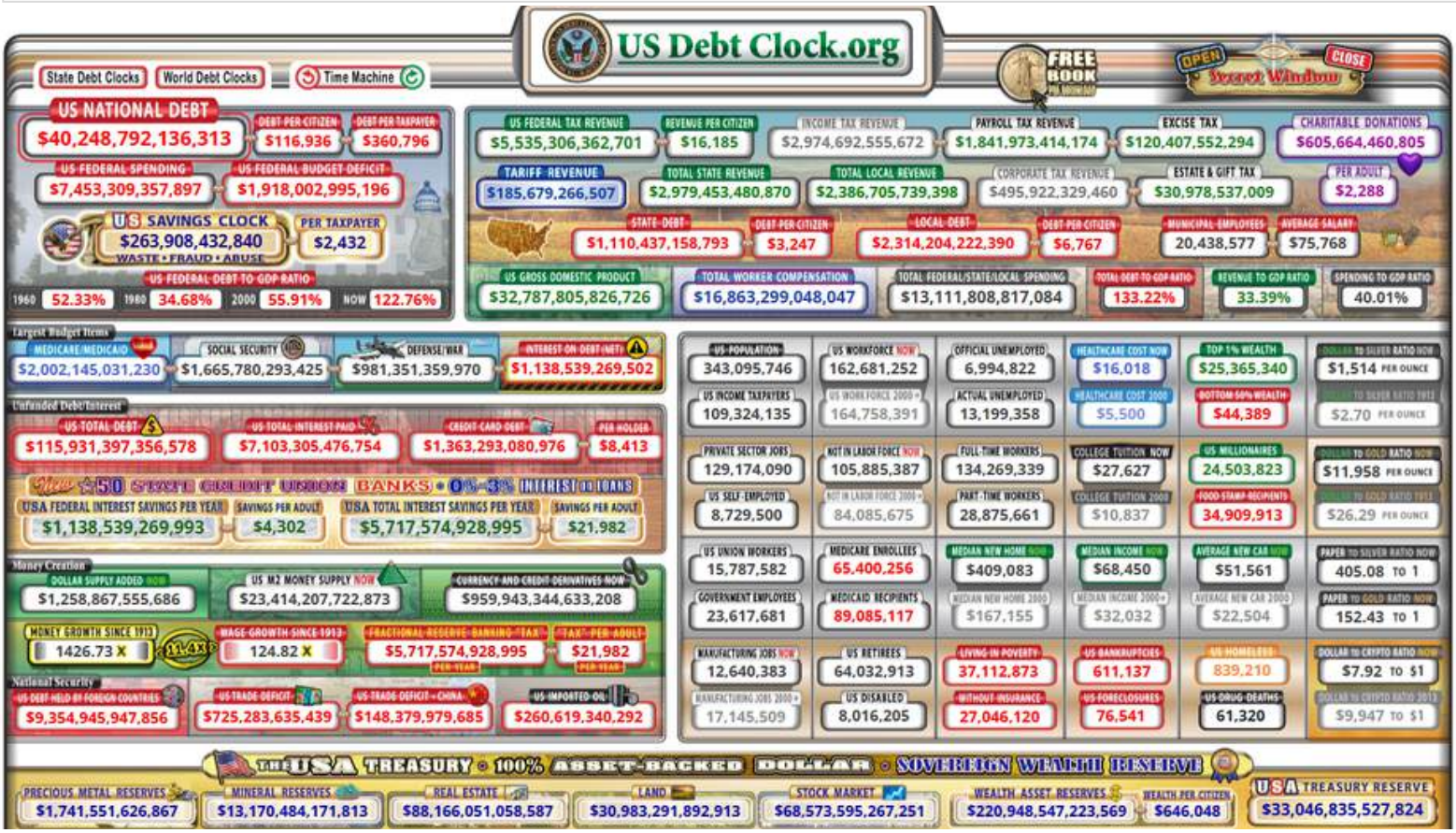
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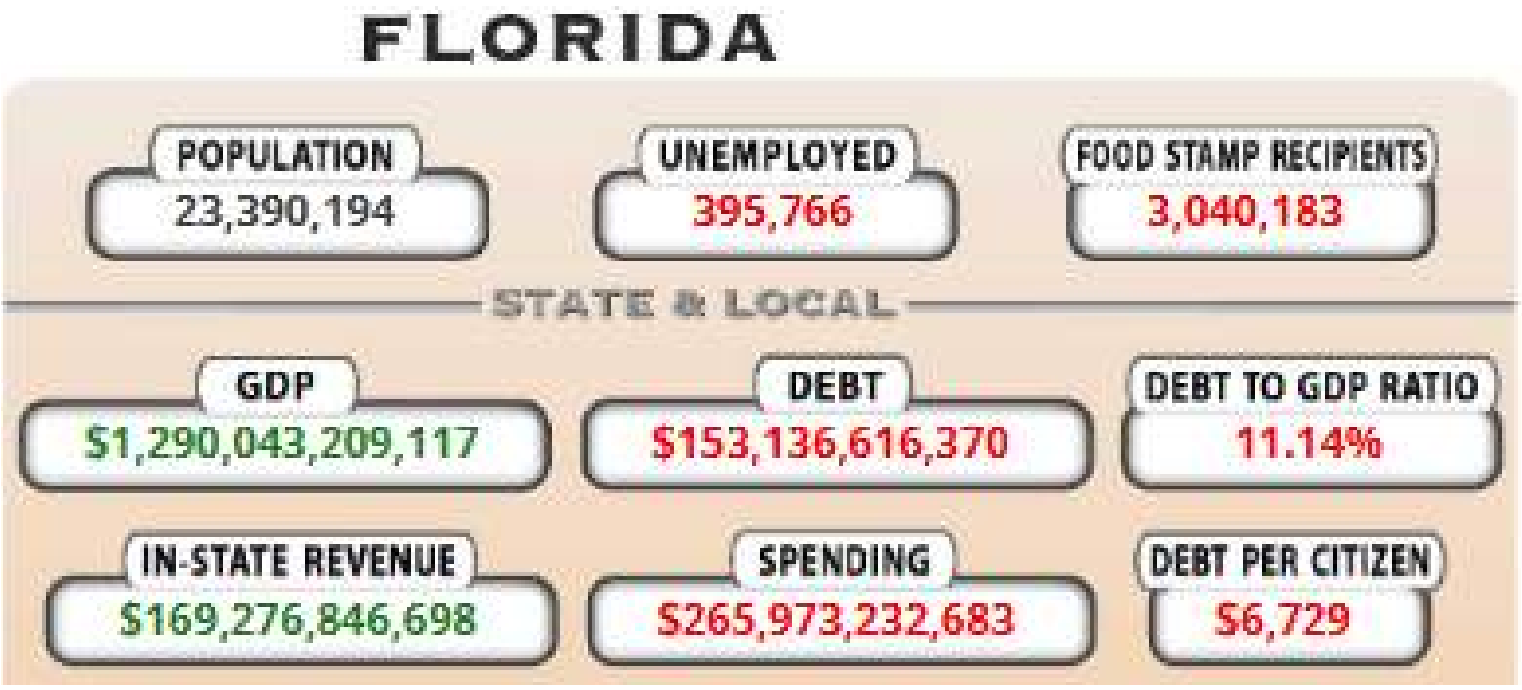
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