"It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people's minds." —Samuel Adams

# **Town Crier Committee Report**

The Truth makes us free...We live in an Era of Lies

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# And the Beat Goes On...

With the mailing of the Town Crier Committee Report, Volume 12 issue 1, on October 31, 2022, this publication started its 12th year of existence. On October 31, 2011 the first issue of the Town Crier Committee Report (TCCR) was sent out to 80 people. Today, with the website views, tens of thousands receive TCCR. Eleven years ago local Republican operatives attempted a complete takeover of the



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St. Augustine Tea Party in order to disenfranchise the "grassroots" members from their Tea Party. The primary reason for the TCCR's first issue was to demonstrate that the original "grassroots" Tea Party in St. Augustine, Florida, had survived the attempted coup and was still viable. The TCCR staff never anticipated that it would be published for even one year and now 11 years have passed. The Republicans saw the Tea Party as a vehicle for electing "Liberal Republicans" (RINOs); the "grassroots" members envisioned a much greater mission ahead. Time has proved that "We the People" had a clearer vision of what needs to be done to preserve the Constitution and the liberties it provides. The Republican Party has lost its way. Eleven years ago it was the Republican Party taking over the Tea Party. The Tea Party no longer exists in its former capacity but its legacy does. Today "We the People" are taking over Republican Executive Committees across the State of Florida as well as across the Country. The establishment Republicans are terrified as "We the People" assault the globalists… **The Beat Goes On!** 

# November 5, 2022

# Why The Surtax Tax Increase On the Ballot is a Sham or a Scam

# By Joe Ryan

If you are voting in St. Johns County, Florida, you will see as the last item on the ballot where you can vote for a sales "surtax" that allegedly will end in ten years.

You will see wording that says the surtax will ease congestion. It could be uses for that but mostly of it will make it easier for Jacksonville commuters to get to the new developments in northern St John's County turning it into a suburb of Jacksonville.

You should vote no because everything about the surtax is a sham if not a scam. Instead of easing congestion, it would give the commissioners a blank check to bring in more development.



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There are so many things wrong with the surtax proposal but the justifications" of it, The Backlogged Projects list, is the one we will discussed here.

Originally, we were told that the projects on the backlogged project list were essential to maintain out quality of life. We are told that we needed a surtax to clear the backlog.

The definition of Backlogged is "a quantity of unfinished business or work that has built up over a period of time and must be dealt with before progress can be made.". Therefore, you would expect if we don't vote for the surtax all progress will come to a screeching halt. However, that would be a lie.

The backlogged project list is listed below. While some projects are essential and worthwhile most of the other look more like a developer wish list that are neither essential, worthwhile or backlogged. Some of these projects may be needed; others may be a developer wish list. There must be a reason that the Better St John's Plan PAC with known ties with the Hutson's is spending almost half a million dollars on billboards and mailers to get you to vote surtax.

At one of the town hall meetings, Jessie Dunn, who was tasked to explain, (but definitely NOT promote), the surtax, was questioned on the need or even the desire for some of the projects on the list. Dunn said that list were just examples of backlogged projects. When asked where he came up with the list he

said they went to each department and asked for a list of projects and estimates. The result was a list of projects whose total estimated cost just happen to come up to a nice round \$500,000, 000.

Below is a comparison of three projects that we are supposed to believe are desperately needed and hopelessly backlogged. These three projects will benefit Hutson's Silver leaf development more than anyone else

The following chart is shows just how made up the backlogged project list appears to be. The roads in these projects all involve CR2209 AKA St John's Parkway. CR2209 is the main road that made Hutson's Silverleaf possible. The Hutson company Whites Ford Timber received \$78, 0000,000 for constructing CR2209 in impact fee credits, which explains why they want the sales surtax.

# St. Johns County Capital Improvement Projects 2022 – 2026 Page 6 Backlogged Projects List

FY finial budget FY 22	FY- 22	FY 23-26	Candidate	Total	BACKLOGGED ?	Difference
CR 2209 (Central) from CR210 to CR208	1,000,000	4,500,000	12,000,000	17,500,000	25,000,000	7500000
CR 2209 4L to 6L Widening, CR210 to SR9B	-	-	8,113,593	8,113,593	8,500,000	386407
CR2209/CR210 Intersection/Intercha nge Modifications	-	600,000	12,000,000	12,600,000	12,600,000	0
TOTALS	1,000,000	5100000	32113593	38,213,593	46,100,000	7,886,407

Of these three projects only \$1,000,000 is for FY-22, which could legitimately called backlogged.

\$5,100,000 is in for FY 23-26, so it should not be considered backlogged until 2026.

\$32,113,593 is listed as "candidate" which probably means it has not even been approved but it definitely means it could not possibly be backlogged.

These are just three examples of how the commissioners came up with a made up backlogged projects list. The list is full of unsubstantiated estimates for some projects that are not even in the Capital Improvement plan

Don't vote for a surtax that will be used to ruin our county. Let's slow down the pace of the massive over-development by making the Commission to have a little financial discipline. Keep your own hard-earned money, you may need it for your family

### **Roads & Infrastructure**

16A Improvements 9,600,000

CR 208 Town Branch Bridge #784023 2,900,000

CR 210 / US1 Interchange 28,000,000

CR 210 4-lane section from Greenbriar to CR 16A 32,800,000

CR 2209 (Central) from CR210 to CR208 25,000,000

CR 2209 4L to 6L Widening, CR210 to SR9B 8,500,000

CR2209/CR210 Intersection/Interchange Modifications 12,600,000

Four Mile Road Westbound Turn Lane Approaching SR16 2,500,000

Kings Estate Road Corridor Improvements 21,000,000

Longleaf Pine Parkway 4-Laning: Roberts Road to Veterans Parkway 10,000,000

Mickler Road: Roundabout to A1A 14,000,000

Old Moultrie Rd. Improvements from SR 312 to US 1 3,000,000

Palm Valley Road: Roscoe Road to Roundabout 15,000,000

Pine Island Road at US1 Signalization 1,500,000

Roberts Road Improvements 18,100,000

W. King Street Improvements 11,000,000

Woodlawn Road Improvements 4,500,000

Drainage Improvements 17,000,000

Sidewalk Improvements 6,000,000

# **Public Safety**

Sheriff's Command Center 55,000,000

Coastal Management 30,000,000

Silverleaf Fire Station 10,000,000

Twin Creeks Fire Station 10,000,000

SAB Fire Station 7 Relocation 10,000,000

Fire Rescue Training Facility 5,000,000

# Parks & Recreation

Northwest Park 25,000,000

Silverleaf Park 20,000,000

Waterway Access 20,000,000

Shearwater Park 7,000,000

# **Library & Public Service Centers**

Regional North Central Library 20,000,000

Nocatee Library 12,000,000

Rivertown Library 12,000,000

Hastings Library/Community Center 5,000,000

Total 500,000,000

# November 7, 2022

# **Once We Win This Midterm Election**

By CS Bennett



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We need to get rid of this social credit scoring system the Chinese have imposed on their people and want to bring to our shores. Any US politician that supports this punitive system is a traitor to our republic and is a threat to our rights, freedoms, and liberties.

We need to restore all Americans' right to display their guns in their gun racks in the back of their pickup trucks. We regain our liberties and freedoms by reversing the restrictive policies of the Left.

We need to abolish political correctness in the workplace, in our schools, in the halls of government, and in our places of worship.

We need to return civic classes to our school curriculum and prayer for those who ask for it.

We need to abolish Critical Race Theory (CRT) by any name the left gives it, in our school systems

We need to stamp out this woke movement by any means necessary

We need to establish what I would call Legal Layman Specialists, who are professionals trained to put into layman's terms, all of that legal jargon you find on the amendments printed on voter ballots when you vote and haven't a clue what is being said.

We need to keep politics out of sports, at the school level, and at the professional level. Let people relax and be entertained...

We need to restore election integrity and stop extending our elections past the general election day.

We need to hold our leaders accountable and true to the oath they swear, or affirm, when taking office.

We need to stop the out-of-control influx of illegal aliens across our borders and stop calling them undocumented immigrants. They are invaders.

We need to put a halt to this anti-American, anti-capitalist, anti-second amendment and freedom of speech movement by socialist and Marxist who live within our borders.

We need to continue to use cash, not digital money, so that the government has no way to account for every penny we spend. That's our business, not the governments.

We need to put more emphasis on the rights of the Children of God, and less on what the LGBTQ wants to promote and change.

We need to vote into power those who understand that we have a US Constitution for the purpose of limiting government power and overreach and we need to vote people in who have the backbone to defend our rights and freedoms and protect and preserve our beloved US Constitution.

We need to do these things now, not later, and with conviction... As for those who win this Tuesday, you have got your work cut out for you.

Let's hit the ground running...

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November 10, 2022

# Red Wave, Red Wave

# Where Art Thou?

The mid-term election has come and gone and it is clear that no wave occurred—red, blue or otherwise. A question remains, "Has the will of 'We the People' prevailed?" We



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think not. The mechanism that has prevailed in the two party election process for many generations makes it almost impossible for a grassroots populist candidate to obtain Republican Party nomination.

The struggle of the Republican Party against the Tea Party movement shows the degree that establishment Republicans will go to resist the peoples' will. During the Tea Party's early years, if its grassroots candidates won the primary, they were resisted by Republican Party leadership to the extent Republicans even joined forces with Democrats to prevent a populist candidate from being elected.

Collaborating with the Republican effort, the Obama Administration used the IRS to attack the Tea Party's fund raising abilities. The "Mainstream Media" constantly reported the Tea Party as being violent. This was never the case. By 2014 when RINO, Karl Rove, and Fox News declared Tea Parties dead, the number of Tea Party groups in Florida were soon reduced by about ninety percent. The Saint Augustine Tea Party (SATP) was one Tea Party that survived. More important than the handful of Tea Party groups that survived was the legacy of the Tea Party movement.

By 2015 the Tea Party legacy was clearly alive and present at the Trump rallies. The structure, style and music of Trump rallies were copies of the Tea Party rallies and they still are today. Trump's first Florida rally, on October 24, 2015, was at "The Landing" in Jacksonville. "The Landing" was the site of many prior Tea Party rallies. The rally was organized by Billie Tucker, a former Tea Party Chairman. Trump's Republican handlers barred the approximately twenty (20) SATP Town Criers from attending the rally with their Gadsden Flags. From the beginning, Trump never seemed to realize the exact nature of his



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base. On April 15, 2009 the Tea Party was capable of producing rallies across the country totaling more than a half million people. This was a feat neither the Republican Party nor the Democrat Party could accomplish. The Tea Party movement evolved and became part of the MAGA movement. Since Trump's removal from the Washington scene, the Tea Party legacy

appears to be emerging in the America First movement which is a movement that is engaging the establishment



Republicans in Republican Executive Committees (RECs) across the country.

### Donald J. Trump committed the most grievous political sin in politics.

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**He defeated both parties and embraced grassroots populism.** The political establishment of both parties turned on him. The Republicans and Democrats have had a common goal since 2015 – the removal of Donald J. Trump from the political scene. Between January 6 and January 20, 2021, nothing shy of a coup d'état took place resulting in the installation of a corrupt and illegal president.

What effect has the 2022 midterm election had? We respectfully submit the answer, "NONE."

The massive mail-in ballots that the COVID hoax permitted are still being allowed and the corrupted voting machines are still being used. The election theft that we witnessed in 2020 proceeds unencumbered.

There is one observation, however: a greater number of people are aware of the fraud.

# November 16, 2022

# Who is Ron DeSantis?

On February 19, 2009, from the floor of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Rick Santelli's live spontaneous outburst on CNBC inspired those watching to launch what was to become "The Tea Party Movement."



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TCCR Staff Photo August 2014

Immediately after the rant, inspired activists organized small groups and bands; the number is impossible to estimate because of the decentralized nature of the Tea Party movement. One such grassroots group would come to be known as the Saint Augustine Tea Party (SATP). The SATP Is being singled out because it was located in the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District when Ron DeSantis occupied the seat. The SATP Officers, pictured above, frequently visited his Congressional office which gave them the opportunity to evaluate DeSantis' early political behavior and values.

DeSantis described himself as "a native Floridian with blue-collar roots. Ron attended Dunedin High School and worked his way through Yale University, where he graduated with honors and was the captain of the varsity baseball team. He also graduated with honors from Harvard Law School. While at Harvard, he earned a commission in the U.S. Navy as a JAG officer."

In 2010 DeSantis left active duty but remained in the U.S. Navy Reserves. DeSantis also worked as a federal prosecutor. In the same year, he married Casey Black, a local TV news anchor. In 2011 he published a book... *Dreams from Our Founding Fathers: First Principles in the Age of Obama*.

DeSantis' pre-election résumé looks as if it were written by the same authors who created John Kennedy's résumé. DeSantis and Kennedy both presented exciting military careers, graduated from Harvard Law School, didn't have a non-governmental job of consequence, and both wrote a book prior to their bid for office. Without doubt DeSantis was positioning himself to run for high office. It is clear for all to see that we are dealing with a very ambitious, focused politician, who is preparing to play the game using establishment rules.

# Congressman

When Congressional Districts 6 and 7 were redrawn incumbent, John Mica, chose to run in District 7, leaving a vacancy in the newly redrawn District 6. Ron DeSantis jumped into the race and won the primary with only 39%. He easily won the general election because it was a red district. During his first year Congressman DeSantis established a conservative record. On August 22, 2013 the SJC-REC organized a coffee clutch for certain Republican elites at the City Coffee Shop in St. Augustine, Fl. [The restaurant only seats 35.] The SATP showed up with 125 additional Patriots to show their



TCCR Staff Photo August 2013

support for the Congressman. While the Tea Party supported DeSantis, the Congressman did not reciprocate with any help. The Tea Party's numerous requests for support against the National Park Service's First Amendment tyranny went unheeded. The Tea Party was in the middle of the struggle to eliminate the free speech zone at Castillo de San Marcos and open the entire park to free speech. Also during this same time period, the Tea Party was struggling with the Republican Party of Florida and the SJC REC for autonomy and for the return of embezzled funds. At no time did the Congressman extend any assistance to the SATP regarding these issues – only promises. Furthermore in a meeting on August 21, 2014, which was sponsored by the Heritage Foundation, the Congressman went out of his way to explain why the Tea Party's agenda items would never be passed. In less than a year the Congressman abandoned the very principles he claimed to support. Perhaps he was facing a reality those in attendance could not accept. The twelve Tea Party and 912 leaders who made up the audience expressed feelings of abandonment. This failure to show a fighting spirit was coming from a Congressman who would join the House Freedom Caucus in January 2015.

### U.S. Senate Race

When Marco Rubio announced that he was going to run for President in 2016, his Senate seat was a target for the ambitious Ron DeSantis. As it turned out Donald Trump eliminated Rubio and Rubio decided to run for reelection. At this point DeSantis withdrew from his senatorial bid looking for greener pastures. Tea Party members believe that DeSantis should have stayed in the race and eliminated Marco Rubio from the Senate. They considered Marco Rubio a RINO. "A patriot would have run in the primary against Rubio. A politician would move on to what he perceives to be an easier campaign," one Tea Party member commented.

# Governor

Having given up on being a U.S. Senator. Ron DeSantis set his next site on the Governor's mansion in 2018. In the gubernatorial primary, DeSantis defeated State Agriculture Commissioner, Adam Putnam, and six other candidates. DeSantis received 56.5 percent of the vote compared to Putnam's 36.5 percent. In the general election Ron DeSantis went up against Andrew Gillum, a known Communist, drug abuser and sexual pervert. In spite of his opponent's shortcomings DeSantis did not hold his own. He reached out to Donald Trump for support. Even with Trump's support DeSantis barely squeaked out 31,463 more votes than Gillum with more than eight million votes cast. **There would be no Governor DeSantis without Trump.** 

In DeSantis' re-election victory in 2022, he captured 59.38% of the vote running against Charlie Crist. Ron DeSantis is very popular in Florida because he has done some things right. The Governor has pushed back against the Communist forces that occupy Washington, DC. He has done this loudly and often. **DeSantis saved Florida from COVID**; clearly his greatest achievement. But, like all politicians, it's all about image and sometimes the details get swept under the carpet. Ron DeSantis is an establishment politician who caters to the Republican Party of Florida. You need only look at his appointments to confirm this.

# **President**

The mainstream media is asking the question, "Will DeSantis once again succumb to his political ambitions to reach for ever higher office in 2024?" The leadership within the GOP must be putting incredible pressure on the Governor in an attempt to purge Trump's influence from the Republican Party. **Trump was a great president pre-COVID**. Unfortunately **Trump surrendered his presidency to the COVID Virus in 2020**. In spite of this serious error in judgment, he was reelected in 2020. Donald Trump knows it; Joe Biden knows it; and the American people know it. **The 2020 election was a fraud**.

The Paul Ryans and the Mitt Romneys of the Republican Party want to use Ron DeSantis' popularity to further their "New World Order" agenda. The MAGA base, the America First movement, and the legacy of the 2009 Tea Party Movement will see a Ron DeSantis run in 2024 as a stab in the back of Donald J. Trump. In DeSantis' bio, you will find him in his "Navy Whites" proudly displaying his ribbons. Surely this man understands the concept of loyalty and duty. It is time to set aside personal ambition for the time being and support the 45th president of the United States. DeSantis' presidential time should be in 2028. Ron DeSantis was elected to be the Florida Governor for the next four years. His place is in Florida keeping the State of Florida the freest State in the Union.

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# November 25, 2022

# HK Edgerton Celebrates 20 year Anniversary of his Historic March



frequent visitor to St Augustine, Florida, in an attempt to save the oldest Veteran's Memorial in the State of Florida. Notable appearances occurred on Martin Luther King Day, January 20, 2020 and on July 4, 2020. On Independence Day the historic district was shut down by "City Officials" due to the fake pandemic and there were no tourists present. However, hundreds of local demonstrators appeared in the Plaza. A motorcade, led by the Saint Augustine Tea Party's Dartmouth, proceeded to the Mayor's house to protest his support of BLM calls for the removal of the monument. The monument was ultimately removed



TCCR Staff Photos 1-20-2020 and 7-4-2020
October 14, 2022 marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of HK Edgerton's historic march across Dixie—when he traveled from North Carolina to Texas. In addition to this extraordinary event, Edgerton has also been a



TCCR Staff Photo 1-20-2020

notwithstanding local citizens being outraged. So heated was the outcry that, when the time is right, many promised to exact a retribution for those responsible for the removal. In 2020 many were extremely angry that the City Officials would support BLM and Occupiers from Jacksonville and Gainesville over the interests of the local citizens.



In those days there were other HK visits to St. Augustine. One memorable night, HK Edgerton was the Saint Augustine Tea Party's featured speaker.

HK Edgerton is a former NAACP President from Charlotte, NC who started his march on October 14, 2002. To tell that story, we will let HK Edgerton tell the story as only he can.

TCCR Staff Photo 1-20-2020

On Friday, October 14, 2022, alongside my brother, Terry Lee, the Chief Trial Counsel, and the Honorable Kirk D. Lyons of the Southern Legal Resource, I would don the uniform of the Southern Soldier and post the Southern Cross where a Cenotaph of the Honorable General Robert E. Lee and one of the Honorable Governor Zebulon Baird Vance once stood, to observe the 20 year anniversary of the Historic March Across Dixie.

On this morning several crowds of people came alongside Tour Guides of the City. Many asked about the carnage and disarray of the site that used to be the Crown Jewel of downtown Asheville named Pack Square. One man commented that the area looked nothing like the brochures.



HR Photo 10-14-

The spot where the Cenotaph to General Robert E. Lee is located was covered with something that looked like a cheap sheet. And the spot where the Vance Cenotaph stood was boarded up and, what is left of the base, painted with graffiti.

The only bright side of this morning was the large gathering of tourists and citizens of the City who wished us well on the anniversary of the Historic March to Texas.

Of the many folks we spoke to, not one was supportive of what was happening in the Country with the tearing down of monuments and the changing of street, school, and historic name places.

As a car passed and several occupants shouted out my name and wished me God's blessings, one lady remarked: "Wow, it seems that everybody who passes by here knows you. And it looks like your presence is so uplifting to their spirits; no matter if they are in business suits, fine dresses or filthy rags."

I remarked that sometimes I would get the middle finger, a hateful remark, or a stink eye, but the scale of justice always seemed to rise in my favor when I had the Southern Cross in hand.

After a time, I would hug about 15 people and bid them adieu as Terry Lee and I made our way to the Old Hendersonville County Courthouse where the first 20 miles of the March Across Dixie would end.



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One young lady exclaimed that she remembered the event very well because her mom and dad had picked her up from middle school so she could see a black man marching to Texas donned in a Confederate soldier's uniform and carrying the Confederate Battle flag. She said that she, too, was as proud as they were. She is sorry they would miss me on this historic occasion.

And we are not to forget Hendersonville is the home of George Mills, a Black Confederate soldier who brought the body of Confederate Captain Walter M. Bryson

(who was killed in the battle of Sharpsburg on September 17, 1862) back home.

As President of the Asheville Branch of the NAACP, I was invited and attended a ceremony given by the Sons of Confederate Veterans honoring Mr. Mills, and I presented his family the Southern Cross on this very location. Should we raise enough funds, it is my intent to continue on to the Capitol building in Austin, Texas where this journey ended 20 years ago. God bless you!

Your brother, HK

# WE LIVE IN THE LAND OF THE FREE ONLY BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE





# There is a Revolution going on. Come join the Counter Resistance. Stand up for individual Liberty.

Come join us. We are a small Committee with many tasks to do to preserve the Liberty. We are blessed to see the awakening of America.

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