

# Lake Helen News

## PROPOSED REVISED CITY CHARTER FOR VOTE ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 30<sup>th</sup>

The City Commission has approved a revised City Charter to be submitted to the electors of the City of Lake Helen for approval and adoption.

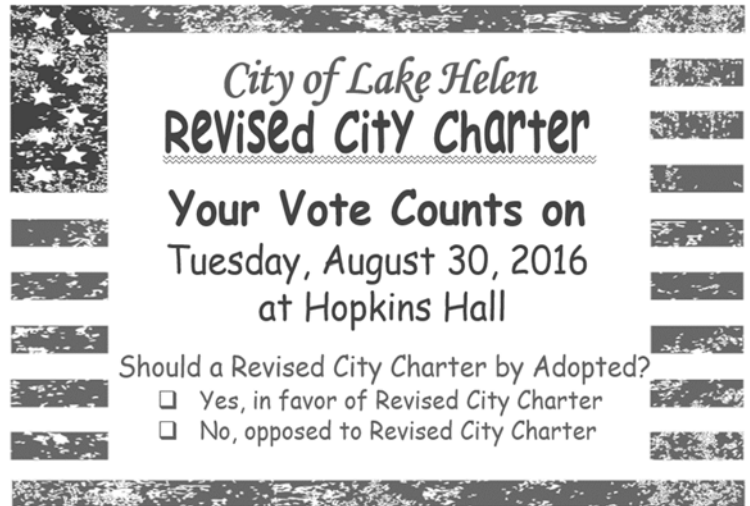
A Charter Review Committee, consisting of Lake Helen residents, recommended a Revised City Charter with the goal of ensuring the most cost efficient and responsive government for the residents.

The Charter Review Committee set goals to produce a City Charter that:

- ✓ Streamlines City Government to be MORE responsive, effective, efficient and forward thinking.
- ✓ Is concise, clearly written, more user friendly and unique to Lake Helen.
- ✓ Meets requirements of the city’s changing demographics, population and culture.
- ✓ Looks towards the future while creating a fluid document and keeping in mind the cost savings measures to help the city in long term sustainability.

“Within the Proposed Charter the Committee feels they have increased fiscal efficiency, operational efficiency, management accountability, and overall effective governance. The Proposed Charter was written to meet the reality of how our City government operates. The goal was to allow the City Commission to be visionary through an appointment of a manager to guide the daily operation of the city which will allow the Commission to plan the future of Lake Helen.”

*Jim Connell, Chairman of the Charter Review Committee*



In the month of August more information will be sent to the voters of Lake Helen.

### For more information, to ask questions or see how you can help educate:

- Stop by City Hall to speak with Becky Witte (City Clerk) or Jason Yarborough (City Administrator) or Call City Hall (386) 228-2358
- Contact your Mayor or Zone Commissioner  
Mayor Buddy Snowden, Vice Mayor Vernon J. Burton (Zone 2), Commissioner Tom Wilson (Zone 1), Commissioner Michael Woods (Zone 3), Commissioner Tura Schnebly (Zone 4)
- Speak to one of the former Charter Review Committee Members  
Jim Connell, Steve Gutshall, Ann Robbins, Rick Basso or James Goodman

**Opportunities to Vote on the Ballot Question:**

**SHOULD A REVISED CITY CHARTER BE ADOPTED?**

- Yes, in favor of revised City Charter
- No, opposed to revised City Charter

**Vote by Mail:** Contact the Supervisor of Elections at (386) 736-5930

**Early Voting:** August 20 thru August 27 from 8:00AM to 5:00PM  
at Department of Elections, 125 W. New York Ave, DeLand  
or Deltona Regional Library, 2150 Eustace Ave, Deltona

**Election Day:** Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:00AM - 7:00PM  
at Hopkins Hall (192 W. Connecticut Ave, Lake Helen)

**Community Educational Workshops will be held on the Revised Charter!**

- ✓ Revised City Charter Educational Workshop on Monday, August 8, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Lake Helen Villas Clubhouse (711 Lemon Ave, Lake Helen)
- ✓ Revised City Charter Educational Workshop on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 7:00 pm at Hopkins Hall (192 W. Connecticut Ave, Lake Helen)

***Or visit the Educational Booth on Election Day across from Hopkins Hall.***

## 2016 City Elections and Updated City Zones

### 2016 City Elections

It's Election Season again in the City of Lake Helen. Qualifying for City Commissioner Zone 2 and City Commissioner Zone 4 occurred in June. Zone 2 Commissioner Vernon J. Burton, Vice Mayor of Lake Helen, was Re-Elected without opposition. Zone 4 City Commissioner Tura Schnebly announced her intent not to run for re-election at the May 12, 2016 Regular City Commission Meeting. Qualifying for her seat to be placed on the November 8, 2016 ballot: Jim Connell and Daisy Raisler.

### Updated City Zones

In April, the City Commission of the City of Lake Helen passed Ordinance 2016-01 Amending the Current Zones based on the Results of Population Findings.

“After receiving the population reports from the consultants of LPG (Land Planning Group) during the Comprehensive Plan Update, staff saw the need to update the zone boundaries in order to maintain balanced characteristics for municipal electoral zones” said City Administrator Jason Yarborough.

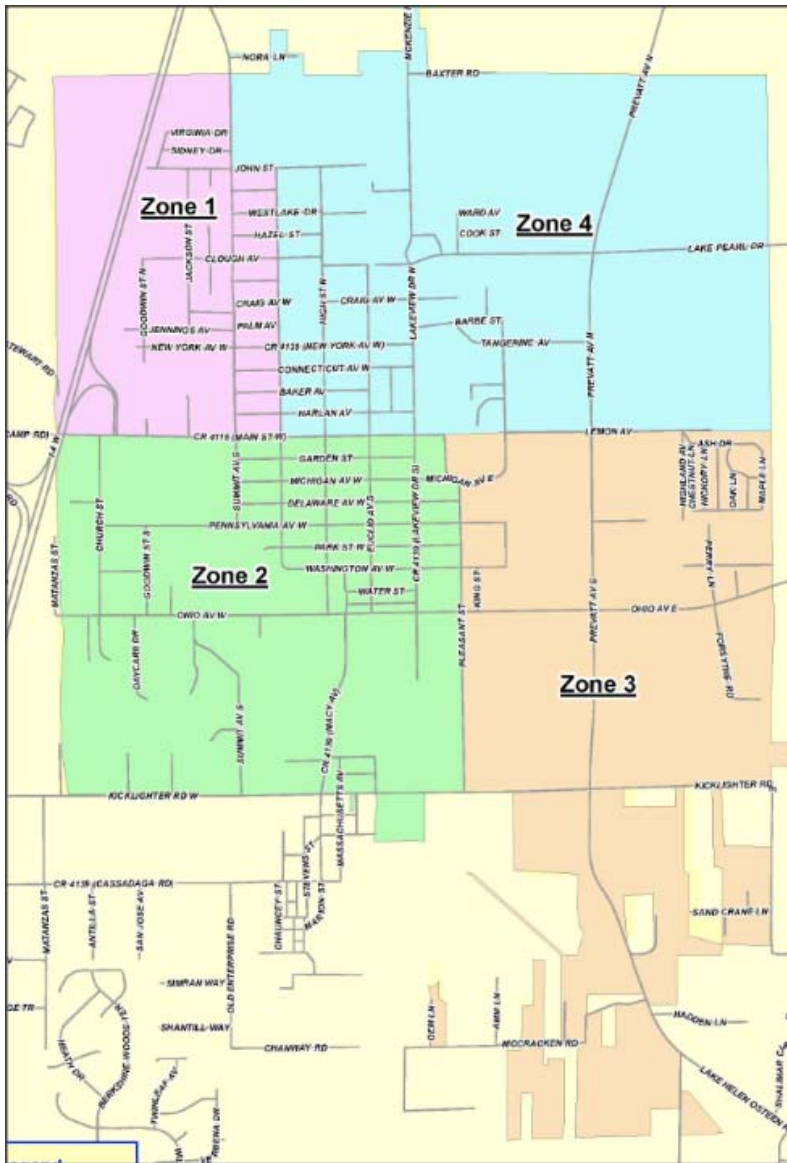
Old Zones	Population	New Zones	Population
Zone 1	1022	Zone 1	670
Zone 2	466	Zone 2	682
Zone 3	820	Zone 3	604
Zone 4	326	Zone 4	678
<b>Total</b>	<b>2634</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2634</b>

The City of Lake Helen City Charter provides in Section 5 that “after each decennial census, and at such other times as the City Commission may deem advisable, the City Commission shall divide the city into zones of contiguous property as nearly equal in population as is practicable.” The zones were not changed after the 2010 Census.

“The City Commission has directed staff to review the population and the zone map again after the 2020 Census results are received” Mr. Yarborough said.

Lake Helen elections are conducted on a nonpartisan basis without any designation of political party affiliation. Those individuals seeking to qualify as a candidate for one of the four seats on the City Commission must have a permanent residence in the zone for which he or she is seeking election. The Mayor is considered a Commission at Large and can live in any zone within the City.

**Remember:**  
City Elections are non-partisan and City Wide. If you are a City of Lake Helen Voter, you can Vote for all items on the City Ballot including all City Commissioners.



## Former Officer Patrick Clarino passes away at age of 46

Lake Helen mourns the loss of former Officer Patrick Clarino who passed away on Tuesday, June 21, 2016. Former Officer Clarino retired after 14 years of service in September of 2015.

The family plans to hold services in Port Charlotte. The City Commission plans to recognize former Officer Clarino through a Proclamation at the July 14, 2016 Regular City Commission Meeting at 7:00pm at City Hall.

### Next Florida Licensing On Wheels at City Hall on Friday, July 8th from 10AM until 2PM in the First Floor Conference Room inside City Hall.

Florida Licensing On Wheels mobile offices brings motorist services directly to the Customer. FLOW mobiles offer the following services:

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| Convert out of state license (\$48.00)            | Renewals (\$48.00 for Class E; fees vary for CDL) |
| Replacements for lost or stolen license (\$25.00) | Address/name changes (\$25.00)                    |
| ID cards (\$25.00)                                | Reinstatements (fees vary)                        |
| Emergency Contact Information Registration (free) | Tag renewals (fees vary)                          |
- There is no testing of any kind (CDL, Hazmat, Learners permits or driving test)***

<b>Important Lake Helen Phone Numbers</b>	
<b>Lake Helen Police Department &amp; Fire Protection -- All Emergencies: 911</b>	
<b>City Hall:</b> (386) 228-2121	<b>Police Department:</b> (386) 228-2145
<b>Library:</b> (386) 228-1152	<b>Post Office:</b> (386) 228-2227
<b>Lake Helen Events Committee:</b> Kelly Frasca at 305-793-3303 / frasca.cityoflakehelen@gmail.com	

JULY 2016						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
27	28	29	30	1	2 Miss Lake Helen Cassadaga Pageant 7pm at Hopkins Hall  Market in the Park	3
4 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade 10am Fireworks 9pm Speed Show at EQ Center / Family Fun at Blake Park at noon	5	6	7	8 Florida Licensing on Wheels at City Hall 10am – 2pm	9 Market in the Park	10
11	12	13	14 City Commission Meeting at 7pm at City Hall	15	19 Market in the Park	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Market in the Park	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Market in the Park	31
1	2 Historic Preservation Board at 8AM at City Hall	3 Special Meeting Comp Plan Update at 9AM at City Hall	4	5	6 Equestrian Center – Speed Show  Market in the Park	7

*Florida Tax Free Holiday 2016 Friday - Sunday*



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