

Lake Helen News

MOVIE IN THE PARK: Bedknobs and Broomsticks FRIDAY, October 14, 2016 in BLAKE PARK

Movie begins at 7:30pm

Rain or Shine. Remember to bring Lawn Chairs or Blankets, Snacks & Bug Spray.

Special Thanks to David Hughes (David Hughes Painting) for coordinating the event.

Mark your calendar! Future Lake Helen Movies in the Park: Friday, November 11th, Friday, January 20th, Friday, February 10th

Are You Brave Enough to Volunteer? The Lake Helen Events Committee Needs You!



The Lake Helen Events Committee is looking for volunteers for the 5th Annual Family Fall Fest. Are you Brave Enough? Volunteers are needed for the Fall Fest as well as the Haunted House. Set for the last weekend in October, the Fall Fest delivers for a weekend of fun! Planning sessions are scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 6:00pm as well as on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 6:00pm at City Hall (first floor conference room). We challenge you to participate and be part of the fun!

For more information on the 2016 Family Fall Fest or to learn about volunteer opportunities for the Family Fall Fest & the Haunted House please contact:

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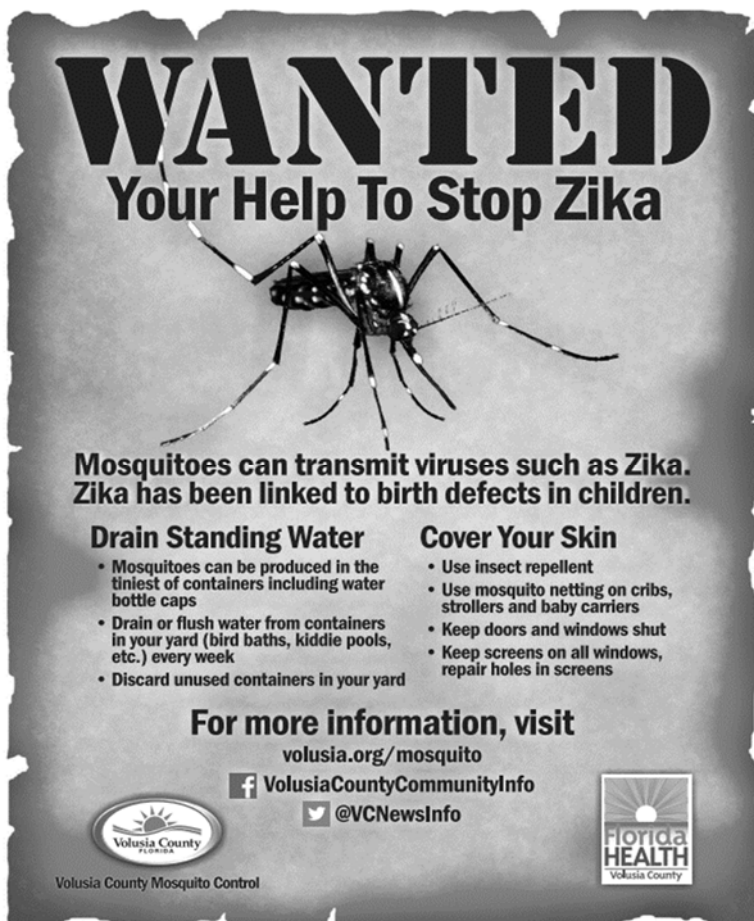
City of Lake Helen in Search of Food Vendor at Creative Arts Café

The City of Lake Helen is accepting proposals for a City Food Vendor at the Creative Arts Café located at 493 S. Lakeview Drive, Lake Helen. The Creative Arts Café is located in downtown Lake Helen at the South West Corner of scenic Blake Park directly behind the Lake Helen Police Department. For over 10 years the facility has been a gathering place for Volusia County residents and visitors. With a charming ambiance, the café is not only a place for dining but community gathering and unity. It continues to be a place where artisans, historians, musicians, community groups and families patronize regularly.

The food vendor will have access to the main building which contains a small stage (complete with lighting and a sound system), large open recreational area with seating, a full capacity kitchen, concession stand and restrooms.

Proposals are due to the City Clerk's Office by 3:00pm on Tuesday, October 4, 2016. A mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on Monday, September 12, 2016 at the Creative Arts Café, 493 S. Lakeview Drive, Lake Helen, Florida. The purpose of the meeting is to tour the facility and answer questions or provide further clarification as may be needed. Attendance by all prospective respondents is mandatory. The City reserves the right to hold additional pre-proposal conferences.

For more information or a copy of the Request for Proposal, please log on to the city's website at www.lakehelen.com, contact City Clerk, Becky Witte at 386.228.2358 or bwitte@lakehelen.com or visit City Hall at 327 S. Lakeview Drive, Lake Helen.



WANTED
Your Help To Stop Zika

Mosquitoes can transmit viruses such as Zika. Zika has been linked to birth defects in children.



Drain Standing Water


- Mosquitoes can be produced in the tiniest of containers including water bottle caps
- Drain or flush water from containers in your yard (bird baths, kiddie pools, etc.) every week
- Discard unused containers in your yard


Cover Your Skin

- Use insect repellent
- Use mosquito netting on cribs, strollers and baby carriers
- Keep doors and windows shut
- Keep screens on all windows, repair holes in screens

For more information, visit volusia.org/mosquito

 [VolusiaCountyCommunityInfo](https://www.facebook.com/VolusiaCountyCommunityInfo)
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 Volusia County Mosquito Control



Mosquito Prevention Tip: Tip and Toss!

Did you know mosquitoes lay eggs in standing water? Just a bottle cap of water is all they need! That's why you must be diligent and check your surrounding area once a week and dump out any standing water. Tip and toss!

- Discard old tires, drums, bottles, cans, pots and broken appliances.
- Turn over empty pots and buckets.
- Replace the water in birdbaths and pet dishes at least once a week.
- Clean out eaves, troughs and gutters.
- Pick up beverage containers and cups.
- Drain water from boats and tarps.
- Cover windows and doors with screens.
- Maintain the proper chemistry in swimming pools, and empty plastic pools when not in use.

Visit volusia.org/mosquito and check out a link in the top left corner that will show you how to find mosquito larvae and pupae in outdoor containers.

Save the Date for the Water Festival on Sunday, October 16, 2016 10 am - 5 pm
At Earl Brown Park and the Wayne G. Sanborn Activity Center, DeLand



*Live Music, DJ, Art, Family Fun, Food,
Student Contests and Nationally-Known Speakers!*

Additional events on days around the main festival date!

City Charter Ballot Question Election Results

Yes, in favor of revised City Charter 47.14% (322 votes)

No, opposed to revised City Charter 52.86% (361 votes)

Lake Helen will not be adopting a revised City Charter in 2016. Thank you to all citizens who voted. Please remember that City Meetings are always open to the public and the Commission encourages you to attend and get involved.

ANNUAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARINGS IN SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 7:00pm: First Budget Hearing

Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 7:00pm: Final Budget Hearing

At the Regular City Commission Meeting in July, the City Commission adopted a tentative millage rate of 7.8 for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017. This is a 20% rate decrease. The City's Property Tax Rate this current fiscal year is at \$9.80 per \$1,000 of assessed value, close to the state constitution's cap of \$10.

Budget Hearings will be held in September. The first budget hearing is set for **Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 7:00pm** and the final budget hearing is set for **Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 7:00pm**. As always, the public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

LAKE MACY DISCUSSION ON SEPTEMBER 7TH

The City of Lake Helen will be having a special meeting after the City's First Budget Hearing on September 7, 2016 at 7 p.m. at City Hall to discuss improvement by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to Lake Macy. Citizens and interested parties are welcome and encouraged to attend to learn more about the lake improvement options and to voice support or concerns.

In 1996, the Florida Fish and wildlife Conservation Commission removed approximately 11,000 cubic yards of organic sediment and muck accumulation from the bottom of Lake Macy, along with 17 acres of floating vegetation and buoyant mud in an effort to enhance and improve the quality of aquatic habitat for fish and wildlife. This effort significantly improved the overall quality of aquatic habitat and greatly improved public use potential of Lake Macy. In subsequent years, a series of low water events severely impacted the lake resulting in a loss of public use for several years and a poor recreational fishery.

In 2012, during the height of a severe drought, concerned residents encouraged FWC to consider removing the organic sediment and muck that remained in the deeper reaches of the lake since the lake basin was completely dry at the time. FWC has analyzed the sediments for contaminants, obtained survey data for the lake basin and compiled preliminary engineering specifications needed to address the remaining muck on the lake bottom. Aquatic habitat is currently in moderate to good condition with relatively stable water levels over the last three years, but there is still little evidence of a viable fishery on the lake. To that end, FWC would like to seek community input on the relative costs, benefits and risks associated with three different alternatives for improving the habitat quality and recreational fishery of Lake Macy prior to moving forward.

For more information prior to the meeting on Wednesday, September 7th, please contact City Administrator Jason Yarborough at 386-228-2121.

Important Lake Helen Phone Numbers	
Lake Helen Police Department & Fire Protection -- All Emergencies: 911	
City Hall: (386) 228-2121	Police Department: (386) 228-2145
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Lake Helen Events Committee: Kelly Frasca at 305-793-3303 / frasca.cityoflakehelen@gmail.com	
West Volusia Saddle Club: www.westvolusiasaddleclub.com	

SEPTEMBER 2016						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
29	30 Vote at Hopkins Hall 7am – 7pm	31 Historic Preservation Board at 8am	1	2 Florida Licensing on Wheels at City Hall 10am – 2pm	3 Market in the Park Speed Show at EQ Center	4
5 Labor Day City Offices Closed	6	7 First Budget Hearing at 7pm Lake Macy Meeting after budget hearing	8 Regular City Commission Meeting at 7pm	9	10 Market in the Park	11 Champions Ride for Charity through Lake Helen
12	13	14 Fall Fest Planning Meeting at 6pm at City Hall	15	16	17 Market in the Park	18
19 Planning Board (PLDRC) at 7pm	20	21 Final Budget Hearing at 7pm	22	23	24 Market in the Park	25 Pleasure Show at EQ Center
26	27	28 Fall Fest Planning Meeting at 6pm at City Hall	29	30	1 Market in the Park Ivy Hawn 5k Speed Show at EQ Center	2
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