

Week Ending: October 26, 2018

Witte Thoughts for the Commission

Celebrating City Government Week this week: "My City- I'm Part of It! I'm Proud of IT!"

This quote speaks volumes to me (especially this week in Lake Helen). I witnessed exemplary government in action this week. Starting with PLDRC on Monday. Hearing input from citizens, researching concerns and making decisions from that input and research. Then the City Commission working together with positive outlooks and forward thinking!

I am energized by the work conducted this week and the future of our great city!

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Meetings

Tuesday, October 30th at 8am
Historic Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 30th at 7pm
PLDRC Special Meeting

Thursday, November 1st at 6pm
Downtown Master Plan Workshop

Thursday, November 8th at 7pm
City Commission Meeting

Tuesday, November 13th at 5pm
Personnel Review Board

Town Hall Meeting on Monday

- Vice Mayor Burton will hold a Town Hall Meeting at Mt. Zion on Monday, October 29, 2018 at 6:30pm to discuss Suber Memorial Cemetery Annexation into Lake Helen.

(Massey-James Youth Center, 364 Church Street, Lake Helen).

Please feel free to attend. I have posted/advertised that more than one Commissioner may be in attendance.

Volusia Managers Meeting

- On Wednesday I attended the monthly Volusia Managers meeting. The discussion was on recycling and the ½ cent sales tax.
- Recycling: all agree education is needed. I am working on flyers and an educational campaign.
- ½ cent sales tax: The managers and cities are still in strong support. If the County Council approves the ballot – it could go to voters (through a vote by mail ballot) in April. **Let's tell the County Council Members how important this is for Lake Helen!!**

Recap from Special Meeting

- COA's for Chinelli Design Build
- City Commission Workshop/Special Meeting for November 28th (Mayor Raisler's birthday)
- Resolutions for Water Rates & Compensation on November 8th
- Becky to work on ISBA Map and meet with County November 6th
- Police Dept golf cart to be used for Market in the Park and to research purchase of a gas-powered Golf Cart
- Lake Helen Villa Water Reconciliation discussion to be brought December 13th
- Organizational Meeting December 13th
- Spoke with Mr. Pierce regarding Mitchell Brothers. He will be meeting with me on Monday.

Events

October 25th through 28th
Haunted House at Eq Center

Saturday, October 27th
Lake Helen Fall Festival & Trunk
or Treat

Updated Dunk Tank Times:

- ✓ Commissioner Connell at 6:30pm
- ✓ Chief Walker at 7:30pm
- ✓ Sheriff Chitwood at 8:00pm

Downtown Master Plan Workshop/Presentation

- Downtown Master Plan Workshop for Thursday, November 1st. Please spread the word!
- Joe Hearn from the DeLand Chamber has agreed to attend and discuss the Lake Helen brand and future.
- Georgia Turner from Visit West Volusia will be in attendance.

Please encourage members of the community to attend!

Crosswalks

- Rick arranged for crosswalk striping at the corner of Lakeview Drive and Ohio Avenue. It looks great!
- Mayor Raisler and Chief Walker plan to hold an assembly for the students November 5th and 6th.



CDBG: Received our \$50,000 CDBG reimbursement on Tuesday.

FEMA Update

- Worked with Ruth Louis from FEMA this week.
- On Monday she worked diligently to clear up the invoice questions/concerns.
- On Tuesday she resubmitted to the CRC (Consolidated Resource Center) for review. The amount includes the reimbursement for "leaners and hangers."

Fall Fest and Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat

- City Staff
- Mayor Raisler
- Mid Florida Jeep Club
- Big Dog Site Work
- Whitehouse Contracting
- Save Our Lake

If you would like to set up a trunk or treat, let me know- I have candy to share – all you need is a trunk!

Thanks to Sterling Enterprises, GM Pallets, Hills Fencing, US Boat Transport & Lake Helen Auto for candy donations!



Weekly Update from Interim City Administrator, Becky Witte. Want more information or have ideas or suggestions on updates. Contact City Hall. Email: bwitte@lakehelen.com / Office: 386.228.2358