

Week Ending: November 16, 2018

Witte Thoughts for the Commission

"HERO: An ordinary person facing extraordinary circumstances and acting with courage, honor and self-sacrifice."

We are so thankful to our many city hero's this week – Chief Walker, Commander Mullins, the entire Lake Helen Police Department, the Volusia County Sherriff's Office, the Bomb Squad and all those who kept the citizens safe and informed.

We have so much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving!

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings

Tuesday, November 27th at 7pm
City Commission Special Meeting

Thursday, November 29th
Volusia League of Cities Meeting

Events

Thursday and Friday
November 16th and 17th
from 6pm - 9pm
Turkey Shoot on Orange Avenue

Saturday, November 24th at 4pm
Christmas Parade

Saturday, November 24th at
6:30pm at Equestrian Center
Christmas Events & Butler's Express
Ribbon Cutting

Incident in Lake Helen on Tuesday

- Acting on a tip, Lake Helen Chief Walker and Commander Mullins went to 292 W. Pennsylvania Ave. at 3:30 p.m. where they found the chemical triacetone triperoxide.
- The explosive material was detonated underground in a nearby field. The Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad was reluctant to transport the material, due to its high volatility.
- Thank you Chief Walker and his team as well as Sheriff Chitwood and the Sherriff's Office Bomb Squad!

City Hall

- ✓ Organizing and cleaning City Hall
 - You may notice a few offices have been moved in City Hall as well as some redecorating and organizing. Jason Lawrence is upstairs, Lauren relocated to his office and Mayor Raisler will be in my old office. That office has a table and chairs for the other Commissioners and consultants to meet as well.
- ✓ David is re-doing the Upstairs Bathroom as per our City Hall project list for FY 18/19. It should be ready by the next Commission Meeting.
- ✓ Katie and Lauren are cross training and allocating duties.
 - In order to provide the best service to our citizens, cross training is essential. We are going to be constantly cross training and keeping up on best practices.
- ✓ City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. ***No weekly update next week.***

Parade Update

- Vice Mayor will have his car available for the Parade with new signs for his car!
- Staff will be in the parade this year. Sefer, Jason Hood & Family, Katie, and I (plus my family) will have a parade float. We look forward to being part of it!
- After the Parade we will have a ribbon cutting for Butler's Express (*I have the BIG scissors and ribbon ready for the occasion*).



LAKE HELEN RESIDENTS

Thanksgiving Holiday Garbage & Recycle Schedule

THANKSGIVING WEEK ONLY

No Collection on
Thursday, November 22, 2018
Thanksgiving Day

Friday Collection will be on
Saturday, November 24th

All material must be curbside by 7:00 AM on your above scheduled date. All other schedules will remain the same.

Happy Thanksgiving from your friends at Waste Pro!

If you have any questions please call
Waste Pro at (386) 788-8890

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Caring For Our Communities

City of Lake Helen joins West Volusia Chamber of Commerce

In the FY 18/19 Budget, we added the cost (\$150) to join the West Volusia Chamber of Commerce. Our official membership started on Thursday (November 15th).

This membership provides an opportunity to encourage our business leaders to showcase their business at a regional level.

The West Volusia Regional Chamber of Commerce is the Voice of Business in West Volusia. Through their advocacy, educational opportunities, and networking events, they help promote economic development.

We are excited for the opportunity to showcase the businesses within our "Gem".

We thank Executive Director Shari Simmans for her support.

<https://business.westvolusiaregionalchamber.org/list/member/city-of-lake-helen-2122>

Duke LED Upgrade

- ✓ Due to the storm in the Panhandle, Duke Energy is pushing back our LED light upgrade to December 3rd. They anticipate being in town December 3rd through December 6th to complete the upgrade. (originally it was set for November 19th)
- ✓ Duke will be installing the at 485 S. Goodwin Street soon.
- ✓ A light was requested at the corner of Cook Street and McKenzie Road. Waiting on inspection and approval from the engineer.
- ✓ After approval, work is completed within 6-8 weeks.

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