

Week Ending: December 7, 2018

Witte Thoughts for the Commission

We had a beautiful Christmas Tree Lighting at Blake Park on Tuesday. We have had a full week with meetings, events and even a water break on Thursday. We are truly blessed to have great staff and citizens. The agenda is available online or in your mailbox at City Hall. Christmas Decorating Contest is on Saturday. I look forward to seeing the beautiful decorations.

"Surround yourself with people who push you, who challenge you, who make you laugh, who make you better, who make you happy." ~unknown~

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings

Thursday, December 13th at 7pm
City Commission Regular Meeting

Events

Friday, December 7th at 5pm
Food Trucks at the Equestrian Center

Saturday, December 15th
9am at Hopkins Hall:
Breakfast with Santa
Noon at Suber Memorial Cemetery:
Wreaths Across America
Following the ceremony, a presentation at Lake Helen Cassadaga Cemetery
7pm at Hopkins Hall:
Christmas Dance

Monday, December 24th at 8AM
Christmas 5k Stressbuster at Blake Park

Water Break

Thank you to Rick Mullen, Sefer Mendoza and Jason Hood. Great work with the N. Summit Avenue on Thursday, December 6th water break repair. Approximately 15 Homes are under a boil water notice. Biometric is assisting with the testing, reports and the boil water notices.

This is an example of when a reverse 9/11 system would be an asset.

NWS Melbourne forecast for this Sunday - a possibility of Isolated Severe Storms.

See attached Weather Watch. From NWS Melbourne. Be safe!

Update on Suber Memorial Frontage Road

At the Vice Mayor's Town Hall Meeting in October, the question of relocation of Frontage Road leading the Suber Memorial Gardens Cemetery was asked:

I have been in contact with Volusia County and have received confirmation that at this time the County has no plans to change the connection. They may begin development of relocation when the I-4 AutoMall Frontage Road is complete.

Duke LED Lights

Duke LED Lights are being placed.

Butler's Express

Butler's Express starts tonight! I have received a completed Event Request Application, necessary insurance (with approval from City Attorney Scott Simpson and Florida League of Cities Representative John Ligon) as well as conducted a site inspection of the Equestrian Center. Port-a-Johns are in place (to be used in lieu of the city bathrooms) and a light tower will be delivered this afternoon. I look forward to participating in this Lake Helen tradition.

Next Meeting - December 13th: Agendas are in your mailbox at City Hall or online at www.lakehelen.com.

Some exciting items on the Agenda: Zone 4 Installation Ceremony for Commissioner Jim Connell, Zone 3 Appointment, Annual Organizational Meeting, Award of the Christmas Decorating Contest Winner, WastePro Presentation, COA's (5 of them), Adoption of Downtown Master Plan, Event Dates, Employment Agreement, Deputy City Clerk position, as well as discussion of Ballot Questions (Charter and Electric Company Sale). Please let me know if you have any questions!

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