

Week Ending: December 14, 2018

## Witte Thoughts for the Commission

Lots of positive changes during Thursday's meeting. Commissioner Rick Basso was welcomed to the City Commission, Commissioner Jim Connell was reinstated into his second term of office, Vice Mayor Vernon Burton will continue his service as Vice Mayor, Lauren Cowles was promoted to Deputy City Clerk and I am so honored to be serving as City Administrator. We have a great amount of activities scheduled for this weekend and an exciting 2019 quickly approaching.

"The only way to do Great Work is to LOVE what you do." ~Steve Jobs~

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

#### Meetings

Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
City Commission Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
City Commission Workshop

#### Events

Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>  
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 24<sup>th</sup> at 8AM  
Christmas 5k Stressbuster at Blake Park

#### FEMA Visit

On Monday, Ruth Lewis from FEMA stopped in. She informed us that we have an opportunity to seek an extra reimbursement of approximately \$3,850 for Management Costs associated with Hurricane Irma. She also informed us that on Friday she submitted our Irma Reimbursement to FEMA Final Review. Once that review is complete, our reimbursement will be obligated to the State of Florida. At that point, she suggests we contact our State Representatives to encourage efficient processing.

#### Wreath's Across America Ceremony on Saturday

The Wreaths have been delivered and the Ceremony is set for Saturday at noon at Suber Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Lake Helen Police will be at the entrance of Suber Memorial and Orange Camp Road to assist with traffic control. A BIG thank you to Todd Preston for coordinating this event for the second year and to all those who sponsored wreaths. We are so lucky to have such dedicated volunteers and community members. Following the ceremony at Suber Memorial Gardens, wreaths will be placed at Lake Helen Cassadaga Cemetery.

#### Duke LED Lights

Many Duke LED Lights have been placed. They look amazing!

#### Finance Manager Resignation

Jason Lawrence submitted his resignation this week. He was offered a position in Tallahassee. His last day is Tuesday, January 15, 2019. We will be discussing options in January.

In celebration of the holidays, Lake Helen City Commission is gifting all employees time-off to spend with family and friends. Offices will be closed from December 22 through January 1 – reopening on January 2. Employees will be utilizing their personal time. **During this time, you can reach me on my cell phone at 386-624-4043. You can also reach the Police Officer on duty at 386-215-9797.**

A sign will be posted at City Hall and Public Works.