

Week Ending: January 25, 2019

Witte Thoughts for the Commission

"I think a hero is an ordinary individual who finds strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles."

~Christopher Reeve~

County Manager George Recktenwald: Congratulations to George Recktenwald who was offered the County Manager position (which he accepted) this week.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings

Thursday, February 14th at 7pm
City Commission Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 26th at 7pm
City Commission Special Meeting

Events

Saturday, February 2nd at 11am
Public Works Ribbon Cutting
at 551 Lemon Avenue

Saturday, February 2nd at Noon
Market in the Park
Doggie Plop Bingo 50/50

Saturday, February 23rd
Zerbini Family Circus at the EQ Center

½ Cent Sales Tax: On Thursday I met with the Volusia County Managers regarding the ½ cent sales tax to the voters in May. The County Council meets on the 5th of February for the 1st Reading of the Ordinance. The managers will be meeting soon after to discuss education to the public.

I am working on submitting a list to the County for our proposed projects. County staff will be creating a website and a single message for us to utilize when educating the public.

Playground Committee: A Resolution has been prepared for consideration at the February 14, 2019 City Commission Meeting to establish a Playground Committee. The Resolution calls for each Commissioner to appoint a member to the committee. If you have a member selected that you would like added to the Resolution for consideration – please let me know.

Financial Management & James Moore : January 22nd Zach from James Moore attended our workshop to discuss the options of Financial Management through a firm (in lieu of a full-time employee on site). I will be meeting with him next week to work on providing additional information for the February Meeting.

Lake Helen Lake: The Committee to Save Lake Helen Lake will be presenting in February information on the plan regarding the hydrilla eradication planned for February by FWC.

Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Days: Every year during session, League members attend Legislative Action Days in Tallahassee to hear from legislators and League staff on what the legislative session holds for municipalities. Attendees will meet with their legislators one on one to let them know what issues are important to the League and Florida cities. Legislative Action Days is a valuable opportunity for members to get to know their legislators and to view the legislature at work first hand.

The 2019 Legislative Action Days will be held **Tuesday-Wednesday, March 26-27, in Tallahassee.** Events will be hosted at the Florida League of Cities Office Building, the Tallahassee City Chambers, the Capitol building, and the DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton. Please let me know if you would like us to assist in your arrangements.