

Week Ending: March 1, 2019

## Witte Thoughts for the Commission

Welcome March! We have a full schedule of meetings set for March including the Blake Park Playground Review Committee, ½ Cent Sales Tax Forums, CDBG Public Input Meeting, Regular Meeting, Special Meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> and Volusia League of Cities Meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>. It will be a busy and exciting month!

*"Enthusiasm is infectious. Don't waste your time hanging around people who try to belittle your dreams. Associate with people who inspire and challenge you, lift you higher and make you better. Walk with the visionaries, the believers, the doers and the courageous. Great people make you feel that you too can become great." ~Nicky Gumbel~*

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

#### Meetings

Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 8:30am

**Ethics Continuing Education Training on Monday, March 4, 2019 Workshop 8:30 am - 12:30 pm.**

Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm

**Joint Workshop with the Blake Park Playground Committee**

Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**At Deltona City Hall**

**County ½ Cent Sales Tax Zone 3 Mtg**

Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**Public Input Meeting for FY 19/20 CDBG (Community Development Block Grant)**

Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

**City Commission Meeting**

Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

**½ Cent Sales Tax Forum at Sanborn Center**

#### Events

Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

**Food Trucks at Blake Park**

Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>

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Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am

**Easter Egg Hunt and Spring Carnival**

#### Historic Preservation Board Vacancy:

Historic Preservation Board is looking for a new member. Please contact Katie at 386-228-2531 or [kholmes@lakehelen.com](mailto:kholmes@lakehelen.com) for more information by Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### Public Works New Employee Austin Casura

Austin started on Wednesday! We look forward to him being part of the team!

#### Bridge Groundbreaking

Michael Pleus has invited us to the Bridge Groundbreaking on Saturday March 30, 2019 at 9:30am. More information to come...

#### Crepe Myrtle in honor of Nancy Sign

Long-time resident and recent retiree from Volusia County Government, Nancy Sign passed away last week. To honor her love of Lake Helen her friends from Volusia County will plant a crepe myrtle at City Hall in her honor on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### Community Development Block Grant Public Input Meeting: March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

This is a requirement for the CDBG application for FY 19/20. We will be requesting input on the FY 19/20 CDBG project list. Below is a beginning list, feel free to contact me with other ideas.

Some ideas:

John Street from Summit Avenue to Carmen Drive;  
Dara Circle; Delaware Avenue from Lakeview Drive to Euclid Avenue; Garden from Lakeview Drive to Euclid Avenue; Park Street from Pleasant Street to High Street; Pennsylvania from Lakeview Drive to High Street; Elvira Street and Vista Street; Clough from Summit Avenue to Clough; Norris Lane; Sherry Lane.

### Banking:

The state direct deposit form has been re-received and the account has been confirmed! We should be able to close the Wells Fargo Accounts in March.

### Committee to Save Lake Helen Lakes

Mr. Hammett reports that "all indications are that we will be able to spray in March." After spraying the Committee to Save Lake Helen Lakes will return to the City Commission with an update and ideas for the next steps.

### Playground Committee Joint Workshop on Wednesday

Wednesday, March 6th at 4:00pm is the first meeting to the Blake Park Playground Review Committee. This will be a joint workshop with the City Commission.

### 1/2 Cent Sales Tax Presentation(s)

- Thursday, March 7th at 6:30pm at Deltona City Hall. Hosted by Volusia County to discuss Zone 3 projects
- Tuesday, March 19th at 6:30pm at the Sanborn Center. Hosted by the DeLand Area Chamber of Commerce & Orange City Alliance

The City of Lake Helen should plan a town hall type meeting in April. I will add as a discussion item on March 14th.

Ballots will go to voters on May 1<sup>st</sup> and are due by May 21<sup>st</sup>.

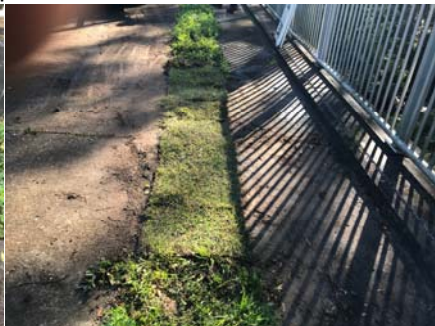
**2019 Election Qualifying.** Qualifying for City of Lake Helen Elections (Mayor, Zone 1 and Zone 3) will occur NOON, Monday June 17 through NOON, Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Sidewalk/Washout Repair from DOT

At the February 14th Regular City Commission Meeting we discussed an area of concern on the I-4 bridge where the sidewalk had a large hole. This week a crew from DOT fixed the area. They found a few similar areas of concern that are scheduled to be repaired soon.



Before



After

### Butler's Express

You may see Butler's Express around town on Tuesday (March 5<sup>th</sup>). They are having a special tour for a group around town at 11:00am. The group will also be stopping at the Historic Museum.

### A few agreements:

Scott and I have been working on a Submeter Agreement for Ivy Hawn, Financial Management Services Agreement with James Moore, Cassadaga Utility Agreement with Volusia County and an addendum to the Tyler Financial Software Agreement this week.

### Tyler Financial Software

Katie, Lauren and I have spent about 7 hours this week in Tyler Financial Software Training. We have been pushing to receive a product. We hope to have Financials in April and Utility Billing in July.

### County Clean Out of Drains to Lake Helen Lake

Dave Padgett from Volusia County Public Works personally came to Lake Helen on Thursday to look at the storm drains cleaned by the county last week. He verified that the weir system at Lakeview and Main is very clean and working well. He also inspected the weir system and drain on Connecticut (this runs from the drain at Lakeview and Connecticut through the properties adjacent to the Lake and into Lake Helen Lake). He was on the crew who originally installed the systems and will continue to inspect twice a year.

### Congratulations to the Mid Florida Jeep Boys & Girls Club – Chance and Kristin!

On Wednesday the Mid Florida Jeep Lake Helen Boys & Girls Club was awarded the 2019 Leader of the Pack and Lake Helen's Kristin Cox was awarded the 2019 Youth of the Year. Congratulations!

