

Week Ending: March 8, 2019

Witte Thoughts for the Commission

Agenda Packets for the March 14th Regular Meeting are available in your mailbox at City Hall. Zach Chalifour from James Moore & Co will be here from 10am until the meeting time on the 14th. Please let me know when you will have time to meet with him (4pm – 5pm and 5:30pm -6:30pm are reserved). The CDBG Public Input Hearing will be held prior to the regular meeting. Those agenda packets are awaiting a few cost estimates but should be ready soon.

"Keep on going and the chances are you will stumble on something, perhaps when you are least expecting it. I have never heard of anyone stumbling on something sitting down." ~ Charles F. Kettering~

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings

Thursday, March 14th
Zach Chalifour from James Moore & Co will be at City Hall from 10am until the meeting to meet with the Commission and staff.

Thursday, March 14th at 6:30pm
Public Input Meeting for FY 19/20 CDBG (Community Development Block Grant)

Thursday, March 14th at 7:00pm
City Commission Meeting

Tuesday, March 19th at 6:00pm
½ Cent Sales Tax Forum at Sanborn Center

Thursday, March 21st at 6:00pm
½ Cent Sales Tax Forum at Center for Deltona

Tuesday, March 26th at 7:00pm
City Commission Meeting

Events

Friday April 5th
Food Trucks at Blake Park

Saturday, April 20th at 10am
Easter Egg Hunt and Spring Fling

Safe Routes to Schools Grant - Recap

Chris Fagerstrom from ECT and I met with the County Engineers office on Thursday to discuss the Safe Routes to Schools Grant (set for 2023). We wanted to see what we needed to do on our side. We will schedule a meeting for 6 months to keep on top of this important project.

Recktenwald is under contract as County Manager

Congratulations to County Manager George Recktenwald (officially). His contract was approved on March 5th. I look forward to continuing working with Mr. Recktenwald!

Tyler Changes

With the change to Tyler Financial Management Software, in April a few changes will occur. Commissioners will be paid every other week (same as employees). Let me know if you have any questions. Staff will be inputting the Chart of Accounts and working on Tyler April 1st through April 4th. It will be a busy week at City Hall!

Recycling

On Wednesday county staff invited Mayor Raisler and I along with representative from other cities to discuss recycling. We discussed a unified message. They asked us to return in 6 weeks with some new ideas.

Museum is Open

Dene Masters, new President of the Lake Helen Historical Society is getting volunteers to have the Museum in City Hall open daily. Hours are 10am until noon and 1pm until 3pm. It is great to see the museum open!

DOT cleaned and mowed this week



Orange Camp Road Project

The county said on Thursday that 60% of the project plans for the Orange Camp project are complete. The project will include connection of the sidewalk from the overpass to Lake Helen entry way feature.

County ½ Cent Sales Tax Forum on Thursday

On Thursday evening I attended the County's ½ cent sales tax presentation at Deltona City Hall for our Zone. About 15 residents from Zone 3 were in attendance. The county reps answered questions and requested ranking of projects from the participants.



FWC on Lake on Wednesday

FWC will be on Lake Helen Lake Wednesday the 13th with their Airboat.

Lake Helen Lake – In the Beacon Newspaper on Thursday!



Butler's Express

A group from Deltona visited Lake Helen on Tuesday. Butler's Express



Playground Committee Joint Workshop on Wednesday

Great 1st meeting of the Playground Committee on Wednesday. I called John Ligon from the League Insurance and we have no concerns over coverage. For more details, please call me. The committee will meet again on March 13th at 4:00pm at City Hall when 3 playground companies will come to present ideas/options.

½ Cent Sales Tax Presentation(s)

- Tuesday, March 19th at 6:30pm at the Sanborn Center. Hosted by the DeLand Area Chamber of Commerce & Orange City Alliance
- Thursday, March 21st at 6:30pm at the Center for Deltona. Hosted by the West Volusia Chamber.

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

Ballots will go to voters on May 1st and are due by May 21st.



Ground Breaking

421 S. Palmetto Avenue

Saturday, March 30, 2019-9:30 AM

Overflow Parking at Intermodal Transportation Facility 119 E. Euclid Ave.
(across from the Neighborhood Center)

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