

Week Ending: March 15, 2019

## Witte Thoughts for the Commission

Lake Helen Lake will be treated (to eradicate the Hydrilla problem) on or around March 18, 2019. Lake Helen Lake residents should stop irrigation from Lake Helen Lake Immediately. Email notifications have been sent and phone calls will be made to many lake residents. We thank FWC, the Committee to Save Lake Helen Lakes, and the City Commission for their hard work and dedication to accomplish this. For more information on the treatment, visit: [https://www.sepro.com/Documents/ProcellaCOR\\_SC--Label.pdf](https://www.sepro.com/Documents/ProcellaCOR_SC--Label.pdf)

*"What you do speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say."*

*~Ralph Waldo Emerson~*

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

#### Meetings

Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm  
**½ Cent Sales Tax Forum at Sanborn Center**

Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm  
**½ Cent Sales Tax Forum at Center for Deltona**

Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm  
**Special Meeting**

Thursday, April 11<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm  
**City Commission Meeting**

Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm at  
Hopkins Hall  
**Town Hall Meeting on ½ Cent Sales Tax**

Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am at  
Lake Helen Villa  
**Town Hall Meeting on ½ Cent Sales Tax**

#### Events

Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Food Trucks at Blake Park**

Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm  
**Police Department Open House**

Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am  
**Easter Egg Hunt and Spring Fling**

**Police Department Open House on Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> from 6pm until 8pm**

Lake Helen Police Department Open House to see the renovations (weatherproofing, new floors, paint, etc. from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program), unveiling of new sign and deployment of new Police Car.

#### **Home Tour looking for Volunteers**

Arlene Raffa is looking for Home Tour Volunteers and homes. Contact her at 561-699-0020 to learn more.

#### **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).

Staff will be inputting the Chart of Accounts and working on Tyler April 1<sup>st</sup> through April 4<sup>th</sup>. It will be a busy week at City Hall!

#### **Recycling**

Next week I will be working with the Spring Break Camps to create Recycling Posters.

#### **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! They are cleaning up and looking into new signage too!

#### **Lake Helen Finance**

Officially welcome Zach Chalifour and the James Moore & Co Team! Last evening the City Commission approved the Financial Management Services contract which will begin April 1.

## Commission Meeting Recap

Great Commission Meeting last night! Just wanted to recap a few items:

- ✓ Presentation of the Annual Audit for Year Ending 9/30/2018. With the change to Tyler Financial Management Software and the agreement with James Moore & Co for Financial Management Services most audit comments should be resolved next year.
- ✓ Approval of Agreement with James Moore & Co for Financial Management Services for \$6,000 per month for the remainder of FY 18/19 and \$5,000 per month for FY 19/20. The agreement will begin April 1.
- ✓ Selection of Audit Committee to begin process for selection of new Audit firm. Commissioner Connell, Becky Witte (City Administrator) and Zach Chalifour (Finance Director) will be on the committee.
- ✓ Lake Helen Garden Club will attend the meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss Asa Gray Park.
- ✓ The Meeting on 3/26 will be a Special Meeting. The agenda will consist of Events, Advisory Board Training, Volusia League of Cities Awards, Public Wifi and Budget Projects (ideas).
- ✓ Chief Walker will be providing a monthly Code Compliance report to the City Commission.
- ✓ Staff is still in the research stage and will bring back information on TNR Program in the next few months.
- ✓ COA's – 3 homes, ReRoof and the fences at Ivy Hawn were approved.
- ✓ Bill Kless is the 5<sup>th</sup> member of the Historic Preservation Board and Elodia Koger has been appointed as Alternate. Next meeting is March 26<sup>th</sup> at 8am.
- ✓ Mayor Raisler discussed the ADA Website and the ½ Cent Sales Tax
- ✓ Approval of the consent agenda included – minutes approvals, bills paid report, officially appointing Chenin Basso to the Blake Park Playground Review Committee, Approval of Submeter Agreement for Ivy Hawn/ Daycare/ Apartments and Home, Resolution 2019-05 Extension of Local Option Fuel Tax as well as the modification to the FEMA subrecipient Agreement.

## ½ Cent Sales Tax Forums

There will be a lot of opportunities to learn about and discuss the ½ cent sales tax mail ballot:

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## Mail Ballots for ½ Cent Sales Tax

The Supervisor of Elections will be sending Mail Ballots to Voters on 5/1. These ballots can be returned at City Hall (327 S. Lakeview Drive) until May 20<sup>th</sup>. Ballots are due to the Supervisor of Elections by 7pm on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Please call Becky at (386-228-2358) or email ([bwitte@lakehelen.com](mailto:bwitte@lakehelen.com)) with any questions.

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## 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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