

Week Ending: March 22, 2019

Witte Thoughts for the Commission

We have great news! Tyler Financial Software had an opening and we are implementing over the next two weeks (March 25 to April 5). It will be a very busy few weeks!

"The secret of change is not focusing all of your energy on fighting the old, but on building the new." Socrates

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings

Tuesday, March 26th at 8:00am
Historic Preservation Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 26th at 7:00pm
Special Meeting

Thursday, April 11st at 7:00pm
City Commission Meeting

Tuesday, April 23rd at 7:00pm at
Hopkins Hall
Town Hall Meeting on ½ Cent Sales Tax

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

Tuesday, April 30th at 7:00pm at
Massey James
Town Hall Meeting on ½ Cent Sales Tax

Events

Friday April 5th
Food Trucks at Blake Park

Friday April 5th at 6pm
Police Department Open House

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

Tyler Financial Software

With a cancellation from another client Tyler has moved our implementation to the next two weeks. Staff will be working with Tyler March 25th through April 5th. It will be a busy two weeks but well worth it!

Police Department Open House on Friday April 5th 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.

Lake Helen Lake

The treatment was postponed on Tuesday due to the weather conditions. It was completed Wednesday morning. The applicator was on site from 8 am to 10 am. FWC staff was here yesterday afternoon and will be there most days for a week to collect water samples for herbicide residue analysis. We will have Dean from UF in the next few weeks.

Duke Energy - care and maintenance of the transmission infrastructure

In order to ensure continued reliable electric service, crews will be applying herbicide to vegetation within the **DC 115kV transmission power line corridor**. Affected landowners will be notified prior to work commencing on their property. This work is scheduled to begin in the next few weeks.

The **DC 115kV** is a 7.31 mile right-of-way that begins at the **Deltona Substation, located at 2645 Enterprise Rd, Orange City FL and ends at the Cassadaga Substation, located at 3130 Sixma Road, Lake Helen FL.**

More Ethics Training Opportunities

Annual Conference – August 15-17, World Center Marriott **Orlando** (registration will open after May 15)

Legislative Conference – Nov. 14-15, Embassy Suites South, **Lake Buena Vista**

Additional options to receive credit:

Florida Commission on Ethics **website offers several video and audio tutorials that may be viewed for free.** Elected municipal officers should keep track of all ethics training they complete.

The **FSU John Scott Dailey Institute of Government** currently offers an **online webinar**, which satisfies the four-hour requirement under Chapter 112.3142 for municipal elected officials. The cost is \$79.00.

The **Florida League of Cities** is planning to offer the 4-hour class here this summer but has not yet selected a date. This one is taught by Dr. Scott Paine with FLC U – **Orlando.**

Audit Committee Meeting

The Audit Committee met on Thursday, March 21st. The RFP is ready and will be advertised on April 1. The Commission will receive a recommendation from the committee in June.

½ Cent Sales Tax Forums

Deland (Tuesday) and Deltona (Thursday) ½ Cent Sales Tax Presentations were well attended with great speakers, questions and information. I attended both and had informational flyers, maps available. Unfortunately, no Lake Helen residents were in attendance. We look forward to our forums in April.



Lake Helen ½ Cent Sales Tax Forums

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

- ❖ Tuesday, April 23rd at 7:00pm at Hopkins Hall
Town Hall Meeting on ½ Cent Sales Tax
- ❖ Monday, April 29th at 10:30 am at Lake Helen Villa
Town Hall Meeting on ½ Cent Sales Tax
- ❖ Tuesday, April 30th at 7:00pm at Massey James
Town Hall Meeting on ½ Cent Sales Tax

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 20th. Ballots are due to the Supervisor of Elections by 7pm on May 21st.

Please call Becky at (386-228-2358) or email (bwitte@lakehelen.com) with any questions.

Vacation

My husband has surprised me with a vacation to celebrate our 10-year anniversary. I will be out of the country from Tuesday, April 30th until Monday, May 6th. Rick Mullen will be acting City Administrator while I am away.



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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