

Week Ending: March 29, 2019

Witte Thoughts for the Commission

We are making great progress on our Tyler Financial Software. One more week of intense inputting for Financials, then onto the other modules.

"Think first of the action that is right to take, think later about coping with one's fears."
Barbara Deming

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings

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

Thursday, April 25th at 9:00am
1st Budget Workshop
Public Works and PD Input

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

We are ahead of schedule on implementation. We have been working very diligently to input data and work with the consultant.

Police Department Open House on Friday April 5th from 6pm until 8pm

Lake Helen Police Department Open House will be April 5 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.

West Volusia Summit

Deltona Mayor Heidi Herzberg invited us to a West Volusia Summit at the City of Deltona on Saturday, June 22, 2019 from 8:30am until 11am.

Playground Committee

The Playground committee is making amazing progress. We met at Blake Park this week (even in the cold weather). They plan to present an update to you on April 11.

2n Floor Rental

The Broker's Price Index came in this week. The upstairs rental suggestion is \$1,050 per month. I will add to the April 11th Agenda for discussion. Thanks again to The Baumgartner Company for donating this service (at least a \$500 value).

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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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
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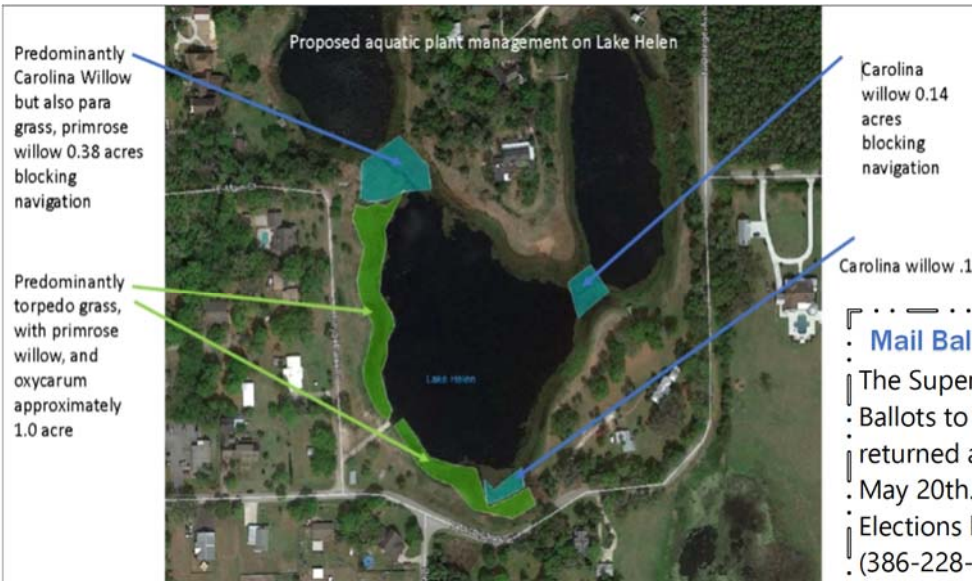
Welcome Linda Kelley! Linda Kelley, our new bookkeeper started on Wednesday. Her first day was filled with Payroll, new employee forms as well as looking through bills and chart of accounts. She has a blast! We plan to have her in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am until 4pm.

Lake Helen Lake

CJ from FWC says "The hydrilla does appear to be responding well to the herbicide treatment, that was applied over one week ago today. There is still quite a bit of biomass in the water column, but the hydrilla is beginning to break apart. I have noted tips of plants breaking readily, and larger plants pulled from the bottom are also very fragile."

They should be on the Lake next week.

Approval from FWC has been given to control aquatic plants within the City's park boundaries. Plants that will be controlled include Carolina willow, torpedo grass, as well as a few ancillary species. This is a map of the proposed work to this email. The first round of treatments may begin at the end of April.



Audit RFP

The RFP for Audit Service will be out on Monday, April 1.

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.

Hurricane Irma - Still?

We just completed our sign off for Hurricane Irma with FEMA. They will be sending approximately \$77,000 to the State of Florida. The State of Florida will then review our documents (but we are only entitled to 90%). The rumor is that the state should send approximately 50% and then we will have to request the other 50%.