

Week Ending: April 5, 2019

## Witte Thoughts for the Commission

Police Department Open House tonight at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you then! Thanks for the hard work and dedication of volunteers, Police Department Staff, Public Works, Contractor Ryan Hannah and of course Chief Mike Walker.

*"People learn to lead because they care about something." Charlotte Bunch*

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

#### Meetings

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

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

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

Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at  
Massey James  
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

#### Tyler Financial Software

Set up will be complete for Financials next week! Lauren has been dedicated to the Tyler consultant for 2 ½ weeks. Katie is busy with Utility Billing training and inputting! We are very excited about the product!

#### Police Department Open House on Friday! See you at 6pm!

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.

#### AutoMall Limited Site Work Application

Last week a request from the I-4 AutoMall team was received for limited site work on approximately 24 acres of the Lake Helen site. I have been working diligently with the I-4 AutoMall team, the City of DeLand, the City Arborist as well as an Environmental Consultant, and the City Attorney to assist with the request and presentation to the City Commission on April 11. On Thursday, the I-4 AutoMall team asked to postpone the request. I am going to continue to have our arborist and environmental consultant work on their reports. If you have any questions please let me know.

#### Lake Helen Lake Update

Two Weeks ago, Lake Helen Lake was treated by FWC and CJ Greene was on site Wednesday. Joe Hammett and I met with CJ on the Lake and he is seeing progress. Mr. Greene also said that in the end of April / early May FWC will be looking at littoral zone edging (the littoral zone is the part of the lake where the water and shoreline meet). He suggested we begin replanting approximately 4 weeks after the littoral zone edging is complete. He will send us a list of plants. In the Fall, carp may be added to the Lake by FWC. A huge thanks to FWC and the Committee to Save Lake Helen Lakes!

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

### 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 30<sup>th</sup> until Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Rick Mullen will be acting City Administrator while I am away.

### West Volusia Chamber Valor Awards – Congratulations Chief Walker!

Mayor Raisler nominated Chief Walker for the West Volusia Chamber Valor Award – and he won!

The Event will be on event on May 22, 11:30am-1pm at DeBary Golf & Country Club. The cost is \$40.00.

Please let me know if you would like to attend.

### Events Meeting

I meet with Kelly on Friday to discuss the meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> and our working relationship. We have worked out any issues and created modified scope of work. We have a good proposal to bring to the City Commission on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

### CDBG Update

Our intern Liz from Stetson has been working on LMI Surveys diligently since the March 14<sup>th</sup> CDBG Public Input Hearing.

The roads selected by the City Commission in order were:

- Garden Street (from Lakeview Drive to Euclid Avenue) – **Did not meet LMI**, Delaware Avenue (from Lakeview Drive to Euclid Avenue) – **Did not meet LMI**, W. Pennsylvania Avenue (from Lakeview Drive to Euclid Avenue) – **Did not meet LMI**.
- Vista Street and Elvira Street - **limited responses received**.

Unfortunately, with the limited time left before the CDBG application, staff recommends Sherry Lane and Clough Ave (Summit Ave to Goodwin Street) which has been surveyed and meets LMI (low to moderate income levels).

Please let me know if you have any questions. Surveys are good for two years, so we can continue to work on surveying through the summer and fall.

### Vintage Estates Homes Model Home open on Saturday

The Model Home at 391 W Main Street received its Certificate of Occupancy this week. They will be opening on Saturday!

### Congratulations to Lauren!

Lauren will be getting married next week!  
She will soon be Lauren Olsen.  
Congratulations!!

