

Week Ending: April 12, 2019

Witte Thoughts for the Commission

Great City Commission meeting last night. It was a long night but lots of progress. I cannot believe the things we are accomplishing! The teamwork and dedication make it work so well! Thanks for all the support and leadership.

*"The question should be, is it worth trying to do, not can it be done."
Allard Lowenstein*

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings

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

Thursday, April 25th at 9:00am
First 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

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

Friday, April 26th at 9am
Arbor Day

PD Open House

Great open house on the 5th! Thank you so much for attending!



Trinity Church of Deltona visited the Police Department on Saturday

Vice Mayor Burton ran into Trinity Church of Deltona who was visiting Police Stations and Fire Stations in the area. Vice Mayor and Commander Mullins provided a tour of the newly renovated Police Department!

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.

Countywide Zoning Map

<http://volusiacountyfl.maps.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=d06d8d9ba8694eaf987c9afefcd27c82>

Volusia County has finished their Countywide Zoning Map. It can be found on the above link. What a great resource! Thank you to Volusia County Staff – Nancy Church and Al Hill (and I am sure many others).

Water Plant Transfer Switch

On Saturday, the Public Works crew was working hard on replacing the transfer switch at the Main Water Plant. The transfer switch is for the emergency generators. Thank you Public Works!

Congratulations to Lauren!

Lauren will be getting married Saturday! She will be Lauren Olsen when she returns on Tuesday. Congratulations!!

Hazard Mitigation Grant Submittal

I submitted the Virginia Drive and Ohio Culvert Engineering to the Technical Staff for their review and approval. It must be approved by the Division of Emergency Management and FEMA before Phase II is considered.

We will be seeking advancement of funds for the projects.

Tyler Financial Software Update

We have completed our two-week implementation for the financial package of Tyler! We can now pay bills, make adjustments to the general ledger, add the budget, enter purchase orders and see great reports!

Meeting recap:

- Blake Playground Proposal Approved. Already connecting with Turf Company and AAA State of Play.
- I will work with the Garden Club on an Agreement for Asa Gray Park.
- Cassadaga Water Agreement goes to the County Council next week.
- COA for 391 W Penn Ave was approved.
- Events Coordinator modified scope was approved. Will discuss again in August.
- I will work on the RFP for the 2nd floor rental.
- Scott will review the Waste Pro Agreement.
- Public Works to look into:
 - o Tangerine/Orange Potholes
 - o Windows at Equestrian Center Announcer Booth
 - o Bush at Pleasant/Washington (maybe Code issue)
 - o Roger on Vermont Right of Way flowers
 - o Curb at Church and Pennsylvania
- Katie to work with Ivy Hawn on Cemetery Clean-up
- Ivy Hawn Park use on 5/22 from 3:30pm to 7:30pm

Lake Helen Lake

Joe Hammett and I submitted an application to FWC Thursday morning for removal of invasive plants along the littoral zone of Lake Helen Lake. FWC plans to be applying a herbicide to this area in early May.