

Week Ending: May 17, 2019

## Witte Thoughts for the Commission

Another great week in Lake Helen! Lots of Prayers and Positive thoughts sent to Commissioner Wilson for his surgery on Tuesday (May 21). Many have asked about cards – please drop them to City Hall and Jan will pick them up when they return from Gainesville.

"I learned to always take on things I'd never done before. Growth and comfort do not coexist." Ginni Rometty

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

Monday, May 20, 2019 at 7:00pm  
**PLDRC (Variance Application for 108 S Lakeview Drive)**

Tuesday, May 21, 2019  
**Mail Ballots due at Supervisor of Elections Office at 7:00pm!**

Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 11:30am  
**Valor Awards (Chief Mike Walker as recipient)**

Thursday, May 23, 2019  
**Volusia League of Cities Meeting in Deltona**

Monday, May 27, 2019  
**Closed in honor of Memorial Day**

Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 7:00pm  
**Commission Special Meeting/Workshop**

### May 28<sup>th</sup> Workshop to discuss Budget

For the May Workshop, we will be discussing the 2019/2020 Budget. I look forward to going through the budget with you!

### Shoestring Theatre in the West Volusia Beacon Newspaper this week.

Shoestring Theatre in Lake Helen will be presenting, as a staged reading, my first full-length play: *The Music of the Spheres*. The play will have two performances, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 18, and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 19.

Tickets cost \$15 for adults and senior citizens, and \$10 for students and children.

### Audit Committee

The Audit Committee met on Wednesday, the recommendation will be presented to the City Commission in July.

### Update of Playground Donations

Thanks to the United Congregational Church for a \$100.00 donation to the Blake Park Playground!

### Lake Helen Lake Appropriations Bill:

The governor has until June 30<sup>th</sup> to Veto the Appropriations Bill. Eric anticipates a resolution in the next two weeks. Again, a BIG thank you to Mayor Raisler for her efforts on this appropriations bill.

SB 2500: Appropriations (see link below):

Last Action: 5/4/2019 Senate - Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -SJ 1176

1861 SPECIAL CATEGORIES - LAKE RESTORATION FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . 43,500

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1861, \$43,500 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the Lake Helen Sediment Removal & Restoration Project (HB 2189) (Senate Form 1623)." Source:

Weekly Update from City Administrator, Becky Witte. Want more information or have ideas or suggestions on updates. Contact City Hall. Email: [bwitte@lakehelen.com](mailto:bwitte@lakehelen.com) / Office: 386.228.2358

## New Trees at Equestrian Center. Thanks Volusia Forever!

Thanks to the County and Volusia Forever for 4 new trees at the Lake Helen Equestrian Center to replace the trees removed in the Right of Way on W. New York. In January Mayor Raisler and I met with County Manager George Recktenwald and Councilwomen Barbara Girtman. We discussed the removal and they offered to replace. They did require us to place the trees on a city facility and not within any right of way or on personal property.



## Girl Scout Troop 1830 cleaning up Summit Ave

Thank you Girl Scout Troop 1830 for Cleaning up Summit Avenue!



## Valor Awards on Wednesday

Congratulations to Chief Walker for receiving the Valor Award from the West Volusia Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Raisler nominated him for the award and he will be presented it on Wednesday. I am unable to attend but many of the Commission will be there to celebrate this prestigious award!

## Victoria Park DRI

I attended the Victoria Park DRI Phase 3A M&M Study on Monday at DeLand City Hall. Not much to report, mainly the discussion was County Impact Fees. I anticipate another meeting this summer.

## Election Update:

Election Ad ran this week. So far for the 2019 Election:

Commissioner Zone 1: Tom Wilson

Commissioner Zone 3: No paperwork received

Mayor: No paperwork received

Outlook LTE 6:46 AM  
beacononlinenews.com

He was a factory worker making tractors for Caterpillar Inc. Beach. Baldauff was in charge. Accent Cremation Consultants was in charge.

— Scott L. died May

— Hazel died May

born Dec. line, Illinois. Cremation

Rogers

Titania V. died May 8, will take Saturday, by a funeral 2 p.m. at Memorial City. Memorial was

**CITY OF LAKE HELEN**  
**NOTICE OF**  
**2019 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**  
**COMMISSIONERS ZONE 1, ZONE 3,**  
**COMMISSIONER AT LARGE (MAYOR)**

**2019 MUNICIPAL ELECTION DATES**  
PRIMARY ELECTION  
Tuesday, August 27, 2019  
GENERAL ELECTION  
Tuesday, November 5, 2019

**QUALIFYING DATES**  
Qualifying documents will be accepted by the Deputy City Clerk at Lake Helen City Hall from:  
12 NOON, Monday, June 17, 2019  
through 12 NOON, Friday, June 21, 2019

**VOTER REGISTRATION BOOK**  
**CLOSING DATES**  
PRIMARY ELECTION  
Monday, July 29, 2019  
GENERAL ELECTION  
Monday, October 7, 2019

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## Zach's visit on Wednesday

Zach came to Lake Helen on Wednesday. He was here all day and we are starting to get settled into the new relationship. We should have some great information in June for the Budget Workshop!

## EAR letter response

I sent the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) last Friday and we received confirmation and acknowledgment from the DEO (Department of Economic Opportunity) on Wednesday.