

Week Ending: May 24, 2019

## Witte Thoughts for the Commission

On Tuesday evening, the results of the ½ cent sales tax showed that Volusia County residents did not support the proposal. We will be discussing the budget on Tuesday – bring your ideas for revenue! Congratulation again to Chief Walker and the Valor Awards! Your support at the luncheon means so much!

*"Nobody's a natural. You work hard to get good and then work to get better. It's hard to stay on top." Paul Coffey*

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

Monday, May 27, 2019

Closed in honor of Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 9:00am

Historic Preservation Board

Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 7:00pm

Commission Special Meeting/Workshop

Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 1:00pm

Pre Construction Meeting for CDBG Paving Project

Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 1:00pm

DRC (Development Review Committee) for I-4 AutoMall proposed modifications to the Development Order

Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 7:00pm

Commission Regular Meeting

### SUBTROPICAL STORM ANDREA

Hurricane Season is started early! Sub-tropical storm Andrea didn't amount to much, but reminds us to be Hurricane Ready!

Katie attended an EOC training on Wednesday to also help with our preparation!

### 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!

### Blake Park Update:

Blake Park Playground Equipment should be ready on June 14<sup>th</sup>. It plans to be shipped on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Turf should arrive next week. We will keep you updated!

### Blake Park Donations:

Jeff and Debbie Ritchey (Edward Jones Investments) donated at Park Bench (\$1,000).

Vintage Estate Homes donated a Picnic Table (\$650).

### Small Vacation

I will be out of the office on Wednesday June 5, Thursday June 6 and Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> for a few days off with the kids. We will be in South Florida/ Rick has agreed to be acting City Administrator again (June 5<sup>th</sup> through June 10<sup>th</sup>).

### Valor Awards

Congratulations again Chief Walker on the 2019 Valor Award!



**Lake Helen Lake Spraying from FWC:** FWC contractors were on Lake Helen Lake on Tuesday (May 21) spraying the littoral area of Royal Park and the land bridge areas. The contractors will be using the attached products. A posting of this material will be at Lake Helen lake this afternoon, a note on the City Website and additional documents available at City Hall. The FWC contractor did note that anyone who uses Lake Helen lake in irrigation must desist for at least 120 days.

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

## HMGP – Virginia Drive and Ohio Culvert Update

**Mayor Raisler asked for an update on these important projects:**

On Friday (May 17th) I spoke to Holly Swift (from the Department of Emergency Management - DEM) who has been helping with our Hazard Mitigation Grants for Virginia Drive and Ohio Culvert. She is monitoring over 176 grants! That is quite a task!

On Thursday we were notified that we are in need of an authorization Resolution – this will go to the Commission on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

### Ohio Culvert

On Friday May 17<sup>th</sup> a modification for the extension was signed and sent to the DEM. This was to extend our project submittal from March 31st to September 30th.

As of Thursday May 16th, we need to submit the following for review:

- USACE permit or a letter or email confirming no permit is needed for this project

*Our City Engineer is working on this.*

### Virginia Drive:

As of May 10th, we need to submit the following to complete the environmental review portion of the City of Lake Helen's application:

- ~~Floodplain Manager Concurrence Letter~~  
Volusia County was helpful in writing this for us! Received and submitted on Thursday!
- USACE permit or a letter or email confirming no permit is needed for this project.
- ERP permit or no permit needed confirmation letter or email.

## Citizen Advisory Committee member

Thanks to Vice Mayor's participation in the R2ctpo, on Tuesday they asked us to appoint a Citizen Advisory Committee member.

Here's some information on the committee: The Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) is responsible for providing citizen input and recommendations to the TPO Board concerning transportation planning and programming; for review of all transportation studies, reports, and plans and/or programs; and for making recommendations to the TPO Board that are pertinent to the subject document. The CAC meets on the third Tuesday of each month (except July and December which are typically cancelled) at 1:15 p.m.

If you know of anyone who would be interested, please ask them to contact me. I will bring this to the commission on the 13th of June. Their first meeting (CAC) will be in June 19<sup>th</sup>.

## 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/Commissioner at Large: Daisy Raisler

**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

**CONTACT:**  
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8:00 am – 4:30 pm  
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## Signs are up

We put signs for the upcoming project – CDBG (Pleasant & Water/Macy), Ohio Culvert & Virginia Drive .



## Public Works Week

Thanks again to our hard working Team at Public Works!!

