

Week Ending: May 31, 2019

Witte Thoughts for the Commission

On Thursday we received our 2019 Pre-Preliminary Tax Roll. If we stay at current millage, that would equal approximately \$73,000 more for FY19/20! I will be working on the budget this weekend for some discussion at the meeting on the 13th.

"Don't worry about failures, worry about the chances you miss when you don't even try." Jack Canfield

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 7:00pm
Commission Regular Meeting

Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 9:00am
Special Magistrate Code Hearings

Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 7:00pm
Commission Workshop / Special Meeting
Topic TBD

Saturday, June 29, 2019
NAACP Banquet

Ivy Hawn at Cassadaga Cemetery

Thanks to Mayor Raisler, CHOPS, Ivy Hawn Charter School T3 and Leadership League students for their work at the Lake Helen Cassadaga Cemetery this past weekend.

With some assistance from Katie, they were plotting the cemetery, uncovering headstones, and spraying mildew remover on the blackened headstones.

Mayor Raisler let us know that the American Flag solar light is missing. Rick is ordering a new one!

Mayor has also asked that we discuss an added budget for items such as benches and plants/trees to enhance the Cemetery. We will get some prices and bring to an upcoming budget workshop.

Safe Routes to Schools Grant

On Thursday we received from questions from HNTB Corporation on behalf of FDOT for the Safe Routes to Schools Grant. The Design is scheduled for FY 2021. Chris (ECT – our Engineer) is helping me stay on top of this important project.

Small Vacation

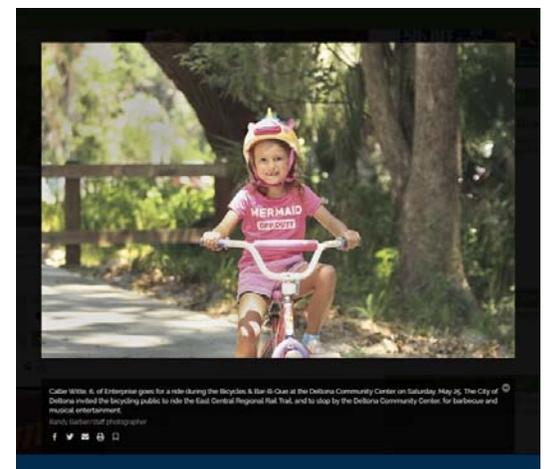
I will be out of the office on Wednesday June 5, Thursday June 6 and Friday June 7th for a few days off with the kids. We will be in South Florida and Rick has agreed to be acting City Administrator again (June 5th through June 10th).

Market in the Park Idea

With 5 Saturday's in June and the Market slow down for the heat of the summer, Karen will have free Market in the Park this weekend. She hopes to encourage some more participation. Let me know if you have any questions.

Becky Bragging Moment:

This past weekend, my family and I attended the Bicycle & BBQ event in Deltona. My youngest, Callie was featured in the Hometown News:



Callie Witte, 6, of Enterprise poses for a ride during the Bicycle & Bar-B-Que at the Deltona Community Center on Saturday, May 25. The City of Deltona invited the bicycling public to ride the East Central Regional Trail, and to stop by the Deltona Community Center for barbecue and musical entertainment.
Photo: Barbara Wolf photographer

Survey for Employees

On Thursday, we sent a survey to employees. Data is coming in now, and I will send to you soon!

Hurricane Season

It is that time of year again, the start of the 2019 Hurricane Season is upon us. I will send you the official predictions.

Bookkeeper Position

As we discussed at the workshop on Tuesday, I will request elimination of the bookkeeper position in June. Staff with the help from Zach at James Moore has determined that a data entry / administrative assistant or intern would be best. Linda and I have discussed, and she definitely felt she was over qualified for the data entry position. She is looking for a new opportunity but will not be returning to Lake Helen.

Update on Bill 2189: Lake Helen Lake Restoration Project from Mayor Raisler:

"I reached out to Council Woman Barbara Girtman to ask for support on giving this bill a final push.

As you may be aware, over 3,000 bills were presented and only 197 made it to the governor's desk for approval by June 30, 2019- ours happens to be one of those.

Councilwoman Barbara Girtman reached out to her sources to include County Manager George Recktenwald; we were informed that currently Governor Ron DeSantis is in Israel and will receive the budget when he gets back next week. Keep the hope and good vibes, we are still in the game."

DRC (Development Review Committee) for I-4 AutoMall Development Order Use changes.

On Thursday, we held a DRC meeting for the proposed changes to the I-4 AutoMall Development Order. A large group was in attendance. The applicant will be working on clarifying the revised Development Agreement. Another DRC meeting will most likely occur in late June or July. The revised Development Agreement will have to be reviewed by both DeLand and Lake Helen Planning Boards as well as City Commissions.

Notice of Postponement - West Volusia Summit June 22, 2019

Mayor Herzberg wishes to thank those cities that RSVP'd to her request for the West Volusia Summit on June 22, 2019. Due to summer schedule conflicts, she has recommended postponing the meeting to a future date in the fall. Sandi Jackson from Deltona will follow-up with additional details and a new Saturday date once confirmed.

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



General Elections for Commission seats:

Mayor
Zone 1 and Zone 3

City of Lake Helen, Florida

Qualifying dates for the 2019 General
Election will be from noon, June 17, 2019
through noon June 21, 2019.

Contact Deputy Clerk Lauren Olsen 386.228.2493

Update on HMGP - Virginia Drive & Ohio Culvert

On Wednesday, we submitted the Army Corps of Engineers Permit Exemption Application. That could take a few weeks. That is the last item we need for DEM (Department of Emergency Management) approval. These projects should start in the Winter of 2019.

4th of July Banners

4th of July Banners were ordered on May 10th. They should arrive and be hung soon.

Historic Preservation Board Vacancy

Historic Board Chair David Hughes has resigned from the board after moving out of Lake Helen. In June an advertisement will be placed in the West Volusia Beacon for a new member. Elodia Koger (the Alternate) has expressed interest in becoming a full-voting member. In July, I will bring applicants to you for consideration.