

Week Ending: June 14, 2019

Witte Thoughts for the Commission

Agenda Packets for Wednesday, June 19th (at noon at City Hall) are available in your mailbox at City Hall. I forgot to mention last night but the Town Hall Meeting for Cassadaga Water is Monday, June 17th at 6:30pm at 1112 Stevens Street in Cassadaga. Mike Ulrich, County Utility Director will also be there to answer questions.

"Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending." Maria Robinson

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Monday, June 17, 2019 at 6:30pm
Cassadaga Water Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at noon
Budget Workshop - Revenue

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 at 7:00pm
NAACP Banquet at Center at Deltona

Overpass Washout Fix

Thanks to Vice Mayor Burton for alerting me of the issue, FDOT will be our next week on the overpass fixing a washout issue.

Dangerous Dogs Update

The dogs are still at Halifax Humane Society. Chief Walker has declared them dangerous. The case may be presented to the Special Magistrate on June 20th. If you need more information, please contact Chief Walker.

Lake Helen Lake Committee Work

The Lake Helen Lake Committee worked very hard last weekend on Lake Helen Lake clearing the dead foliage. They will be working again this weekend. Motorized boats may be on the Lake (the Lake Committee only – authorized by FWC).

Tuesday evening, we received our updated permit application for the mechanical and hand removal of plant material along the littoral zone of Lake Helen Lake on City of Lake Helen property.

Meeting Recap

- Smart Growth and SunRail Discussions at the Elected Officials RoundTable. I will email the coordinators letting them know that Lake Helen is interested in both topics.
- Staff is working on a list of Vendors and Agreements for the City Commission.
- Variance and COA for 108 S. Lakeview Drive was continued (requesting applicant presentation). I have contacted the applicant, awaiting response.
- 5k Stressbuster negotiations and agreement review will start.
- Vice Mayor Vernon Burton will be the FLOC Voting Delegate for the 2019 Conference.
- Rick Basso was selected as the CAC Member for the R2CTPO and Linda Provost as alternate.
- Summit Avenue Sidewalk Repair was approved – work to begin very soon.
- Elimination of Bookkeeper Position and Appointment of Temporary Employment for Shelby Mullen at \$10/hour. She will begin on Monday.
- Approval of FY 19/20 R2CTPO funding agreement as well as the JAG Grant.

Tropical Update: On Wednesday, the NOAA NWS National Hurricane Center Update: The tropic remains quiet, no development expected in the next five 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 / Office: 386.228.2358

Micanopy Open House in Woods of Lake Helen – Chinelli Home at 375 W Delaware Avenue

Thursday's 4-7

Friday's 4-7

Saturday's 9-5

Sunday's 12-6

Monday's 4-7

Chinelli has just completed & decorated a model home and are excited to show it to you! MICANOPY is a Modern Farmhouse, located in the beautiful Woods of Lake Helen Subdivision.

Election Update:

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

Commissioner Zone 1: Kelly Frasca and Tom Wilson

Commissioner Zone 3: Rick Basso

Mayor/Commissioner at Large: Vernon Burton & 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

***The City of Lake Helen
will be accepting applications
for a member on the
Historic Preservation Board***

Applications will be accepted through close of business on Monday, June 24, 2019. Applications will be presented to the City Commission on July 11, 2019. The only specific requirement for membership on City boards is that a board member be a resident of the City.

If you are interested, or know of anyone who might be interested, please contact

Katie Holmes at City Hall
386-228-2531

to request an application for membership.

Hurricane Matthew Housing Program

The Hurricane Matthew Housing Program that will assist residents with damaged single-family homes or pre-1994 mobile/manufactured homes has been launched.

The county has been awarded Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds through the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO).

The news release and program website link:

www.volusia.org/hurricane-matthew-housing

If any of you have specific questions about the program feel free to reach out to CDBG Office at Volusia County, but here are some highlights:

- Applicant must be able to prove damage from Hurricane Matthew, but there are a few different ways to do this depending on the situation
- Applicant must be income-eligible
- Applicant must own the home or pre-1994 mobile/manufactured home. If they are in a pre-1994 mobile/manufactured home they can either own or rent the lot
- This funding cannot reimburse for repairs or payments already made
- Funds will not be issued directly to clients. If the client is eligible and awarded a grant, payments will be made to contractors on behalf of the client
- This is a great program for those in need, assistance is being offered as a grant with no repayment. The process, however, may not be quick or easy. Applicants will submit a detailed application packet, several backup documents, staff will review eligibility, duplication of benefits, damage assessment, environmental assessment, a contractor or vendor will be selected by the county, an agreement will be signed with the county and the contractor, and if necessary the homeowner will need to temporarily relocate while work is completed. That process will result in the client having a new or repaired home!

Blake Playground Update

The Playground Equipment should arrive on Monday!