

Week Ending: July 5, 2019

Witte Thoughts for the Commission

Great celebration of America's Birthday Lake Helen!
Agenda's for the 11th will be ready today. I will be in the office if you need anything.

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement;
nothing can be done without hope." ~Helen Keller~

Lake Helen Table for the NAACP banquet. 560 people in attendance!



Upcoming Meetings & Events

Sunday, July 7, 2019 at 2:00pm
Celebration of Life for Nan Roberts
American Legion, Lake Helen

Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 7:00pm
City Commission Regular Meeting

4th of July was wonderful! Thank you, Kelly Frasca, Alan Cooke, Karen Garyantes for putting together a wonderful event. Lake Helen PD as always did phenomenal! The judges – Michele Skiles, Betty O'Laughlin and Karen Garyantes did amazing! It was great seeing the Commission in the parade and meeting together at the Equestrian Center. With a big Thank you to the Saddle Club for the ceremonies at the Equestrian Center!

Thanks to staff for participating in the Parade! We had a blast!

Another thank you to Diane Hedengren and the Boys Scouts for the annual lantern lighting over Lake Helen Lake.

The Lake was sparkling thanks to the dedication of the Committee to Save Lake Helen Lakes and all the volunteers.

Four Seasons Fireworks as always put on a great show!

I am sure I missed someone, but thanks to all who participated and



DeLand Parade 1884

Volusia League of Cities Meeting/Dinner

125 RSVP's have been received for the Lake Helen Volusia League Meeting/Dinner on July 25th. Many great comments on the dress code (thanks Commissioner Connell). The giveaway packets are finished – thanks Crafty Ladies and Mayor Raisler's idea. Mayor will be working on the centerpieces. Dene Masters and Betty Doherty will be helping assemble the centerpieces on Thursday the 25th. The two will also be at the event assisting at the front door.

Paving - P&S Paving paved Pleasant Street from Ohio to Michigan, Water and Macy from Euclid to Washington and Ohio Avenue from Pleasant to Orange Ave. Thank you, Rick, for your hard work with this. It's looks fantastic! Striping will be done in a few weeks after the new asphalt has cured.

Pleasant Street



Ohio Avenue



Macy and Water



LANE CLOSURE on E. KICKLIGHTER RD

To accommodate milling and resurfacing, E. KICKLIGHTER RD from S. PREVATT AV to EOP will have a lane closure beginning Monday, July 8, 2019 through Tuesday, July 9, 2019 (7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.). A well signed lane closure/flagging operations will be in place. If you have any questions, please contact Charles Conway, Volusia County Construction Engineering at 386-804-7403.

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

Sidewalk on Summit and Main Street

As approved in June – the new sidewalk on Summit Avenue and Main Street has been installed.



Only in Lake Helen

On Monday, I started with Dan McFall and Fred Steudler discussing the potential hotel adjacent to I-4 in the GED area. Following that conversation, Mr. George Taylor called, and we discussed his property – also in the GED area. He asked for information on the realtor who assisted Mrs. Butler. Not 5 minutes later, Josh Cockayne from the Baumgartner Company called about Molly Perry's property on Cassadaga Road. The same afternoon, a minor subdivision application for PLDRC arrived (Westlake / Hazel and Volusia). That's definitely Lake Helen!

Also, Lake Helen Villa mentioned returning soon with their new park subdivision which would have approximately 60 home sites adjacent to their current community.

I am awaiting information from DeLand on the Sewer at the I-4 AutoMall. I will let you know when that arrives.

Looking forward to the development!

31 - 4th of July Shirts sold at Market in the Park on Saturday

Thanks to Cookie, Karen, Market in the Park, Dene Masters and Betty Doherty for spreading the Lake Helen 4th of July spirit! Cookie sold 31 shirts at Market in the Park on Saturday! He did wonderful! I saw many people yesterday at the parade wearing their Lake Helen Firework Shirts!

Ransomware (a New IT threat)

Thank you, Commissioner Connell, for sharing a recent article regarding Ransomware locally impacting Riviera Beach as well as Lake City (and many others). I found a webinar (set for next Tuesday) from the Florida Local Government Information Systems Association (FLGISA) on for "Preventing Ransomware: Tools, Tips, Techniques and Technology". I look forward to sharing with you soon.

FIRST TIP: Be Aware of EMAIL Malware. Do not USE PREVIEW PANE!

From our IT consultant: be extremely cautious when opening emails if they're not from somebody you know or they look suspicious - do not open them. **No one should have their preview pane on.**

Lake Helen Villa Submeter Agreement

I met with Kent, Leyvi and Marie from Lake Helen Villa on Tuesday. All the meters at Lake Helen Villa have been installed. They found a few leaks and they have seen a large decrease in their water consumption. Katie will be entering the meters into our Tyler Financial Software and we will do testing of the meters (for data purposes) in August and September. You should see the agreement in August (tentatively) and the first billing in January.