

Week Ending: July 26, 2019

## Witte Thoughts for the Commission

Great Volusia League of Cities Dinner last night! Everyone raved about the venue and the food. Thank you so much for all you do! It was a great showcase of Lake Helen!!

*"We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations." Charles Swindoll*

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

Friday, July 26, 2019 at 9:00am  
**Blake Park Playground Committee Mtg**

Friday, July 26, 2019 at 6:00pm  
**Celebration of Life for Charles Burton-Caldwell (Vice Mayor's brother) at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church (282 Church Street, Lake Helen, FL 32744). The viewing begins at 6:00pm with the Service at 7:00pm.**

Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 7:00pm  
**Regular City Commission Meeting**

Thursday August 14 to 18  
**Florida League of Cities Conference**

Monday, August 26 at 7:00pm  
**PLDRC Meeting**

Tuesday, August 27 at 8:00am  
**Historic Preservation Board**

### Volusia League of Cities Meeting/Dinner

The League of Cities Dinner was wonderful! Thank you to the City Commission, Sinatra's, Crafty Ladies, Dene Masters, Betty Doherty, Butler's Express, Vintage Estates, Cobb Cole, Fox Glass, Chief Walker, Rick Mullen and team, Lauren Olsen, Senator Tom Wright and Lindsey Swindle and the entire team for the teamwork and dedication to make a great event!!



### Charles Burton-Caldwell Celebration of Life

The viewing for Vice Mayor Burton's brother – Charles Burton-Caldwell will be on Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church (282 Church Street, Lake Helen, FL 32744). The viewing begins at 6:00pm with the Service at 7:00pm.

Staff has purchased a beautiful Peace Lily for Vice Mayor to plant in remembrance of his brother.

**Florida League of Cities Conference**

In your mailbox at City Hall is information on the Florida League of Cities Conference. I have included your reservation details, tentative agenda, and the tax-exempt certificate. Be sure to hand that to the hotel clerk when you check-in.

Waste Pro invitations are also in your mailbox!

**Lake Helen Lake Sediment Removal and Restoration Project:**

Army Corps of Engineers is starting to look into Lake Helen Lake and if it would require a permit. They plan to attend our permitting meeting in August or September (date TBD).

**Credit Card Machine**

The Credit Card Machine (for Events) has been received as well as the payment. Within a month we should receive a satisfaction of lease return.

**Rick Mullen as Acting City Administrator**

I will be taking off Thursday August 1, Friday August 2, Monday August 5, and Tuesday August 6 for a short trip to Baltimore to see my sister. I will also be staying in Orlando for the Florida League of Cities Conference from August 15<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>. Rick has agreed to be acting City Administrator during my time away.

**Budget Hearings:** Our first Budget Hearing is set for Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 7:00pm and Final Budget Hearing on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 7:00pm.

**HMGP – Virginia Dr & Ohio Culvert Update:**

I spoke to Army Corps of Engineers on Thursday afternoon – our permits should be issued by the middle of next week!

**Playground Progress:**

As you know, Rick Mullen is working diligently on securing additional donations to make the playground even better! He is meeting with the playground committee on Friday morning. His dedication and love for Lake Helen shows in every project.

**Tower - Update**

I spoke to Saralee (Planner for Volusia County School Board) on Thursday regarding a potential Tower site at Mitchell Brothers Sports Complex. She asked that they have an opportunity to review the proposed location. They would prefer it to be a minimum of 500 feet from the school proper, to know the height, fall distance and equipment and devices on the tower.

I also called Julie Cusack-Gordon, Principal of Volusia Pines to inform her of the potential upcoming discussions.

**Note: two Volusia County Schools have cell tower's on School Board Property – Highbanks in DeBary and Henson in Daytona.**

**Duke Energy Tree Trimming**

On Tuesday afternoon, I sent the Commission an email about the Tree Trimming Plan for Duke Energy.

Crews will be pruning trees along electric lines. If you have any questions, please call: Tamron Fernandez, Duke Energy, Vegetation Management Specialist, ISA Certified Utility Arborist MW-4335UA, Office: (407)464-1224, Mobile: (636)288-7035.

**Event Meeting**

The Fall Fest Event meeting was on Monday (7/25). We had a great turnout! The Fall Fest is set for October 26<sup>th</sup> at Blake Park from 4pm to 8pm with a Barn Dance 4pm until 9pm. The Event includes Truck or Treat (4pm until supplies last), Games, Dunk Tank, Bounce Houses, Vendors, as well as a Barn Dance under the Pavilion (from 4pm until 9pm). Another meeting is set for September 5th at 5pm.

