

Press Kit

Groveland Four Monument Dedication

Friday, February 21, 2020

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Projected Event Timeline

- 10:10 a.m. – Speakers arrive
- **10:30 a.m. – Ceremony begins - Welcome by Lake County Commission Chairman Leslie Campione**
- 10:33 a.m. – Pastor John Christian gives the invocation
- 10:35 a.m. – Sheriff Peyton Grinnell gives the Pledge of Allegiance
- 10:37 a.m. – Speaker introductions by Lake County Commission Chairman Leslie Campione
- 10:40 a.m. – Remarks: Florida Governor Ron DeSantis
- 10:50 a.m. – Remarks: Florida Representative Geraldine Thompson
- 10:55 a.m. – Remarks: Author Gilbert King
- 11:00 a.m. – Remarks: Author Gary Corsair
- 11:05 a.m. – Remarks: Irvin Family Member
- 11:10 a.m. – Remarks: Greenlee Family Member
- 11:15 a.m. – Remarks: Shepherd Family Member
- 11:20 a.m. – Remarks: Thomas Family Member
- 11:25 a.m. – Closing Remarks: Lake County Commission Chairman Leslie Campione
- 11:35 a.m. – Groveland Four Monument Unveiling
- 11:45 a.m. – Closing Remarks by Lake County Commission Chairman Leslie Campione
- 11:55 a.m. – Photos
- 12:00 p.m. – Reception in the rotunda of the Lake County Administration Building

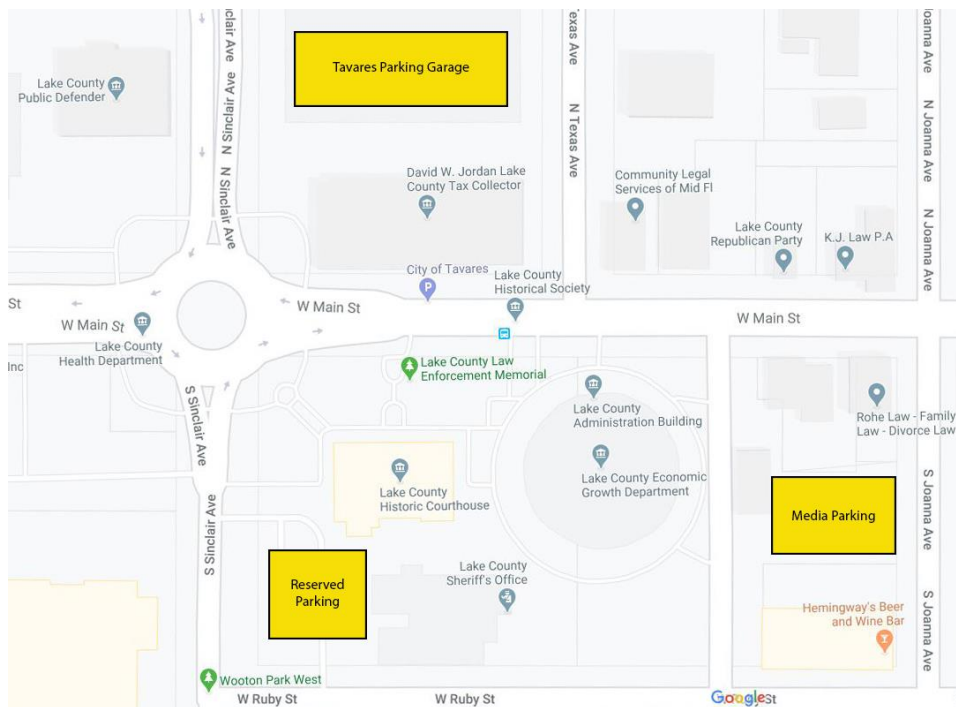
Event Location

The Groveland Four Monument Dedication is taking place on the lawn of the Lake County Historic Courthouse located at 350 W. Main St. in Tavares. It is just west of the Administration Building.



Media Parking

Media parking will be available in the lot located east of the Administration building.



Talking Points

- January 29, 2019
The Lake County Board of County Commissioners requested that staff develop a design for a monument to honor Walter Irvin, Samuel Shepherd, Charles Greenlee and Ernest Thomas.
- April 23, 2019
Monument options were presented to the Board and a consensus was reached on the design, verbiage and location. The Board expressed interest in having the families of the Groveland Four review the design and verbiage. Following coordination with the families, the verbiage was revised and presented to the Board for final consideration.
- July 17, 2019
The Board opened the bidding process, and the Office of Procurement Services, in coordination with the Office of Facilities Management, issued Request for Proposal 19-0446 to select a qualified vendor to construct and install the monument on the front lawn of the Historic Courthouse in Tavares.
- September 10, 2019
The Board reviewed the bids and made a selection. There were 106 Lake County vendors notified, and five proposed monument designs were received from three responsive and responsible bidders. The selection committee recommended Monument Warehouse, LLC based on the firm's ability to meet the scope of work, timeline, design submitted and cost compared to others. The Board accepted this proposal.
- September 2019 – February 2020
Monument Warehouse, LLC built the monument over several months.
- February 21, 2020
The Groveland Four monument will be unveiled during a public ceremony on February 21, 2020. Florida representatives, community leaders and the family of the Groveland Four, as well as the general public, will be in attendance.