

August 2009

Town Hall Happenings

Town Staff would like to welcome Mr. Todd Bardin, Senior Pastor of the Montverde United Methodist Church to Montverde!

Montverde has a new Parks & Recreation Manager. Ms. Tracy Eldridge is now working at Town Hall to coordinate recreation activities for the town. If you have any suggestions please give her a call at 407-469-2681.

Montverde Day is Nearing

Booth registrations for Montverde Day 2009 are already being received. If you want a booth you must register. If you had a booth last year, please don't assume you will automatically get the same booth this year. All booth assignments are first come first served.

Good Neighbor Fund Update

We would like to thank all of our fellow Montverdians and others who have participated in our Good Neighbor Fund. Thanks to the generosity of you all, we have taken in a total of \$695.25 and have helped our fellow townspeople to the tune of \$629.98. We have \$65.27 left in the account and one application pending. One family who we have helped, due to her husband being out of work, has since become employed and they are "paying back" by contributing to the Good Neighbor Fund as their means permit.

Again we would like to thank all of you that have helped us create this Fund with your generous donations. It is because of caring townspeople like you that we are able to help those that have hit upon hard times.

PLEASE KEEP THE DONATIONS COMING IN SO WE WON'T HAVE TO TURN ANYONE AWAY.

Family Nutrition Made Simple

On Monday, August 10, Ruthie Antmann shares tools that you can use to build a healthier lifestyle for your family. Learn how to read labels, make good food choices, healthy serving/portion size, and more!

Bring a bag lunch, and enjoy your meal while learning from Ruthie's presentation.

Please make plans to attend this event in the Library at noon.

Lake Florence Aeration System Active

We are pumping air! The aeration system installation is complete and the system start up occurred Tuesday, July 21st.

Operation began by starting only one compressor at each of the four cabinet locations. There are a total of 20 compressors and 20 diffusers. The original plan was to bring four diffusers on line each week so as to not shock the lake. The biologist on the project said as long as there is no sediment coming up with the water columns, it would be ok to bring diffusers on line every three to four days. The water coming up was clearer and definitely cooler than the surrounding surface water, so four more compressors were activated on Saturday, July 25th, for a total of eight on line. Four more will be activated every four days until all 20 are running. A special thanks goes out the Mr. Jim Peacock for spearheading, managing and completing this project. It wouldn't have happened without him!

Bingo!

Please join Montverde Parks & Recreation for bingo on Wednesday, August 19th at 6 p.m. in the Kirk Park Community Building. For details contact Tracy Eldridge at Town Hall.

Fire Assessment

Annual fire assessment bills were mailed in April and were due by May 31st. Please be aware that if you have not paid your fire assessment there will be a \$5 late payment fee assessed for each month the account remains unpaid.

Did you Know...

There is a lot of information available at your finger tips on the town website. Meeting agendas, minutes, forms, links to various other government offices, a calendar of events and much more can be viewed at www.mymontverde.com.

Additionally, a suggestion form is made available for YOU to tell us what you would like to see on the site.

Montverde Academy Trees

Some town residents have been wondering at the removal of several large oak trees on the grounds of Montverde Academy.

The Academy is inspected by their various insurance companies each year for potential problems. This past year, their property insurance company cited a number of dead or nearly dead trees on campus. Each dead tree is a liability during storm season.

A professional arborist was hired to inspect the tagged trees for a cause of death. It was determined that the trees were diseased and dead or declining. Montverde Academy applied for and received a tree removal permit from the town to remove the dead trees.

Montverde Academy has already purchased 35 new oak trees that will replace the 12 to 15 diseased trees.

Mayor Crotty speaking at Montverde Academy

Orange County Mayor Richard Crotty will be the program speaker at a luncheon sponsored

by the South Lake Chamber of Commerce at Montverde Academy in the Martha Bedell Dining Hall on Wednesday, August 12th from noon to 1 PM, with registration beginning at 11:30 AM.

As part of the Chamber's Public Policy program, John Moore, COO of South Lake Hospital and Public Policy Committee Chairman stated, "Mayor Crotty has consistently been in the "Top 3" most influential people in Central Florida, so we are excited to have him come to Lake County to talk about items of regional interest and how governments and the private sector can work cooperatively on the greater regional agenda."

Cost is \$10 and is open to both Chamber members and the general public. Reservations can be made through the Chamber at 352 394 4191. Seating is limited.

Info will also be posted on the Chamber's website: www.southlakechamber-fl.com or contact Ray San Fratello, Chamber President at 352-394-4191.

Mark Your Calendars!

The Town Caucus will be held at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11th in the Town Hall Auditorium. The mayor and three council seats are up for election this year. Please come out and participate in your democratic system!

