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### MONTVERDE WINS GRANT MONEY FOR TREE PLANTING

*Story provided by Louis Shepherd, Division of Forestry, printed in the May 19, 2010 issue of The News Leader:*

Montverde's town trail, Truskett park and a section of downtown will soon become more attractive. The town received \$18,075 non-matching grant from the 2010-11 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Funding for this project is provided by the USDA Forest Service through the Florida Division of Forestry's Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program.

Approximately 65 trees will be planted. The effort emphasizes environmental concepts of "Right Trees/Right Places" and "Going Native". The Town of Montverde is recognized for its preservation practices and is a new Tree City USA. As grant coordinator for Montverde's "Forest Health Improvement Initiative" I am collaborating with Juli D'Agostino, Town Clerk, on implementation. I really appreciate the effort Juli's putting into this plan. The work must be completed by July 2011 in order to receive reimbursement of funds.

Community involvement is important. Townspeople feel enormous satisfaction in planting community trees. Trees make our surrounding more pleasant. Properly placed and cared for trees decrease glare from pavement, reduce runoff, provide a summer cooling, filter out pollutants and add oxygen to the atmosphere. The town hopes the project will inspire local business and citizen volunteer beautification efforts along the route.

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### REMINDER FROM YOUR LOCAL CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Its summer time, the rain is falling and the grass is growing. Please remember to be cutting your grass every week. Having high grass on your property doesn't look good and can cause some unwanted creatures to appear. If your grass is in excess of 18 inches high you are in violation of ordinance 2008-20.

In 2003 the Town of Montverde started an ordinance to help avoid unnecessary wear and deterioration on streets and roads. It is required that you have a road apron constructed on your property with the proper permitting. Being that this ordinance went into effect in 2003 you don't have to have one if you have had your driveway before 2003. The ordinance number is 2003-01, Section 4-84.

All of the town's ordinances can be found on the town's website: [mymontverde.com](http://mymontverde.com) then go to Links and then Municipal Code. If you have any questions or complaints regarding code enforcement please feel free to contact David Frieko at Town Hall or email: [dfrieko@mymontverde.com](mailto:dfrieko@mymontverde.com).

## VOTER INFORMATION

The annual Caucus will be held Tuesday, August 10, 2010 at 6:30PM in Town Hall prior to the regular council meeting at 7PM.

The South Lake Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their bi-annual Hob Nob event at the Heritage Hills Clubhouse on Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at 5:30PM . This is a great opportunity for voters to experience personal meet and greets with the candidates. This is a free event but you must RSVP by contacting the Chamber at 352.394.4191.



### TOWN HALL REMINDER

Town Hall will be closed to the public on Friday, August 27, 2010 due to administrative updates by staff. The office will reopen that following Monday. Any questions or concerns please contact Town Hall at 407-469-2681.

### SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The Red Wing Restaurant in Groveland has teamed up with the South Lake Chamber in supporting its annual School Supply Drive for South Lake Schools. Donate \$10 to the School Supply Drive and receive a \$15 breakfast gift card to Red Wing Restaurant.

## MONTVERDE DAY

Mark your calendars for the 31st Annual Montverde Day festival on Saturday, November 13, 2010 from 8am-6pm at Kirk Park. Sponsorships and corporate booth spaces are still available. Applications are available on the website or by contacting Town Hall. Special thank you to our Title Co-Sponsors:

*Arellano Realty & Investments, LLC*

*Boyette, Cummins and Nailos Attorneys at Law*

### NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

The "Good Neighbor Fund" is a program that was started to help our neighbors who may be experiencing a rough time pay for their water bill. The idea is that those who have a little extra contribute to the fund to help those in need with the hopes that when the recipients are back on their feet that they too then contribute to the fund.



### THE CARE FOUNDATION

Come see and learn about native Florida panthers, alligators, turtles, snakes & more! Live animal interaction!

Friday, August 6, 2010 2pm

Town Hall Auditorium

Presented by:

Helen Lehmann

Memorial Library

