



# AUGUST NEWSLETTER

**August 2014**

## TOWN CAUCUS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 12

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The annual Caucus to nominate residents to elected positions will be held on August 12 at 6:30pm in the Town Hall Auditorium. The Caucus provides the opportunity for residents to nominate other residents to run for elected office. This year, two positions on Town Council are up for election. The positions are for a two-year term, and require a significant investment of time. For additional information, please contact Town Hall at (407) 469-2681.

## FY 2015 BUDGET PRESENTED TO COUNCIL

The budget for Fiscal Year 2015 was presented to Council on July 17, 2014. Mayor Troy Bennett presented the budget for next year reflecting total General Fund revenues of \$979,951 and total General Fund expenditures of \$835,766. This means that over \$144,000 will be added to the Town's Reserves (savings) and available for any necessary capital improvement projects.

The budget was presented with a property tax rate of 2.83 mils. This property tax rate has stayed the same since 2007, even with the downturn in the economy and the drastic reduction in home values. The Town has still been able to accomplish a lot of capital improvements without raising the tax rate. The FY 2015 proposed budget is detailed below. The entire budget is available for viewing at Town Hall.

## TOWN OF MONTVERDE FY 2015 BUDGET

### General Fund:

#### Revenues:

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$212,600
Fuel Taxes	68,710
Franchise Fees	79,000
Utility Service Taxes	88,623
Licenses and Permits	1,025
Grants	24,000
Sales Taxes	243,133
Fines and Forfeits	1,150
Charges for Services	199,000
Interest	8,000
Other Revenues	<u>54,710</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$979,951</b>

#### TOTAL

### Water Fund:

#### Revenues:

Charges for Services	\$248,040
Interest	<u>1,200</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$249,240</b>

#### TOTAL

#### Expenditures:

Cemetery	\$1,000
COP Program	2,925
Council	25,740
Elections	2,300
Financial & Admin	145,275
Fire	81,034
Garbage	118,161
Law Enforcement	84,772
Legal	54,700
Library	87,484
Mayor	17,825
Montverde Day	12,500
Parks	46,888
PW General Projects	14,950
Roads	<u>140,212</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$835,766</b>

#### Expenditures:

Water	\$312,775
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$312,775</b>

#### TOTAL

## MONTVERDE DAY

The Montverde Day Festival is fast approaching and will take place on November 8 this year. As usual this will be a fun day for all the family with the Big O Amusements Carnival, live music and activities throughout the day. The Town is now taking reservations for booths which are \$20 each or \$35 for two. There is also a designated area within the park which has free booths for residents who live inside of the Town's limits.

There are also sponsorship opportunities to promote your business both on the day and also in the Montverde Day Festival & Carnival event brochure. This is an eight page, full color inset that is sent out with the Orlando Sentinel to over 35,000 homes. For further information, please contact Town Hall at (407) 469-2681.

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR FIRE CHIEF

Greetings from the Montverde Fire Department. My name is Kevin Rausch, and I am your new Fire Chief. Your fire department has created a Facebook page, where we will place updates of our activities along with the monthly report to you, the Residents, the Mayor and Town Council. Using this method of social media allows us to keep you informed of what YOUR fire department is doing to protect you the citizens of the great Town of Montverde. We also plan to post occasional Public Service Announcements on our page. I invite you to visit our Facebook page. I hope you "like" and follow us here: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Montverde-Fire-Department/141773542525034?ref=hl>

If you have any questions about how the fire department operates, I invite you to contact me anytime at the Station at (407) 469-3466. Should I be unavailable, please leave a message and I will contact you as quickly as possible. You may also reach me via email at [firechief85@mymontverde.com](mailto:firechief85@mymontverde.com), I look forward to protecting you and your neighbors for a long time to come.

## LIBRARY NEWS

The library welcomes Carl Dodd who will be assisting our Librarian Kathleen Gifford. Carl is a long time area resident and a retired security guard. He is an avid reader, loves meeting new people and will be a great addition to the library team. If you haven't visited the library for a while, then stop by and say hello to Carl and look at the many enhancements that have been made over the past few months.

Following the proposal shown in last months news letter to change the library hours, the views brought to Town Hall have been taken into consideration and will be discussed at the next council meeting.

## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting will be on August 12th at 7pm. Some of the key issues set for discussion are:

- Requalification of the Urban County Cooperation Agreement with Lake County
- Acceptance of an enclosed trailer being donated by Clermont Fire Department
- Renewal of Contract with Lake County Sheriff's Office for Town Deputy

All residents are encouraged to attend the Council meeting; public comment is permitted at the end of every meeting. For further information on any of these topics, please contact Town Hall at (407) 469-2681.

## OTHER TOWN & LOCAL EVENTS

- The Town of Montverde is seeking two residents to serve on the Town's Planning and Zoning Board. The Board is responsible for reviewing proposed changes to existing zoning and making recommendations to the Town Council for adoption. Residents who are interested in serving must reside in Montverde Town limits and should contact the Town Clerk for an application form at (407) 469-2681.
- The first reading of the proposed budget for 2015 will take place on September 18 at 7pm in the Auditorium.
- West Orange County will be holding a Community Job Fair at the Orlando Magic Recreation Center, 2801 North Apopka-Vineland Road, Orlando, FL 32818. August 12, 2014 9.00am—12.00pm. There is no cost to participate.
- The Friends and Seniors of Montverde are having their next bingo game on August 8 at 7.00pm. The next get together will take place on 18th August at 6.30pm where they will discuss ideas that the team would like to get going; after which they will be having an Ice Cream Social. For more details contact Joe Wynkoop on (407) 496-1673.