



Newsletter AUGUST 2022



In an Emergency dial 911. The town does not dispatch police or fire department they are operated by Lake County. For emergency situations you need to call 911. Dispatch will notify the proper department for your situation. This includes both the Sheriff's office and Fire Department.

ELECTION CAUCUS

AUGUST 9, 2022

6:45 P.M.

TOWN HALL



Meetings & Events

August 9, 2022 6:30p.m.

Election Caucus
Town Hall

August 9, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Town Council Meeting
Town Hall

August 16, 2022-6:30 p.m.

Town Council Workshop
Town Hall

August 29, 2022-6:30 p.m.

Visioning Committee
Town Hall

Mayor Joe's Message

Hello, hope you and your family are safe and well.

I would like to discuss certain roads in our Town. The main roads in Town are Ridgewood, Fosgate and RT455. These are all county owned roads that are govern and maintained by the county. While the town has input on what happens on these roads the county has the final say. On Ridgewood the county public works department has completed step 1 which is getting Ridgewood ready for final paving in the next few months. Step 2 will be for the county contractor to do a final coat of black top sometime this year. On County Road 455 north side of town (which is going up the hill towards Ferndale) the county contractor will also be paving from downtown to pass our town sign by Fosgate.

On the new stop signs on the corner of County Road 455 and Fosgate. This was needed to slow down the traffic coming into Montverde from Ferndale and leaving town. The residents in that area on County Road 455 were constantly dealing with vehicles at high speeds (many over 70MPH) and accidents. Some folks are not happy with this new stop signs, but we all need to understand and support our fellow residents issues on County Road 455 in this area.

Another topic is the 2022/2023 budget the council is preparing to pass at this time. We all enjoy the lowest tax rate in a city or town in Lake County which is 2.83 (and Number 2 in Florida). Our town is in a very unique position which is the Town of Montverde does not rely on growth and increased density to pay our bills. This has been true for many years, mostly because of our present and past Councils have all done a great job at thinking things through and not going into debt. If there is something you would like to make sure is in the budget for next year you can give me a call or attend the upcoming council meetings to discuss with your Council. This Council is all about listening to the residents which is a huge part of the overall Team in Montverde.

Please try to attend our Council meetings which are on the second Tuesday of every month at 7PM. Together we can keep our Town a beautiful place to live.

Please feel free to call me anytime at 407-496-1673 if I can help you.

Joe Wynkoop



WE WANT YOU!

Volunteers needed for the library, public safety, and other programs. If you are interested in helping our town, come in to town hall or the library and complete an application. Be part of the success of Montverde!!!

Historical Artifacts

Town staff is in the process of receiving, cataloging and determining the best way to display our town's history. Any resident that has historical articles, items, etc. that they would like to donate them to the town can drop them off at the library. Thank you!

Town Manager's Message

Greetings,

I hope everyone is having a great summer.

I am pleased to announce starting the end of August the town will have a fulltime fire ambulance with paramedics stationed in town. The new ambulance and crew will be located at the existing fire department until such time a new station is built at Fosgate and 455. They will be joining the fulltime 3-person rescue engine that now resides at the station. Having these five fulltime advanced trained firefighters and paramedics in town is a tremendous asset to our community. The professional crew that resides at the station have advance training and can offer life saving drugs in the event of a traumatic incident.

Town staff is preparing for Montverde Day, which will be held October 28th and 29th. As in the past, there will be some great bands, food, activities, vendors, and most importantly great memories for your family. So, mark your calendars and plan on a great weekend in October.

If you own a dog and walk them, please take plastic bags with you and pick up after your pet. The town's sidewalks and grass areas along the road are collecting excrement from dog waste not being picked up. Please be responsible and keep our community clean.

If you have a medical emergency or need to report a crime, call 911. Calling 911 is the best way to get immediate help and assistance. If you see a suspicious vehicle or person, crime, trespassing, or any other criminal activity, call 911. Likewise, if you have a medical emergency call 911. The personnel that receive the 911 call will dispatch the appropriate individual to assist you. If you call town hall to report these types of incidents, it only slows the response time down. Town hall has repeatedly received this type of call and staff must refer them to call 911. Town hall does not dispatch the sheriffs' deputies or fire department, it can only be done by calling 911. If you have a complaint about high weeds, parking, or other code violations, go to the town's website mymontverde.com or call town hall at 407-469-2681. Town staff will be able to assist you with non-emergency code violations.

Finally, the summer has started out as a hot one, lacking our normal afternoon showers. I want to remind everyone to be prudent about your water use. The town's water rates are on a tiered system, which means the more you use the more your bill will be. Staff has received several calls from our citizens about higher than normal bills mainly due from extra irrigation. You can save money by not overwatering, watering at night, checking to make sure all your sprinklers are working properly, and turning off your irrigation if there is rain in the forecast.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, do not hesitate to contact town hall. 407-469-2681

Paul Larino, Town Manager

Library News

Well back to school is just around the corner so be safe and enjoy the rest of your summer.

Our Summer Reading Program was a success and ended with a great splash !! The kids had a good time. Once everyone is back in school, we are going to work on stories time for the little ones. We'll keep you up to date. If you come to the library and notice changes, we are trying to get organized for the move to town hall while the new library is being built. We will do our best to take care of everyone's needs. For those that are home schooling your library card gives you access to ABC mouse which offers the most comprehensive online curriculum for children ages 2-8+, with more than 10,000 learning activities in reading and language arts, math, science, social studies, art and music. Visit the library to get a card, it's free to Lake County Residents. I would like to remind everyone that we have bread and pastries here every Wednesday for those in need. Egg cartons are greatly appreciated.

Thank You, Kathleen and Mary

