



NEWSLETTER

December 2014

35th ANNUAL MONTVERDE DAY FESTIVAL AND CARNIVAL

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This year's Montverde Day Festival was another great success and enjoyed by everyone that attended. As usual there were over 140, Art and Craft vendors plus great food provided by our local restaurants. The entertainment was the best ever with star performances from band favorites Handpicked, Greg Warren Band and Rocktown, singing and dancing performed by The Sawgrass Bay Singers and Little Gems, Shooting Stars Performing Arts and Not Just Dance. Large crowds gathered by the stage to watch the children perform. We were also treated to routines by last years Montverde Idol winner Rebecca Southport and runner up 'crooner' Glen Mills.

A special thanks go to our sponsors, Arellano Realty & Investments, The Law Firm of Pamela J. Helton, Beef O'Brady's, Mathnasium, LE-VEL, Smooth Musical Entertainment, South Lake Chamber and CPH for their support, to the many Montverde Day Partners and all that donated prizes to the raffle.

Finally Mayor Bennett would like to thank the Town staff, Councilmen and the many volunteers for their hard work in making this Montverde Day Festival such a successful day.



LIGHT UP MONTVERDE & MOVIE IN THE PARK

The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Friday, December 5 at 6:00pm in front of Town Hall. The event will feature musical performances by Crenshaw, The Octet from Lake Minneola High School and The Woodlands Children's Choir; a bonfire to roast s'mores, free cocoa and cookies, a special visit from Santa Claus, Sparky the Fire Dog and of course the

Lighting of the Town's Christmas Tree.

Immediately following the Tree Lighting will be Movie in the Park night.

This years movie will be Polar Express.

Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be served by the Montverde Fire Department during the movie. Bring your lawn chair, enjoy the entertainment and get into the Christmas spirit.

US MARINE CORPS RESERVE - TOYS FOR TOTS



The Town of Montverde is proud to be a collection site again this year. If you would like to donate a new unwrapped toy to Toys for Tots this year, there is a drop box at Town Hall.

If Town Hall is closed then please feel free to drop your gift off at the Library.

Thank you for your generosity.

TOWN HALL CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

In observance of Thanksgiving Day, Town Hall will be closed on Wednesday November 26, Thursday November 27 and Friday November 28, 2014. As always, residents can leave any correspondence in the green utility box in the Town Hall parking lot.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN MONTVERDE

- The Annual Fire Department Santa Run will happen on Saturday, December 20 at 9:00am. During this time, the Fire Department will ride through the streets of Montverde, where Santa Claus and the Fire Dog will pass out Candy Canes to the children.
- A Festive Season of Christmas Joy will take place at First Baptist Church in Montverde on December 13th & 14th from 7pm till 8pm and will feature Christmas Carols, Delectable Deserts by Candlelight.
- A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will take place at First Baptist Church, Montverde at 6pm.
- The Living Nativity will take place at the Woodlands Lutheran Church, Montverde on Wednesday 10th, Friday 12th and Saturday 13th December with Continuous Walking Tours beginning at 6:30 pm. Donations of non-perishable food to benefit neighbors in need this Christmas are welcome.

NEWS FROM YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

During December the Fire Department will be carrying out Fire Hydrant flushing throughout the Town.

LIBRARY NEWS

Good News!. For the first time the library had a booth at Montverde Day and we had a lot of fun meeting and greeting people and also raised funds for the library with the book sale. I would like to thank Linda and Erin for all the help getting things together and helping me get set up. I would also like to thank Lori Gifford from blumspoundcakes.com for the pound cakes she donated. She prepared them in baggies so we could give them out with our gummy book worms. Everyone loved it!!

We are into our 4th week of our new operating system and as patrons know it has slowed down the computer and checking out books. We are in the process of upgrading the internet. Thank You for your patience. Kathleen Gifford.

SANTA WILL BE VISITING THE LIBRARY IN DECEMBER — FOR PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES CHECK WITH THE LIBRARY FOR THE DATE

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting will be on November 11th at 7pm. Some of the key issues set for discussion are:

- Resolution 2014-20 requesting Major Site Plan approval to Montverde Academy for the construction of a new Upper School Building
- Second reading of Ordinance 2014-19 approving budget transfer for the installation of an Assisted Listening System in the Town Hall Auditorium
- Discussion on Parks and Recreational Impact Fee

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

OTHER TOWN & LOCAL INFORMATION

- There is a longtime Montverde resident who picks up discarded Christmas trees to create mulch. He is asking that residents please put their discarded Christmas tree by the road the night before garbage collection, and he will collect them for mulch.
- There are opportunities to serve your Town in 2015 on various Boards and Committees. If you are interested in volunteering your time on either the Parks and Recreation Committee, Visioning Committee or the Planning & Zoning Board, then please pick up an application form from Town Hall.
- Montverde Library is looking for someone to represent the Town on the Lake County Library Advisory Board. Willing candidates should contact Kathleen Gifford, the Town Librarian for more information on (407) 469-3838.

Mayor Troy Bennett and Town Hall staff wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!