



December 2021 Newsletter



Town Hall - Holiday Hours

Thursday, November 25, 2021 closed

Thursday, December 23, 2021 closed

Monday, December 27, 2021 closed

Thursday, December 30, 2021 closed

Monday, January 3, 2022 closed

News from the Library

I would like to thank everyone that participated in Trunk or Treat it was a great turnout .

Hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving. Now it time to get ready for Christmas!!!

Due to the possible shortage of Christmas gifts, we are now prepping for the holiday season by kicking off our Angel Tree Program to collect presents for children in need. You can stop by the Library to pick up an Angel(s). The return deadline is Monday, December 13th .

Just a reminder that we have bread Wednesdays and Thursdays for those in need.

We have added over 100 bestselling Adult and Children's books to our shelves. Thanks again for all the donations!



Kathleen & Mary

Hello, I hope you and your family are doing well.

A big issue the Council has been addressing for a while is people speeding in Montverde. We have increased the number of hours that FHP and Lake County Sheriff are patrolling our streets and FHP have issued a lot of tickets. As the population in the area increases this speeding problem is also increasing. Because route 455 , Fosgate and Ridgewood are County roads we have asked the County to get involved with this issue. They are conducting a two-week study at the hill on CR 455, to document the number of vehicles and their speed. Lake County will be able to tell us the different tools they can use to help with this issue, like a four way stop or speed tables within the town on County roads. I will keep you up to date on this topic.

I know I keep saying this but I do feel the need, because it is a very important topic. Montverde is going through a time of change mostly because of how the area is growing. We must stay on top of how these changes effect our town. One example of this is 10,000 homes Minnola has in the pipeline next to Montverde on Hancock, all the way over to Sugarloaf mountain to Rt 561. We also have many open spaces inside our town limits that will be developed sometime in the near future when the correct situation comes along. A couple good example of this is the 114 acres over on Lake Apopka that use to be an orange grove and was recently cleared and then sold. Another example in town is the 53 acres off of Ridgewood on the left side coming from Rt 455 before Magnolia Terrace. Just these two locations could increase the town by over 300 homes. It is important that your Council understands what you want when it comes to growth. Our town is in a special situation, where we do not need growth to survive. We are able to manage with the millage rate of 2.83 (the lowest in Lake County) by planning correctly. I feel the more people that attend the Council meetings will help the Council move in the correct direction with the topics they address at monthly meetings.

Please feel free to call me anytime I can help you.

Many Thanks

Joe Wynkoop
cell 407-496-1673

Seasonal irrigation is an easy way to manage irrigation costs and conserve our water resources. December thru February you need very little watering for your yard. December is a great time to reset your sprinkler system.



WATER SAVING TIPS

Hello and Happy Fall to Everyone,

It is a wonderful time of year to be in Florida and especially Montverde. The cooler weather and approaching holidays put a little excitement in the air. I know many of you are making plans for the holidays and are looking forward to time with family, friends and neighbors. Unfortunately, this time of year also has a tendency to cause an uptick in petty theft and crime. Just as a reminder, don't forget to lock your car while shopping, don't leave your keys in the car, and be vigilant to report any suspicious behavior to the Lake County Sheriff's Department.

I hope many of you had a chance to enjoy at least a day or two at Montverde Day this year. Even though it was rainy and a little cold, it was gratifying to see so many people coming together as a community to enjoy this event. I want to personally thank town staff, the many volunteers, and our sponsors that made this event possible.

Please join us on December 4th at 6 pm at the annual "Light Up Montverde" event. This kick-off to the Christmas holiday will feature the Mayor Tree Lighting, snacks, an outdoor movie, and most importantly- SANTA. I look forward to seeing as many neighbors as possible to celebrate this amazing time of year.

Town staff and I have been working on several projects around town. The most noticeable, is the addition under construction at the fire station. Over 1,800 square feet is being added on to the back of the building to make room for the new Fire Ambulance scheduled to arrive this spring. This project is funded mostly from impact fees collected from the construction of new buildings in the town limits. Other exciting projects we are working on include: upgrades to the town water system, an expansion to the library, and some street and sidewalk projects. I look forward to working with the community and value your input. You can contact town hall anytime if you have questions or concerns or you can also reach out to one of your Town Council Members.

Warmest Regards,

Paul Larino - Town Manager



Town Council Meetings

The next Town Council Meeting is December 14, 2021 starting at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held in the Town Hall auditorium. You may also watch the meetings via Zoom, the instructions are on the agenda that is posted the Friday before the meeting. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. Plan on attending a meeting.

The Mayor & Councilmembers who were elected on November 2, 2021 took the Oath of Office on November 9, 2021

**Mayor Joe Wynkoop
Councilmember Allan Hartle
Councilmember James Ley
Councilmember Judy Smith**

James Ley was nominated and accepted the position of Vice Mayor.

**The Town Council, Town Manager and staff at Town Hall wish you a
Happy and Safe Holiday!**



Light Up **MONTVERDE**

**FREE SNACKS
& HOT DOGS**

**SING-A-LONG
CAROLS**

**SANTA
CLAUS**

**Saturday, December 4th
Starts at 6pm**

MONTVERDE TOWN HALL: 17404 6TH STREET

**MAYOR'S
ANNUAL TREE
LIGHTING!**

**FREE
MOVIE
IN THE
PARK!**

**Disney
SANTA
CLAUSE
2**

Bring a Chair or Blanket



ANGEL TREE TOY DRIVE

Due to the possible shortage of Christmas gifts,
we are now prepping for the holiday season by
kicking off our Angel Tree Program to collect
presents for children in need.

Stop by the Library to pick up an Angel(s) November 8th until
our return deadline of Monday, December 13th .