



NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY WALK — BRICK PATHWAY

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Leave your Legacy

Would you like to become a permanent part of Montverde history and continue a Town tradition? You can leave a lasting memory in Montverde by having a personalized brick paver placed in the walkway between Town Hall and the Helen Lehman Memorial Library.

The 'Community Walk' captures the Montverde tradition of small town charm and provides a unique opportunity to leave your message for future generations of Town residents.

Everyone is invited to buy a brick paver (\$25), either for you or for someone else. This is a great way to leave a message, commemorate a special occasion, to be remembered yourself or to honor a special loved one.

**Drop by Town Hall and pick up a form to order your
Personalized 'Community Walk' Brick Paver**

NEWS FROM YOUR FIRE CHIEF—KEVIN M. RAUSCH

Hello to the Residents of the Town of Montverde. As many of you are aware, I was appointed Fire Chief by Mayor Troy Bennett in February. During this period of time I, along with the rest of my command staff have completed the work enabling us to improve the ISO Public Protection Classification for the Town to a Class 3/3X. This is a great achievement which could result in lower insurance premiums for the residents and businesses alike. Check with you insurance provider to see if you can save some money.

We have had a busy time during 2014. The fire department responded to a total of 187 incidents, of which 52 % were medical in nature. The remainder was to fires, fire alarms, accidents and other types of incidents including public education events and medical standby at sporting events. Your firefighters volunteered over 22,000 hours of time and they trained for a further 1900 hours.

Also during the year with the assistance and financial support of your Town Council, the fire department was able to add additional vehicle extrication tools, a breathing air refill system, some new hose and turnout gear all of which will provide further capabilities to protect the citizens of our Town. In addition our fire apparatus, ladders, hoses, and air packs were all inspected and re-certified.

In November Mayor Bennett authorized an increase in personnel to a total of 21 firefighters. To ensure proper training we conducted a new probationary firefighter orientation program. The new recruits attended both classroom and hands on training in water supply, hose evolutions, airway adjunct, ambulance familiarization, initial fire attack, and rapid intervention training. We were also very grateful to Lake EMS Medical Director, Dr. Danielle Dragoo; Clermont Fire Department, Captain Marty Johnson and Dana Ancil, who is a paramedic with the ORMC Air Care (Helicopter) Team for providing additional training.

I look forward to another year of success here serving the Town of Montverde. Thank you to Mayor Bennett, the Town Council and you the Residents for your continued support. You can keep up to date by following us on <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Montverde-Fire-Department/141773542525034>.

MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN JOE WYNKOOP

I wanted to take a minute and tell you about a few items. The Friends of Montverde Team have been putting on their Bingo night every third Friday of each month. This event has been going on for 18 months and has become a great way to meet and have some fun with you neighbors. Next months Bingo game is on February 20 at 7:00pm in the Community Building.

The Team has also put on a number of different events such as Trunk or Treat on Halloween, Chili Cook Off on Montverde Day, Flea Market every May, many Pot Luck Dinners, and of course the Valentines Day Pot Luck Dinner and Dance which this year will be on Saturday, February 14th at 6:00pm in the Community building; EVERYONE IS WELCOME !!

The Team also has a monthly meeting on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm where you can get a great Pizza dinner Free !! In these meetings we discuss many topics and plan more events. This month, Colleen Donlevy-Burns from Avalor Realty will be talking about property values and trends in Montverde Real Estate.

Please feel free to call me on 407-496-1673 or email at joewynkoop@comcast.net with any questions. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the VALETINES DAY DINNER & DANCE on February 14 at 6:00pm in the COMMUNITY BUILDING !

LIBRARY NEWS

We have started 2015 with a BANG. We have had quite a few first time visitors coming in to get library cards and to use the computers. We have also had an increase of children coming in after school to do homework and check out some books. Then if they have time we play a game and have a little snack. If you haven't been to the library lately you need to stop by and check out our free magazines and the book sale cart.

Thank You , Kathleen & Carl

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting will be on February 10th at 7pm. Some of the key issues set for discussion are:

- Adoption of Ordinance 2014-11, Economic Prosperity Element of the Comprehensive Plan.
- First reading of Fire Ordinance 2015-03
- Approval of Fire Study Resolution 2015-01
- Approval of E-911 Interlocal Agreement with Lake County
- First Reading of Ordinance 2015-02, Adult Entertainment Establishments
- Discussion of Proposals for Parks and Recreation Impact Fee
- Approval of members to serve on committees in 2015
- Approval of Developers agreement for the Lake Apopka Sound Project

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 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.
- There is a 2-day Women's Conference Simulcast at First Baptist Church, Montverde, 17409 Eighth St. Friday February 6th 3:00pm—11:00 pm & Saturday February 7th 10:00am—6:00pm. Registration is required. Please see enclosed flyer.