

Town of Montverde



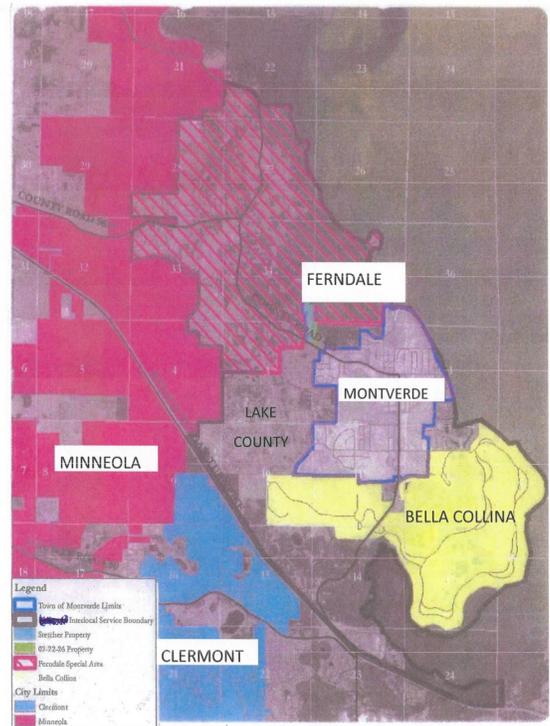
Newsletter February 2022

Mayor Wynkoop's Message

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

On our issue of speeding, I would like to bring you up to date with our progress. Your Council and Townhall Team have been addressing this every week with FHP and Lake County Sheriff to manage it better with the tools we have at this point. The County ran a traffic analysis and concluded that there wasn't a problem in Montverde with speeding. The Council reviewed the results and disagreed with the County. We have directed our Townhall Team to set up face to face meetings with the County to further discuss. The County has a few long-term ideas to help with the speeding problem and I do feel we will be able to work this out soon.

On the issue of the tremendous building going on in the area. The map shows how close Minneola, Bella Collina, and Clermont are and how large of an area Ferndale is. Ferndale is not a town or city and is under the rule of Lake County Government. Back in 2010 your Council negotiated a twenty year "Interlocal Boundary Agreement" that included Ferndale. In this agreement all the surrounding cities including Bella Collina and Lake County agreed that Montverde would have first right to any utilities and services in the Ferndale area. This helps Montverde with giving direction on how this area is managed. Your Council has now instructed your Town Attorney, Planner and Manager to review this agreement and bring back to Council their ideas with making the agreement better with the goal of managing growth in this area. We then will bring the ideas that the Council likes to the surrounding cities and Lake County now, instead of waiting till the end of the twenty-year agreement. Hopefully coming to an agreement to update the " Interlocal Boundary Agreement " .



On a happier note, I am looking forward to our yearly Spring Concert Series and getting everyone together to enjoy the beautiful Town of Montverde..... As always please feel free to call me anytime if I can help you. 407-496-1673

Many Thanks

Joe Wynkoop

Library News

Did you know all the services a library card offers you? Ebooks, Linked in learning, Flipster and Tutor.com which provides homework, GED, GRE, college test prep, resume help and more, are just a few services available. All Lake County Public School students were issued a virtual card and have access to digital services and more. If you'd like a FREE library card, bring proof of Lake County residency with you to the library.

Valentine books are featured this month in our Children's section. Thank you for the wonderful donations of Children's books and Adult bestseller books as well as DVD's. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Thank you! Kathleen & Mary

2021 Year in Review
Several Capital Projects were completed last year

**Trussett Park
Playground**



Kirk Park Spider



Dog Park



Fire House Addition



**Street Lights
on the trails**



Several Town Events were held last year

Trunk or Treat



Montverde Day



Light up Montverde



Message from the Town Manager

Hello and Happy New Year,

I am excited for the many improvement projects and opportunities planned for our town in 2022. The Town Council and I are working on several strategies that will help preserve and beautify Montverde.

One of the most important projects is the expansion of the Town's Fire Station. This 1800 square foot addition, funded mostly with impact fees paid by builders when new construction permits are pulled. The additional square footage will allow Lake County Fire Department to add a "Fire Ambulance" to the Town of Montverde. The fire ambulance was originally planned for late fall 2022; however, Lake County Fire has moved the placement of the ambulance to this spring, upon completion of the building space. The fire ambulance will be staffed by a two-person fulltime crew and feature advanced life support equipment and personnel. This staffing is in addition to the fulltime three-person crew that is already stationed at the Montverde Fire House.

You will soon notice improvements around the Town Cemetery. Town public works and contractors will be laboring over the next month to replace the existing older chain link fence. The new fence will feature an aluminum bar style with stone corner pillars. This should greatly improve the appearance of the cemetery and further protect its historic nature.

Over the next two months you will see crews working along the right-of-way from Ridgewood to Blackstill Road. The effort is for the installation of a new force main water line to serve the Willow Ridge Development that is currently under construction. The force main is 100% funded by the developers for the new housing project.

The Montverde office staff is working on some creative ideas to be more efficient and timelier when responding to customer needs. One way we are trying to meet this goal is through web-based programs that will allow customers to electronically submit building permits. Another is through digital submission of code and nuisance complaints. We anticipate that these enhancements will improve efficiency and reduce response times to our customers.

I wanted to end with a thank-you to all the volunteers that help make this town so wonderful. Some serve on boards and committees. However, some are silent volunteers. They are the special people that pick up a piece of trash on the sidewalk, push the turtle off the road, or help a neighbor that is in need. Thank you to all our citizens that look for ways to make this town a better place for all those that call Montverde home.

Paul Larino, Town Manager