



Town Hall Happenings

March 2010

The Montverde Fire Department's 75th Anniversary On March 27th the Montverde Fire Department will be celebrating its 75th anniversary with free festivities. Join us from 4:00 to 6:00pm for a free picnic dinner. Then from 6:30 to 9:30pm Hayfire will perform. Celebrate our history with a day of fun and community spirit.

Legacy/Montverde Community Walk The first order of brick has arrived and the new sidewalk was laid in front of Town Hall. It is not too late if you would like to order a personalized brick and become a permanent part of Montverde History. The next order is currently being taken. Please contact Town Hall at 407-469-2681 for more information.

Water Bill With January and February having record breaking cold weather, please be advised you may see a jump in your water bill due to resident's pipes bursting during the hard freeze. Town Hall has already received many calls from residents on this matter.

A note from the Historical Committee - Did you know? A revolutionary development in the world of tractor mowing saw its beginning in Montverde in the post- World War II era. Lucius Neal Smith, a native son of Montverde, founded the Whirler-Glide Mower Company (8LA4079) here in 1948. The foundation of his business was small, self-propelled lawn mowers that he and a partner name Alexander Smith received a patent for in 1950. Smith soon began manufacturing what he dubbed the Snappin' Turtle Mower in his Montverde plant, which today is the current Source Link Building on 455. The patent was later sold to Southern Saw which became known as Snapper Lawn Equipment (United States Patent Office, 1950).

Stand up and be Counted The U.S. Constitution requires a national census every 10 years, this counts everyone residing in the United States. The

2010 Census will help the federal government decide based upon population how to allocate funds to the states and its communities. Census data also guides local decision-makers where to build new roads, hospitals, schools, childcare and senior centers, other-public works projects, and Emergency service centers. The data collected by the census also helps determine the number of seats your state has in the U.S. House of Representatives. The Census questionnaires will be mailed in March. It is the shortest in history with only 10 questions, it will take just 10 minutes to complete. Please do your part and be counted.

Preferred and Prohibited Plant and Tree species list The cool weather won't last forever. Spring is probably on everyone's mind. Many of you will begin new landscaping projects especially this year after the freezes destroyed exotic and tropical vegetation across the Town.

The Town encourages landscape projects as it will add to the beauty of our community. Please remember that the Town has enacted a new landscape ordinance. The new ordinance prohibits planting of invasive and some exotic plant and tree species including certain palms and tropical vegetation.

The new ordinance is not meant to be tedious. The intent is to protect property values and reduce future costs to the Town associated with removal of invasive and exotic plant species.

Tropical vegetation and palms can be attractive but should be used sparingly and appropriately in the Central Florida landscape. The Town's vision is to encourage and promote the use of Florida friendly and Florida native plants to increase property values and protect Florida ecosystems.

Consult the Town's website www.mymontverde.com to review the new Prohibited and Preferred Plant and Tree species list prior to starting a new project. Town staff would be happy to assist with questions regarding the new ordinance to help you plan a "Florida Friendly" landscape at your home.

The Faith Neighborhood Center needs donations. During these tough economic times, we would like donations to help families in need. A box is in Town Hall to collect non-perishable foods. We are also accepting donations of clothing, sheets, towels and small household appliances. Anything you can do would be helpful to a family in need.

Adopt a Road On February 6th Adopt-a-Road volunteers helped clean up our neighborhood roads. The Visioning Committee and the Town would like to thank Sharon Gey, Candi and John Keys, Ginny and Larry Konty, Sal Serrano and Jane Tomlinson for their time and energy with this community need.

2009 Tax Forms are available in the Helen Lehmann Memorial Library and the Montverde Post Office.

Easter in the Park The Helen Lehmann Memorial Library and the Library Advisory committee are hosting an Easter *eggstravaganza*. On March 27th from 10:00 to 11:00am come enjoy an Easter story, followed by an Easter egg hunt in Kirk Park. All ages are welcome.

Organize your Financial Life on Thursday, April 8th at 6:00pm in the Helen Lehmann Memorial Library. Julie England presents "Organize your Financial Life" to help participants develop a plan to organize their important papers. The program includes tips on what to keep and for how long, and how to replace missing papers.

The Good Neighbor Fund has received donations from many generous Montverde residents who want to help their neighbors. Thank you so much for your kindness and support. This fund was started to help those in need during difficult economic times. If you are in need of assistance to help pay your water bill, please contact Town Hall for an application.

Steel Magnolias meddles its way into the Town of Montverde. The Community Arts Connection of South Lake and The South Lake Theatre Company are pleased to announce the opening of Steel Magnolias in the Franklin Pearce Auditorium. Performances will be held March 4th-14th; Thursday performances at 7:00pm, Friday and Saturday performances at 8:00pm and Sunday matinee at 2:00pm. Thursday, March 11th will be Audience Participation Night where audience members will be encouraged to recite their favorite lines along with the cast during the performance. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$12.00 for students/seniors, group discounts are available. For tickets and information, please call 352-435-5415 or email reservations@communityartsconnection.com.

Montverde residents receive \$2 off the ticket price.

Come Dance in the Streets with Hayfire!

HAYFIRE

burning it down with a hot country sound!

Performing at the Fire Department's 75th Anniversary celebration on March 27th.