

March 2021 Town of Montverde Newsletter

Message from the Town Manager

What a blessing to be enjoying such a beautiful winter in our charming Town. My wife, Cathy, and I have been enjoying weekend walks around Town. We have been overwhelmed by the welcoming spirit and kindness that we have received from the neighbors we encounter on our strolls. What a wonderful place we get to call home.

Here is an update concerning the events that are happening around Town: The round-about is reaching the final stages of completion. Traffic has been opened in all directions and cars are moving more easily through the area. The Town appreciates the residents that live in or near the construction zone. Thank you for your understanding and being patient through this construction period.

The Town's fiscal position continues to remain strong. Fiscal year to date, revenues in the 2021 budget have exceeded expenditures by more than \$150,000. In addition, the Town reserves in the general budget are solid. Town staff and Council are working hard to be fiscally responsible with your tax dollars, while planning future capital projects such as roads and water.

Over the past few months, Town Staff has been working diligently with the Lake County administration to procure our allocated Cares Act Funds. These monies were appropriated by the Federal Government to assist communities in purchasing PPE supplies and equipment to safely re-open services. The Town has been granted over \$175,000 for the purchase of: personal protective equipment, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer stations, advanced filtration systems for public buildings, plexi-guards, and technology upgrades. These supplies will allow the Town to safely be open and conduct business as recommended by State and Federal officials.

Town Hall is now open for limited in-person services. These services include utility payments, general questions, and building permits. Currently, in-person meetings and other services are by appointment only. Depending upon the request, phone or zoom meetings may be required. The Town has a very small administrative Staff and therefore we must take extra precautions against exposure to COVID-19. The good news, cases are down in Florida and the vaccine is making its way out to our citizens.

The Town has set a up live-stream, so our citizens can watch the <u>regular</u> Town Council Meetings from their home in real time. Regular Council Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Our goal is to allow every citizen to stay informed and safe by utilizing technology. To access the meeting, go the Town's web page and click the event that has the meetings agenda posted to it. The agenda will have instructions on how to access the meeting. Agendas are posted on the Friday before the meeting.

Lastly, I want to thank the organizers of Montverde Market. This event is planned for the first Saturday of every month, at Kirk Park. This a great opportunity to get outside and enjoy local crafts, food, and oddities. Please remember, to keep having these type of events, we ask everyone to practice safe social distancing while attending.

Have a wonderful rest of the month. Paul Larino Town Manager

Message from Mayor Joe

Hello, I hope you and your family are staying safe and doing well. I would like to say Thank You to the 112 folks that came out to donate blood on the Big Red Bus Bloodmobile. This effort will help save up to 336 lives, Great Job.!

At our February Town Council Meeting, Lake County Commissioner Sean Parks explained what has been going on in Lake County as far as the vaccine for COVID. It seems Lake County is using certain locations for giving the vaccine. At the same time, the CDC is also in the Lake County area giving the vaccine in different locations. This would help explain why it has been confusing to find out where the vaccine is being given and when. Going forward Lake County and the CDC are going to be working together to clearly give notice on where and when each organization will have the vaccine available.

At each Town Council Meeting, your Town Council is addressing important topics to help steer the Town in the correct direction. If possible, please attend or watch the meeting online. You can find a link on the Mymontverde.com web site.

Many Thanks, Joe Wynkoop

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Town Council Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held March 9th at Town Hall.

Please check the Town's website for details. www.mymontverde.com

New Irrigation Schedule Starts Sunday, March 14th

- Not more than ¾ inch of water may be applied per zone & not more than 1 hour per zone.
- Residential odd numbered addresses only Wednesday & Saturday, not between 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Residential even numbered addresses only Thursday & Sunday, not between 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Nonresidential Tuesday & Friday, not between 10:00 -4:00 p.m.

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

Did you know that over 50% of water usage is typically outside the home, primarily for irrigation? So, this is one of the best places to begin water conservation!

DUE TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK TOWN HALL STAFF WILL BE OPERATING DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS

 $Monday-Thursday\ 7am-6pm$

IN PERSON SERVICES WILL BE LIMITED TO UTILITY PAYMENTS, BUILDING PERMITS & GENERAL QUESTIONS.

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LOCATED IN THE PARKING LOT TO
DROP PAYMENTS &
TOWN CORRESPONDANCE.
BUILDING PERMIT & MISC FORMS
ARE LOCATED ON THE TOWN'S
WEBSITE

<u>WWW.MYMONTVERDE.COM</u> OR CAN BE EMAILED TO YOU.

TOWN OF MONTVERDE BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, March 27th 11:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. Parking Lot of Town Hall



Appointments are encouraged.

Please visit

www.oneblood.org/donate-now And use sponsor code # 61189.

All donors will receive a FREE \$10 eGiftCard, a FREE OneBlood Tie-Dye T-Shirt and a wellness checkup including a COVID-19 antibody test!

1-888-9-DONATE

DUE TO COVID AND SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS, THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT HAS BEEN CANCELLED.





Library Update

Patrons are allowed to check out books & DVD's but computer use is not permitted at this time. We are doing our best to open 100% while protecting everyone's safety. I am putting new books on the shelf every week so stop by and check them out. Thank You for your patience! Kathleen

