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Residents:

I wanted to provide you with an update concerning some of the events happening in Town:

Music in the Park Concert Series

Our Music in the Park Concert Series is in full swing! Last week, the Greg Warren Band performed at the Kirk Park Stage, and residents were treated to great music, good food, and perfect weather. The pop/rock trio **Rocktown** will be performing at the Kirk Park Stage on May 31 at 7pm. And on June 6, **Clemons Road** returns to Montverde to perform at 7pm. Both bands have performed in Montverde before, and staff received so many positive comments, that we brought them back.

Beef O'Brady's will have their food and beer/wine truck at all events. Limited seating will be provided by the Town, so be sure to arrive early to get a seat, or bring your own chair. All concerts are free of charge, as they are graciously being sponsored by Avalar Real Estate Services, located in Clermont.



Montverde Idol

Montverde Idol returns this year on June 19 and 20. Sponsored by Arellano Realty and Investments, this singing contest is probably our most popular event in the Spring. Auditions will be held on June 19 at the Kirk Park Stage from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. If you are interested in competing, please contact Mike Madawi at 352.267.0044. Let's get as many residents as possible to compete!

The actual contest will occur on June 20 from 6:00pm—9:30pm. Residents will not want to miss this contest; there have been some incredible performances in prior years. Cash prizes will be awarded for first place (\$350), second place (\$200) and third place (\$100).

New Contract For Garbage Service

Over the past few months, I have had meetings with the County regarding their garbage collection. The County has recently secured contracts with three vendors for garbage collection. In meeting with them, I discovered that the rate charged to the County by Waste Pro was less than the rate that Waste Pro charges the Town. I met with Waste Pro and requested a rate decrease, so that the Town's rate is comparable to the County's rate. I am happy to report that after several meetings with Waste Pro, they have agreed to lower their rates. The new contract should go before Council for approval at the May 13 meeting. The decreased rates should equal about \$10 per household per year.

Recreational Trail

The Recreational Trail connecting Kirk Park to Trussett Park is nearly complete. Funded by a State grant, the Trail should be open for public use within the next two weeks. We are also applying for a second State grant to extend the current trail along County Road 455 all the way to Fosgate Road.

Speeding Trucks in Town

I have received several calls/emails from residents concerned about the large trucks speeding through Town. I have met with our Town deputy, and she has agreed to increase her patrol along CR 455 to slow these trucks down. Also, I have spoken with the County Public Works Director, and we are working on a solution to divert these trucks from traveling along CR 455. I will keep you updated on the situation.

As always, please contact me if you have any concerns or questions.
-Mayor Troy Bennett

TOWN NEWS

- ◆ Former Mayor, Councilman, and Montverde Fire Chief Tony Mancuso passed away on April 9 at the age of 92. Mayor Troy Bennett invites all residents to a special dedication ceremony for Mr. Mancuso that will be held at the next Town Council meeting on May 13 at 7pm.
- ◆ During the month of April, Montverde also lost long-time resident Roger Ross and winter resident Ruth Hanks. Both will be missed!
- ◆ Town Staff would like to remind all residents to update their contact information with Town Hall. If your phone number(s) or address has changed, please contact Town Hall immediately. The contact information is needed to send correspondence and bills, as well as to contact you in the event of an emergency.
- ◆ Fire Assessment invoices were mailed to residents last week. The Fire Assessment is for the provision of fire services throughout the Town. Most municipalities place their Fire Assessment on the property tax bill; Montverde bills their assessment to residents annually.
- ◆ There are two part-time positions available in the Library. Please contact Town Hall for more information or to request an application.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH HAPPENINGS

- ◆ First Baptist Church will be holding their annual VBS from June 16 to June 21 from 9am to 12pm. All children Pre-k3 to Grade 5 are welcome. Please call 407.469.4569 to register.
- ◆ Wednesday nights are Family Night at First Baptist Church. There are games, Bible study, and worship from 5:30—8:00pm. Free pizza will also be provided.
- ◆ Sundays, the main worship service begins at 10:10am, with small group studies at 9:00am and 11:15am. For more information, contact 4017.469.4569.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting will be on May 13th at 7pm. Some of the key issues set for discussion are:

- ◆ New Contract with Waste Pro for Garbage Services
- ◆ Resolution to Support New Distribution of Gas Tax revenues from Lake County
- ◆ Presentation by Town Planner Sean Parks on Economic Prosperity Element of the Comprehensive Plan
- ◆ Renewal of Contract with Lake County Sheriff's Office for Town Deputy
- ◆ Interlocal Agreement with Clermont for June Project

All residents are encouraged to attend the Council meeting; public comment is permitted at the end of every meeting. For further information on any of these topics, please contact Town Hall at 407.469.2681.

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

- ◆ The Super Seniors Group will be holding a Yard Sale in Kirk Park on May 10 at 8am. If you are interested in obtaining a booth, please call 407.496.1673.
- ◆ The Super Seniors will hold their next Bingo night on May 16 at 7pm. All are welcome.
- ◆ The City of Clermont holds their weekly Farmers Market on Sundays from 9am to 2pm. Produce, plants, breads, honey, seafood, and jellies are all available for sale. The Market is located on Montrose Street. For more information, call 352.874.9535.