

Newsletter APRIL 2023

Meetings & Events

Spring Concert & Saturday Market

<u>April 1st</u> 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm Music Starts at 6:00 pm <u>April 8, 2023 9:00 am</u> Easter Egg Hunt, Kirk Park baseball field <u>April 11, 2023 7:00 pm</u> Town CouncilMeeting Town Hall

April 12, 2023 6:30 pm Planning and Zoning Meeting Town Hall April 18, 2023 6:30 pm Town Council Workshop Town Hall

Library News

I can't believe April is here already. We have big plans for the Easter Event which is April 8th at 9:00am at Kirk Park so grab your baskets and save the date!! We will have plenty of eggs, candy, and prizes. We are in the town hall auditorium and ready to help with your library needs. Come by and check us out. Remember we have bread and pastries every Wednesday for those in need. Thank you so much for the donations for books and DVDs.

Thank You, Kathleen and Mary

Mayor's Message

Here on the Farm

9100 Sams Lake Road,

Clermont Florida

Banks Helfrich offers Tour, Teach, Taste & Take Away

At his farm on the 2nd Saturday of every month. Visit his Facebook page "Here on the Farm" for more information



Hello, I hope you and your family are doing well and staying safe. I would like to bring everyone up to date on what is going on concerning the 111 acres on Lake Apopka that has been presented to the Council for future development. At the March Council meeting the developer explained for the third time what they are offering and are willing to do. They want to build 207 homes and have three different entrances to go in and out of the development. After a long discussion I made the motion to allow to build two homes per acre, I also added that each home is required to have at least a 1/2 acre.

This development has a total of 111 acres, around 30 acres are wetlands leaving around 80 acres to build on. Our Town planner explained you can subtract between 20% and 30% of the land for streets, water retention, sidewalks, etc. This would leave around 64 acres to build homes on with at least a 1/2 acre which would come in around 128 homes. The motion passed and will now move through the process, and I will keep everyone up to date going forward.

I would like to add that there are two other large areas in Montverde left to be built on. There is 58 acres on Ridgewood next to Magnolia Terrance that borders Bella Collina. The owner has just started talking with town hall on what they would like to do. Also, there is 37.5 acres on the south side of Ridgewood going east from the roundabout. This property also borders Bella Collina and I have not heard anything about this owner wanting to build on it. These are the last two large areas in Montverde town limits we will need to deal with sooner or later.

Your Council reviewed our water system operations, and I am happy to say there will not be a need for any increase to the water rate in 2023.

Our town hall team puts together a great dinner for everyone to enjoy starting at 6PM just before our Council meeting which is the second Tuesday of every month. Please try to attend or at the least come have dinner even if you cannot stay for the meeting. Lastly, I want to remind everyone we will be having our second Spring Concert on April 1st in Kirk Park. Please try to attend and enjoy a great night out.

As always if I can help you with anything please feel free to give me a call at 407-496-1673.

Many Thanks, Joe

Town Manager's Message

Happy Spring!

I want to thank everyone for attending the recent town council meetings. Your input and thoughtful comments are very important as we work to preserve the great culture of our town.

The town has several great projects on the horizon that are progressing along. At last month's meeting, the town council approved funding for a new sports court complex. The new sports complex will feature two new basketball courts, two new tennis courts, and four pickleball courts. The area will include a small gazebo and sitting space located near the dog park.

Work is also moving forward on the new library for the town. The town is in the process of interviewing construction managers with the hope of beginning construction sometime in the next few months. This project is completely funded by impact fees and grants.



The new library will consist of a much larger book collection, meeting rooms, a children's area, and some additional office space. The design of the library has been a culmination of a year and a half of work by the town's visioning committee and the town council. I personally want to thank them for all their hard work and dedication.



The town staff is continuing to work on providing information to the town council on the central sewer system. The town council has not yet decided which direction to take regarding the central sewer. Council is diligently studying the positive and negative ramifications as well as the impact of the 8 million dollars in grant money. Please check the town's website often for meeting dates and be involved in the conversation with your town council members.

Finally, I want to remind everybody to please come out and enjoy the free concerts in the park on the first Saturday of each month. We have two concerts left; one in April and one in May. In addition, the town will be hosting

the annual Easter egg scramble. The Easter egg hunt starts at 10:00 AM, however, bouncy houses will be set up for your children starting at 9:00 AM and remain on site until about noon. Please come out and celebrate our town and enjoy these festivities. I would also like to thank the Monteverde Academy students and the Lake County Fire Department personnel who volunteered to help stuff the Easter eggs. Their efforts and hard work resulted in over 12,000 eggs being filled this year. In addition, great job to our library staff for coordinating these efforts!!!!!





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> KIRK PARK - Baseball Field 17436 Division St Montverde, FL