

Newsletter August 2023



**Town Caucus
will be held on August 8th 6:45
pm at Town Hall.
Nominations for: 2 Council seats
& Mayor
Anyone interested in running for
one of these seats must be
nominated at the Caucus.**

Town Hall Meetings & Events

August 8, 2023 6:45 pm

Town Caucus

August 8, 2023 7:00 pm

Town Council Meeting

August 9, 2023 6:30 pm

P&Z Meeting

CODE RED

Have you signed up for the Town's Notification System **CODE RED**? If not, please register your cell phone, home phone and/or email with **CODE RED** for General and Emergency Communications. Go to the town's website mymontverde.com and select the box on the right labeled CODE RED, complete the registration.

Mayor's Message

Hello, hope you and your family are doing well and staying safe. The Town Council voted to keep the millage rate at 2.83 which is the same tax rate the Town of Montverde has had for many years for properties in town limits. The Council and the town hall team all do a very good job with managing the Town's finances.

The Council also put in place a new ordinance for buildings in Town that are deemed unfit and need to be torn down or brought up to good condition. I need to mention that if you are doing any kind of construction, demolishing, building etc. you should go on mymontverde.com and look at the ordinance page. Use the search bar to look for anything that might apply to your project to make sure it is done correctly and meets town code requirements. You can also call town hall and discuss your project with a team member.

Our Community Building in Kirk Park was scheduled to have a new floor installed and other items. After the vendor tore up the old wood floor there was major work that needed to be done to move forward with this project. The building is now getting leveled and structural beams are being installed before the new floor can be completed. This has put this project way behind on its completion date.

As always, if there is anything I can help you with please feel free to give me a call. Also, if possible, please try to attend your Council meeting every second Tuesday of the month at town hall. We serve dinner for everyone starting at 6:00 pm and then, if you can, you are welcome to join the Council meeting that starts at 7:00 pm.

Many Thanks ,

Joe Wynkoop
407-496-1673 cell

Library News

I hope everyone has had a great summer thus far. As we are approaching the new school year, I would like to take this time to remind you that your Library is here to help you! We would love to help you find your favorite book(s) or movie(s) that you've been searching for. As a reminder, the library's hours are 8:00-6:00 Monday through Thursday; stop in to get books, DVDS, or just to say hello. We have begun our annual preparation for Montverde Day! Please save the date: October 27-28, 2023. We are excited about the plans for this year, there will certainly be something for everyone! As a reminder, the library has bread and pastries every Wednesday as well as every other Thursday for those in need. If you have egg cartons, we are in need and accepting donations! We would like to take a moment to thank those who have donated books and DVDs to our Library.

Thank you, Kathleen



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ORLANDO HEALTH | South Lake Hospital | MONTVERDE ACADEMY
Knowledge • Character • Community

Montverde Day

Fall Music Festival

October 27th - 28th

Friday: 6pm - 11pm • Saturday: 9am - 11pm
KIRK PARK: 17436 Division St. • Montverde, FL 34756

CLASSIC AIRWAVES

FLEETWOOD MAC

Stevens

BMX TRICKSTARS

Cirque Bishop

BMX TrickStars • Acrobats • Contortionist
Fire Performers • Unicycle LED Jugglers • LED Robots
Live Music • Midway • Food • Vendors
Raffle prizes given away all day Saturday.
Tickets \$1 per ticket, or 6 for \$5.

Town of Montverde

FREE PARKING & ADMISSION

Town Manager's Message

Greetings,

I hope everyone is having a great summer. I was in a meeting a couple of weeks ago, and our town got brought up in the conversation. They commented on how beautiful our town is with all of the green grass, large trees, and that small-town charm we have been able to maintain. We often don't think how blessed we are to be in such a magnificent town. As you look at the surrounding communities, many of the green areas and trees are transitioning to concrete. Yet, in the middle of all that, here lies Montverde with its distinctive character and allure. As you know, the town has a new development being built on Blackstill Lake Road called Willow Ridge. The town council made a sagacious decision to annex this property into the town limits a few years ago. By doing so, they held the zoning to two homes per acre and a maximum of 234 homes. If it stayed in the county, it likely would have received a zoning designation of 4 homes per acre, allowing 468 homes to be built. Not only did the town keep the density down, but the town was able to guide some of the development features. As a result, when Willow Ridge Development is completed, there will be nearly 2,000 trees planted in and around the development. This rigorous landscaping requirement is an extraordinary enhancement that would not have occurred without it being within the town limits.

I am pleased to announce that the town has received a new grant of \$375,000 from the DEP. This grant money will be used for stormwater improvements to help keep our lakes clean. The \$375,000 is in addition to the \$2,000,000 stormwater grants we received earlier in the year. The town has secured nearly 14 million dollars in grant money over the past two years.

Finally, I want to thank all citizens that volunteer on committees, boards, and participate in council meetings—your work for the town is invaluable and much appreciated.

Paul Larino, Town Manager