

# Newsletter August 2024



## [Town Hall Meetings & Events](#)

**August 13, 2024**  
7:00 pm  
Town Council  
Meeting

**August 13, 2024**  
6:45 pm  
Town Caucus

**August 14, 2024**  
6:30 pm  
Planning & Zoning  
Board Meeting

**Town Caucus**  
**August 13, 2024**  
**6:45 p.m.**

**Two Council Seats are available  
for nominations**

### Mayor's Message

Hello, I hope you and your family are well and staying safe. Please remember, 15 minutes (6:45 p.m.) before our upcoming August 13th Council meeting, we will hold our Caucus for anyone interested in running for the two Council positions that will be on the ballot in November. We are one of the few municipalities in Florida that still conduct a Caucus, which is a great way to nominate Candidates. While I encourage people to get involved, I personally have enjoyed working with the current Council to move the Town of Montverde forward.

Attached is a picture of some Ferndale and Montverde residents, with three Montverde Councilmembers, who attended one of three County Commissioners meetings to support the passage of the ISBA (Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement) topic. I am pleased to report that the Commissioners approved the ISBA on 7-23-24. Next, we will seek approval in Minneola and then Clermont. To recap, the ISBA prevents annexation and utility installation in the protected Ferndale area for 20 years and stipulates that homes cannot be built on parcels smaller than 5 acres. This agreement will safeguard the area from large-scale development until 2044. I would like to commend our Town Attorney Anita Geraci-Caver and Town Planner Sean Parks (also our County Commissioner) for their roles in drafting and advocating for the ISBA since 2010.

At our upcoming August Council meeting, we will host Doug Shields, a Lake County Commissioner running for office in November, who will address the community. I invited him to make it easier for residents to meet him, so please attend if possible.

Please make an effort to attend Council meetings and participate in the decision-making process. Together, we can steer our Town in the right direction. We also provide dinner for everyone from 6pm to 7pm before the monthly Council meetings, which begin at 7pm. Your presence and input are invaluable, and I hope to see you there.

Many Thanks,  
Joe Wynkoop  
407-496-1673



## VENDORS NEEDED

### It's approaching quickly!!!

The Town of Montverde is looking for Arts and Crafts vendors to sell their merchandise at Montverde Day on November 1st and 2nd this year. If you know anyone interested please have them contact Kathleen Gifford at 407 469-3838 or email her at [kgifford@mymontverde.com](mailto:kgifford@mymontverde.com)

## Library News

Get ready for a sizzling summer, everyone! Keep it cool and stay hydrated because the heat wave is rolling in! And guess what? As we surf the wave towards another exciting school year, your friendly neighborhood library is your go-to oasis for that page-turner book or binge-worthy DVD you've been dying to dive into.

Our doors swing open Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. And hold onto your hats because the new library is shaping up – we've got a floor that's solid as rock and walls rising up to the sky! YAY!!

Drumroll, please... We're in full swing prepping for the **44th Annual Montverde Day Event!** Mark your calendars for **November 1st and 2nd** – it's going to be legendary! If you or someone you know wants to jump into the fun, give Kathleen a ring at **407-469-3838** for the scoop.

Stay awesome, Kathleen and Hilary.

### Town Manager's Message

I hope everyone's summer is going well.

Montverde Academy and the local public schools will be starting up again soon. Please be vigilant for kids going to and from school and slow down around school areas. Be patient as parents learn the drop-off routines.

I am excited to report that the new library construction is moving along. The walls have been put up, and framing is underway. The contractors are all scheduled for the next phases of the project. I am pleased to report we received another grant from the Lake County Library Impact fee fund in the amount of \$28,000. The funds can be used for furniture and new books. This will be added to the 2.2+ million already received in grants and impact fees.

The stage project is in its final phase and will soon be the focal point for our future events in Kirk Park. I encourage you to take a stroll around the park area and witness the exciting progress and new improvements that are being made.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the town hall or attend one of our council meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00.

Paul Larino

Town Manager

