

Newsletter February 2024

Happy Valentine's Day 



Save the Date! March 2nd, April 6th, and May 4th

Spring Concerts in the Park

Kirk Park 6:00 p.m.

**Town Hall Holiday Closings
President's Day—February 19, 2024**

Town Hall Meetings & Events

February 13, 2024 7:00 pm

Town Council Meeting

February 14, 2023 6:30 pm

Planning and Zoning Meeting

February 20, 2023 6:30 p.m.

Town Council Workshop

Mayor's Message

Hello,

I hope you and your family are doing well and staying safe. I would like to let everyone know the town is in the process of putting together a Butterfly Park next to the new sports courts. The Council approved the purchase of the house that burnt down next to the new sports courts and will add a Butterfly Park attraction in this space for now. We feel it will add a very nice experience for many folks to enjoy.

Our townhall team is also putting on the finishing touches to the NEW Sports Court. Please take the time to drive by and see what a fantastic and well-done job they have done with this project.

I have always tried to attend our nearby cities council meetings so that we stay informed on what is happening. Recently I attended the council meeting for Minneola mostly to listen to a rezoning discussion. This topic was about the rezoning of property on Hancock Road close to 561A. The reason for the rezoning was to change this area to Industrial and Commercial zoning which would allow businesses such as malls, grocery stores, offices, industrial estates, manufacturing shops, affordable housing and more. This area will be called "The City Center". A little further up towards the Turnpike there is a NEW Advent Hospital also being built. I am told this will be a hospital larger than South Lake Hospital and will be completed in the next three years. I see they are doing the groundwork right now on this hospital project.

While some of this growth will help the residents of Montverde, there are concerns this growth will bring many unwanted issues. Rest assured we are paying attention and will be at meetings in neighboring cities to voice our concerns. Over many years, we have built a good working relationship with all our next-door neighboring cities and Lake County, and I plan to keep this relationship going.

At the beginning of each year the Council goes through the exercise of appointing people to our committees and to our Boards. We need to appoint members to our Planning and Zoning Board in our March Council Meeting. Please give this some thought and if you would like to discuss feel free to call me and I would be happy to explain the process and duties at length for the members of the Planning and Zoning Board.

Please try to attend YOUR monthly Council meeting if possible. Don't forget we serve dinner starting at 6pm to everyone the evening of the Council Meeting which is the second Tuesday of every month, and the meeting starts at 7pm.

Many Thanks ,
Joe Wynkoop
407-496-1673 cell

Library News

Well, the holidays are over, and we are now into February. Time flies when you're having fun! The outside staff has been working hard on the new Sports Court so it won't be long before pickle ball, tennis and basketball will be available. All you will need is a library card to check out rackets, balls and books on how to play the game. As far as the new library we all can't wait for construction to start . I pick up bread and pastries every Wednesdays for people in need. Thank You for all the donations!

Kathleen and Hilary

TOWN COMMITTEES/BOARDS

If you are a resident of the town (living in the town limits) and would like to serve on one of the Town's Committees or Boards , go to the town website www.mymontverde.com, on the left side of home page select Forms and Applications. Complete the application and return to the Town Clerk. For Planning and Zoning appointments complete the application for this board and return to the Town Clerk. Town Committees/Boards usually meet in the one evening per month Monday thru Thursday.

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk, Sandy Johnson at 407 469-2681.

Town Manager's Message

Hello, I hope you and your family are doing well. Things at Town Hall have been reasonably busy. I am excited to give you an update this month. As you have noticed, there have been survey crews in and around town. We have two separate crews, one of the crews is a Lake County crew that has been working on surveying the areas around Ridgewood and Fosgate. I have asked them to survey the public right away for future consideration of sidewalks and trails in the area. The second survey crew is mapping the town for the future sewer and wastewater treatment plant. This is the crew that has been putting the pink flags throughout town. They are tasked with finding all the underground utilities within the right of way or in the town easements. We expect them to be in the area for another 60 days. I appreciate your patience as they accomplish this task for the town.

The sports courts are coming along nicely and are nearing completion. The courts will include four pickleball courts, two tennis courts, one full-size basketball court, and two practice courts. In addition, the town purchased a small property across from the sports court that had the house burned down. The burnt house had been demolished to create a safer area for our community.

The town is still working on other projects starting this spring. We have been getting BIDS for the library project and hope to break ground soon. In addition, the town council approved building a new stage for our spring concerts and Monteverde Day. The stage will be in the vicinity of the old tennis court. The town is also close to having finished plans for the reconstruction of Lakeside Drive. The plans will go out for bid in early March, and construction should start this summer after the town council approves the contractor. The project will expand the width of Lakeside and include water quality improvements for stormwater runoff. This project is 100% funded by a grant.

If you have any questions, contact Town Hall; we will gladly assist.

Paul Larino ,

Town Manager