

# **Newsletter JANUARY 2023**

Thank you for supporting Montverde Library's Angel Tree!



Town hall will be closed January 2, 2023 & January 16, 2023

## **Meetings & Events**

January 10, 2023 7:00 p.m. Town Council Meeting January 11, 2023 6:30 p.m. Planning & Zoning Board Meeting January 17, 2023 6:30 p.m. Town Council Workshop

#### Mayor's Message

Hello, I hope you and your family are doing well and staying safe. Happy New Year.... we all made it to 2023. I'm looking forward to a great year in our beautiful Town. I have a few topics for you, first we have changed the internet service from Comcast to Summit Broadband in town hall. So far it is going well, and I will keep you up to date on how well this new service is doing for us in case you are looking for a new service.

On the new stop signs on the corner of Fosgate and RT455. There have been many times where folks have driven right through the stop signs because they didn't see them. We are in the process of working with Lake County to address this issue. One of the cures suggested was to install red blinking light on the stop signs so they would be hard to miss. We hope to have a solution in place very soon.

Also, we are back serving dinner before the monthly Council meetings on the second Tuesday of every month. The dinners start at 6pm in Townhall, and a great effort is made to make sure the food is something everyone would like to eat and try. I will post on Montverde's Facebook page around a week before the meeting what will be served. Please try to come for dinner even if you cannot stay for the meeting. We would very much enjoy seeing everyone.

Other news is we closed on selling a piece of the property next to the corner of Fosgate and CR 455 behind the white fence. The Lake County Fire Department is moving forward with a new Regional Fire department based on this location. When done this will leave our current fire department building empty with many opportunities for additional space for the Town. One of the thoughts for this building is another Community Building with over 4000 Sq ft making it a great place for larger events.

Last but not least, I would like to mention it is just over three years ago the Town residents were asked to vote on a new government that changed our town government from a Strong Mayor position to a Council/ Manager government. With this new government the four Council members and the Mayor manage the Town Manager and give direction and set policy. We hired our new manager Paul around two years back. I liked to say thank you to the residents for making this choice and moving this initiative forward so the town could benefit on many different levels. It has been my pleasure working with our new manager and moving the Town forward as a Team.

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

Take Care,

Joe Wynkoop

#### Library News

Wow! What a generous community we live in! I would like to thank everyone that so generously contributed to the Thanksgiving baskets, our annual Angel Tree, and the Christmas Dinners drive. The students from Montverde Academy did an awesome job organizing the toy drive, it was amazing and we appreciate their generosity and hard work. We would also like to extend our gratitude to everyone at Success Mortgage for helping the Library each year with the Angel Tree.

We wanted to provide a quick update on our Library. We are currently in the process of moving books and shelving over to the auditorium in Town Hall so that we can get set up for library services while the new Library is under construction. We appreciate your patience with this change and look forward to seeing you in our temporary space.

Thank You, Kathleen & Mary

A Montverde resident will pick up discarded live Christmas trees to create mulch for the Town. Please put your Christmas Tree by the road the night before garbage pick up day and the tree will be picked up.

### Town Manager's Message

Greetings,

I want to wish everyone a happy new year and a wonderful holiday season. I hope 2023 brings forward an excellent year for you and your family.

The town has many projects in the planning stage for next year. The town council approved a site and elevation plan for the new library complex that will be built next year. The building will host a larger book collection, meeting rooms, study rooms, and display the town's history. This project is being funded by nearly two million dollars in grants and impact fees. The existing library will be closed in January and removed to make way for the new library. The town will temporarily host a small library collection in the council chamber during normal business hours.

In February, town staff will hold a series of workshops to explore a central sewer system. The proposed systems will only serve selected parts of town. Connections to the system would be voluntary and paid for with grant funds. The goal of the workshop is to engage public interest so council can have information needed to decide if they want to move forward or not with the system. The town has already secured 8 million dollars in grant funds to pay for the project. Town Hall will send out flyers in January with information on how to attend the workshop.

Finally, I want to thank the Town Council, Town Board Members, and Town Volunteers that dedicate their time in making Montverde a wonderful community to live in. Happy New Year.

Paul Larino, Town Manager

## Permits

The town code specifies that all residences/businesses must have an approved permit for certain types of contracted services. Here are a few examples:

Tree removal Demolition Shed HVAC Generator Pavers **Remodels Interior/Exterior** 

Pool/Pool enclosure Fence Electrical Upgrade Water Heater New Construction

Solar Fire Alarm Additions

Driveway/apron Windows/Doors **Retaining Wall** Sidewalk

Roof Gas Signs

If you aren't sure if you need a permit, go to the town webpage mymontverde.com under Building/Development permits or call town hall at 407 469-2681, to avoid a fine for work without permit.