

Newsletter July 2024



Town Hall Meetings & Events

July 9, 2024
7:00 pm
Town Council Meeting

July 23, 2024
6:30 pm
Planning & Zoning Board Meeting

July 4
Town Hall
Is closed for the Independence Holiday



Mayor's Message

Hello, I hope you and your family are well and safe. Our Town Council is currently working on the budget for the upcoming year starting October 1st. As our town continues to grow in both homes and population, it's crucial for everyone to get involved by attending Town Council meetings. Your input is essential in shaping our community's future.

One good example of an important topic under discussion is the potential adjustment of water rates to benefit our residents. This, along with various other matters, is being deliberated at our budget sessions. If you can't attend in person, you can watch the meetings live on Lake TV or catch them later on YouTube. Feel free to reach out to me via phone or email if you have any budget-related questions or suggestions.

Regarding the ISBA (Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement), Jim Ley, Jim Peacock, Carol Womack, and I, along with many residents from Ferndale, Minneola, and Montverde, recently attended a meeting in Tavares on June 11th. The County Commissioners have agreed to include this topic in their July agenda for the first reading of two. This agreement, was originally proposed and passed by Montverde in 2010 and involving several municipalities and Lake County, aims to preserve Ferndale's rural character. Please check online closer to July 9th to confirm that this topic is still on the County's meeting agenda.

Additionally, upcoming Council meetings will address the development plans for 111 acres on Lake Apopka shoreline and 58 acres on Ridgewood next to Magnolia Terrace. We previously mandated a minimum lot size of 1/2 acre per home for the Lake Apopka property, ensuring high-quality development. Bella Collina is also moving forward with plans to build homes within the approved density on the Ridgewood property, which helps with stability for our community's future.

Our Town hall Team is making great progress with improvements to Kirk Park, including new sidewalks, sitting areas, and a new stage for this year's Montverde Day. I encourage you to visit and see these enhancements firsthand.

Please consider attending our monthly Council meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month at Townhall. Dinner is provided starting at 6pm, with the meeting beginning at 7pm. Your presence and input are valuable, so I hope to see you there.

Many Thanks

Joe Wynkoop

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VENDORS NEEDED

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

Library News

Summer has arrived and the heat is on!! I hope that everyone has a fantastic summer and saves some time in your daily schedule to read . The library is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00am to 6:00pm. If there are books we do not have they can always be put on hold and brought to our library for pick up. Also, we receive lease books that are recently published and ready for check out. The Children and teens section will function the same way with books being put on hold if we don't have them in our collection and able to be picked up here. Reading a book daily is not only a good excuse to relax for a bit, but will also help prevent the summer slide that can occur during time out of school. If you don't have a library card just stop by and we will be happy to help. That will connect you to all Lake County Libraries. Thank you for all the generous donations!

Kathleen and Hilary

Town Manager's Message

Greetings,

On this Fourth of July, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to you and your family for being a part of our community. We are truly privileged to live in the United States, a place that guarantees rights and freedoms unmatched by any other. I am deeply indebted to those who have served or are serving in our armed forces to preserve these rights and freedoms. Thank you!

Town projects have been moving forward. The new library walls will be going up in July, and the project will be moved from underground construction to above ground. The new stage in Kirk Park has made significant headway. The beautiful red cedar logs truly enhance the park's natural theme. The addition of 7 new large oak trees will one day provide plentiful shade for park activities. In addition, new sidewalks are now open to connect Kirk Park to the new sports courts.

The town's sewer project is moving forward. The town's engineers are working on the Request for Proposals to accept public bids on the wastewater treatment plant. This is the first step in the bid process that will allow us to identify and, with council consent, approve a supplier/builder for the treatment plant.

As the rainy season and hurricane season are preparing to arrive, I want to throw a few reminders out. As we are starting to get rain, please remember to adjust your sprinklers and consider installing a rain gauge. This will help keep your utility bills down and keep our aquifer healthy. As we prepare for hurricane season, please consider the following: Stock up on non-perishable food (enough to last at least 3 days), water (enough to last at least three days), first-aid kit (include any prescription medication you may need), personal hygiene items and sanitation items, flashlights, waterproof container with cash and important documents, manual can opener, lighter or matches, books, magazines, games for recreation, and don't forget your pet food. As many central Floridians know, we are most affected by extended power outages, down trees, strong winds, and flooding. Now is the time to prepare, not a few days before a storm when the stores are short on supplies.

If you need anything or have questions, please feel free to contact our outstanding team at Town Hall.

Thanks, Paul Larino – Town Manager