

Newsletter March 2024

Happy Easter!



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

Spring Concerts in the Park

Kirk Park 6:00 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt

March 30, 10:00 am SHARP!

Town Hall Meetings & Events

March 12, 2024 7:00 pm

Town Council Meeting

March 13, 2023 6:30 pm

Planning and Zoning Meeting

March 19, 2023 6:30 p.m.

Town Council Workshop

Mayor's Message

Hello, hope you and your family are safe and well. You may have noticed the little pink flags scattered around town recently. These indicate the survey work conducted by a company hired to perform a comprehensive survey, identifying the locations of underground infrastructure such as right of ways, water pipes, electrical wires, cable lines and property lines. This survey is a crucial step in preparing for the engineering of the sewer system when we move this project forward.

Although there was a presentation on the sewer system in May 2023 at the old library, there still seem to be lingering questions among residents. To address this, we've scheduled a discussion on the sewer system for the March agenda of the monthly Council meeting. We encourage you to attend and share any questions or concerns with the Council. Feel free to reach out to me at 407-496-1673 if you'd like to discuss the topic beforehand.

In our February Council meeting, we addressed the need to re-sod the dog park. The Council has tasked Town Hall with researching various options, including artificial grass similar to what Minneola has in their dog park. A decision on this matter is expected soon.

Another issue we've encountered is homeless individuals sleeping on town benches. Recognizing this as a widespread concern, we plan to discuss possible solutions at the March Council meeting. I will provide updates on this topic in the April newsletter.

On a positive note, the Council approved the distribution of one front Montverde License plates to each home in town. If you desire additional plates, they are available at Town Hall for a small fee.

I'm pleased to inform you that my efforts in negotiating with the water tanker truck company have been successful. You should no longer see these trucks passing through Montverde unless the turnpike is closed for some reason.

As we usher in Spring, our SPRING CONCERT Series kicks off on March 2nd at 6:30pm in Kirk Park, featuring DANCE EXPRESS! They are a high energy, crowd pleaser playing old school music, Motown to current top 40.....

Additionally, we're excited to announce the GRAND OPENING of our Sports Courts on March 12th at 5:30pm, with dinner served at 6pm just before the Council meeting at 7pm.

I encourage you to attend the monthly Council meeting on 3-12-24 at 7pm. Your presence and input are valued.

Many Thanks,

Joe Wynkoop—407-496-1673 (cell)

Eagle Scout Harper Hughes made a presentation of a flag retirement box to the Town, as his Eagle Scout project. The presentation was done at the Town Council meeting held February 13. The box is in Town Hall for residents to dispose of old flags, that are tattered and torn. The Scouts will hold flag retirement ceremony on flags placed in the box several times per year. Thank you to Harper and the Scouts.



Library News

The big Easter event will be Saturday March 30, 2024. We will have the annual Easter Egg Hunt, inflatables for the children to play on and raffle baskets for kids that find the eggs with the magic ticket inside so save the date!! If you haven't seen the new sports court, you should drive buy it looks AWESOME! We have new books at the library that can be checked out on how to play pickle ball, tennis and basketball. Let's all become pros. I pick up bread and pastries every Wednesday for anyone in need. Also, Thanks to everyone for all the book and DVD donations.

Kathleen and Hilary

Town Manager's Message

Happy Spring Montverde,

The sports courts are almost ready and will be open to the public on March 13th. Town staff is working hard to put the final touches on the courts. As the Mayor mentioned in his message, you are invited to come to the ribbon cutting on March 12th at 5:30. Mayor Joe Wynkoop will officially open the courts and welcome our residents to try pickleball, basketball, or tennis. Starting March 13th, the sports courts will be open daily from 8:00 am until 9:30 pm.

The new grant-funded library has officially started construction. Crews will excavate the area and prepare the building pad over the next few weeks. I want to thank the Visioning Committee and Town Council for their commitment to efforts to make this project possible.

The Town will also start on a new stage located at Kirk Park. This new stage will replace the current one and offer more room and opportunities for expanded events in the future. The existing stage will be converted into a pavilion for use by our community.

Here are a few reminders as we come into spring. Please be mindful to keep your yard cut and maintained to avoid a code enforcement complaint. It will also soon be time to adjust your sprinklers to help with water conservation. Keep in mind that if you are doing any tree removal or adding any home additions, sheds, fences, or anything considered structural, you will likely need a permit from the town. All permits can be accessed online at www.mymontverde.com. Once you're on the Town's website, click the "Building/Development Permits" link on the right hand side of page. Use the "Code Complaints" link if you wish to file a code complaint. Due to state statutes, the Town cannot take anonymous code complaints; they must be filled out online. If you have an emergency or an issue that is a law violation, you must contact the Lake County Sheriff's Office by dialing 911.

Finally, I want to remind our residents to continue to be mindful of the Town's speed limits and stop signs. The Town contracts with the Florida Highway Patrol and the Lake County Sheriff's Department to enforce traffic in Montverde. They will be working throughout Town and at various times of the week. Please help keep our community safe.

Paul Larino, Town Manager