

Newsletter OCTOBER 2022

Mayor Joe's Message

Hello, hope you and your family are doing well and staying safe. In our September Council meetings we congratulated our Town security service for a job well done. During their normal rounds they found a home on Franklin Avenue that had smoke coming out of it. They called the fire department and then helped residents get out of the home

quickly. Their actions may have saved lives and did save the home from completely burning down. Thank You for doing a great Job !!

I know many folks are having trouble with our different internet companies. Lake County Government is conducting a study to identify areas within the community where households lack access to high-speed, affordable, and reliable broadband internet services. To facilitate the assessment, Lake County is distributing an online survey to research and document the current broadband landscape and the needs of the county's residents and businesses. The assessment will identify current providers and services available across the county. Lake County encourages residents to complete the survey, which includes a speed test, using their

home or business connection so that it can accurately record service parameters. If internet access is unavailable at home, residents can submit the survey using a cellular signal, a computer at another location, or a paper version by visiting the Lake County Administration Building in Tavares. The survey is open to the public and for those interested you can learn more about the survey by visiting <u>www.LakeCountyFl.Gov/Broadband</u>.

Here is a description concerning the plan that is being executed for the expansion of the Turnpike from 50 to Hancock Road. I thought this might help everyone understand what is going on now and what will be happening over the next two years.

Construction of the County Road 455 bridge over Florida's Turnpike continues on-schedule. The bridge is anticipated to be open by February 2023. Regarding the other Turnpike bridges in the area this project is replacing, the contractor's schedule is as follows <u>Old Highway 50 Bridge</u>

- O Temporary bridge construction is anticipated between February 2023 and August 2023
- O Construction on the northbound bridge is anticipated from August 2023 to April 2024
- O Construction on the southbound bridge is anticipated from April 2024 to May 2025 Blackstill Lake Road Bridge
- O Temporary bridge construction is anticipated between March 2023 to September 2023
- O Construction on the northbound bridge is anticipated from September 2023 to July 2024
- O Construction on the southbound bridge is anticipated from July 2024 to April 2025

If possible please join us for the monthly Council meeting at Town Hall on the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm . You can go on the website for the topics and also for the Zoom instructions to be able to join on line. As always if I can help you with anything please feel free to give me a call at 407-496-1673.

Joe Wynkoop

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Trash Service Delays

Waste Pro is experiencing staffing issues. Service may be delayed—please be patient, if trash pickup is a day or more late call Town Hall 407 469-2681. *Trash will be delay the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas*

Library News

Wow summer's over and it's back to school. We encourage everyone to sign up for a library card. If you already have one come by and check out your favorite books or DVD's. Halloween is approaching fast, and the annual Trunk or Treat will be held Sunday October 30, 2022 at 5:30 so start gathering your costumes now!!! We are also preparing for the 42nd Annual Montverde Day. If you would like to reserve a booth or have any questions, please feel free to call me at 407-469-3838. We hope to see you there.

Thank You, Kathleen and Mary



VOTE411.org Get information on all candidates. Election day is November 8, 2022 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE!!! MONTVERDE DAY

Oct 28th 6:00 pm -11:00 pm

Oct 29th 9:00 am -11:00 pm

Bands, raffles, dance groups, vendors, food, drink, midway games and FMX Motor Cross Stunt Show!

TRUNK OR TREAT

Oct 30th 5:30 p.m.

Kirk Park at the Stage

Town Manager's Message

Greetings,

I am so excited for Montverde Day, which is coming up quickly at the end of October. What a great time for us to reconnect with our neighbors and share in this annual tradition. Included with your water bill is a flyer with some of the activities. We have some great entertainment lined up! Expect a future mailing in the beginning of October with more information.

I am pleased to announce the Town Council has approved the 2023 Fiscal Year budget. I would like to thank the Town Council for their unfailing support of town staff and for maintaining the highest standards of professionalism in the administration of the Town of Montverde's finances.

Town Council and management work diligently to keep property taxes low while maintaining the level of services our residents have come to expect. Town management is working earnestly to identify alternative funds, utilize grants, and other creative measures to keep property taxes below the average of other communities in Lake County. The testament to this hard work is illustrated in the chart below.



The 2023 budget includes fully funding the day-to-day operations of the town, some small asphalt projects, town festivals, and other basic government functions. Also included in the budget is funding to stabilize the community building and make some minor repairs.

The town's capital projects budget, which is fully funded this year by grants and impact fees paid by developers, includes funding for the following projects: water system engineering, a feasibility study, storm water engineering, and architectural design for a new library.

Finally, I want to remind everyone to keep your property tidy and mowed. Residents are required to keep grass and weeds below 12 inches, including the right of way in front of your house. If you want to file a complaint about a nuisance property, go to the town's website and click the code enforcement link on the right side of the web page. The town cannot act on any grievance unless we have a signed complaint.

Have a great week,

Paul Larino – Town Manager