



NEWSLETTER

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As we come to the end of another fiscal year, I would like to update you all on the strength of the Town's finances. The final budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 was adopted by Council on September 23, 2015. The budget for next year reflects total General Fund revenues of \$945,801 and total General Fund expenditures of \$909,565. This means that over \$36,000 will be added to the Town's Reserves (savings) and available for any necessary capital improvement projects.

We are also in the final stages of a project that has been in the works for the past two years which will significantly increase the Town's revenues. Lake Apopka Sound (The June Project) is a 102 home site development on the shore of Lake Apopka right at the border of Oakland. Through the Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement (ISBA) set up in 2010 with Clermont, Minneola, Pine Island and Lake County, Montverde has the first opportunity to provide both water and sewer to the residents.

A new water treatment plant costing \$1.1 million will be installed by the developer and once completed, the ownership will be transferred to the Town and the asset value added to the balance sheet. The Town is being given a four year warranty on all the equipment. Furthermore, the revenues derived from the supply of water and the 25% mark up on the bulk sewer agreement with Clermont will add \$40,000 to \$50,000 to the Town's coffers each year once the development is fully built out.

This is just one of the upcoming projects that your administration is doing to ensure the future financial wellbeing of the residents of Montverde.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

This years election will take place on November 3, 2015. Voting will take place at First Baptist Church Montverde, Eighth Street, between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm. The following candidates will be on the ballot
Mayor's Position - Troy Bennett and Joe Wynkoop.

Council Seats (3) - Glenn Burns, Jim Ley, Arthur Nix, Jim Pierce, and Judy Smith.

Absentee ballots can be obtained by calling the Lake County elections office at: (352) 343-9734;
by email at: elections@lakecountyfl.gov or www.elections.lakecountyfl.gov. Early voting begins at:
Cooper Memorial Library, 2525 Oakley Seaver Drive, Clermont 34711; or
Minneola City Hall, 800 N. U.S. Highway 27, Minneola FL 34715

Voting hours are Monday October 19, 2015 through Saturday October 24, 2015 — 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
and Sunday October 25, 2015 through Saturday October 31, 2015 — 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Additional early voting sites can be found at http://elections.lakecountyfl.gov/early_voting

MONTVERDE DAY

The 36th Montverde Day Merchant & Music Festival will take place on November 7th this year with extended hours. The festival will be from 8 am until 8 pm and as usual this will be a fun day for all the family with the Sunshine Amusements Carnival, live music and activities throughout the day. The Town is now taking reservations for vendor booths. The cost will be \$20 for vendors who have taken part in either of the last two years and \$75 for new vendors. There will, as always, be a designated area within the park which will have free booths just for residents who live inside of the Town's limits.

For further information, go to www.mymontverde.com or contact Town Hall at (407) 469-2681. Please see the enclosed flyer for full details and also for sponsorship opportunities.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK



To keep up with the events and activities of the Town, follow us on Facebook by searching for "Town of Montverde"; "Helen Lehmann Memorial Library" and "Montverde Fire Department"



LIGHT UP MONTVERDE



The annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Saturday December 5th at 6:00pm in the parking lot in front of Town Hall. Special live Holiday performances will take place plus appearances from Santa Claus and Sparky the Fire Dog. Immediately following the Tree Lighting we will move to Kirk Park for our Christmas Movie along with the bonfire and free s'mores and cocoa. Just bring your lawn chair or blanket and get into the spirit of the season.



STREET LIGHT AWARENESS

With the changing of the clocks coming up please keep a look out for any street lights that are not working. On each pole there is a number; just call that in to Town Hall, (407) 469-2681 and we will contact the utility company.

LAKE COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION

Emogene W. Stegall, Lake County Supervisor of Elections would like to remind residents that they may obtain voter registration information, register to vote, request an absentee ballot and update their voter registration record by contacting the Supervisor of Elections Office at (352) 343-9734 or online at <http://elections.lakecountyfl.gov/>. Books close for the upcoming Special County Referendum and Municipal Election on October 5, 2015.

Florida Statutes require that you be registered to vote in the State of Florida 29 days prior to an election.

LIBRARY NEWS

Hope all the kids had a GREAT summer but now it's back to school!! The library is offering a homework assistance program every Monday and Wednesday 4:00pm - 6:00pm that will help the kids with their homework or just to have someone to read to. Don't forget we also have 4-H Club every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month so pick a project and join the Fun!!

The Library will participate again this year at Montverde Day with our BIG annual Book Sale. So stop by and check us out. The 4-H Club will also have a booth this year. The kids will be making different crafts to sell to raise money for their club.

HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!! Thank You Kathleen & Erin

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting will be on October 13, 2015 at 7pm. Key issues for discussion are:

- Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Oakland for the supply of emergency water to Lake Apopka Sound.
- Resolution 2015-26 temporarily allowing for the sale, possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages on Town property during special events.

All residents are encouraged to attend the Council meeting; public comment is permitted at the beginning of every meeting.

OTHER TOWN NEWS AND INFORMATON

- In observance of Columbus Day, Town Hall will be closed on Monday, October 12, 2015. As always, residents can leave any correspondence in the green utility box in the Town Hall parking lot, and staff will collect it the following day.
- Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 1st, which means that homes in Central Florida will only be allowed to water their lawns once a week. Odd-numbered addresses, water on Saturdays. Even-numbered addresses, water on Sundays.