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TOWN HALL ADDRESS

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This years election will take place on November 8, 2016.

Voting will take place at First Baptist Church Montverde, Eighth Street, between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm.

The following candidates have qualified and will be on the ballot:

Council Seats (2) - Billy Bates, Jim Peacock, Jim Pierce and Roxana Stan

FY 2017 BUDGET PRESENTED TO COUNCIL

The budget for Fiscal Year 2017 was presented to Council on August 11, 2016. Mayor Joe Wynkoop presented the budget for next year reflecting total General Fund revenues of \$1,039,500 and total General Fund expenditures of \$998,155. This means that \$41,345 will be added to the Town's Reserves (savings) and is available for any necessary capital improvement projects.

The budget was presented with a property tax rate of 2.83 mils. This property tax rate has stayed the same since 2007. The Town has been able to accomplish a lot of capital improvements without raising the tax rate. The entire budget is available for viewing at Town Hall.

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARINGS

- The first Public hearing for the budget will take place in the Town Hall Auditorium on September 7, 2016 at 6:30 pm.
- The final Public hearing for the budget will take place in the Town Hall Auditorium on September 21, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

MONTVERDE DAY—SAVE THE DATE

The 37th Montverde Day Festival is fast approaching and will take place on Friday November 11th and Saturday November 12th this year with extended hours. The festival will be from 4 pm until 10 pm on Friday and 8 am to 10 pm on Saturday. As usual this will be a fun packed day for all the family with the Big O Carnival, live music featuring Rob Nichols, Hayfire, Handpicked, Anita Drink and many more plus a classic car show and fantastic entertainment and activities throughout the day.

The Town is now taking reservations for vendor booths which are going fast. Reserve yours now to avoid disappointment. Sponsorship opportunities are also available to promote your business both on the day and also in the Montverde Day Festival & Carnival event brochure. This is an eight page, full color insert that is sent out with the Orlando Sentinel to over 40,000 homes.

For further information, contact Stephanie at Town Hall at (407) 469-2681 or download the application forms and booth map from the website www.mymontverde.com/downloads/forms and applications.

TOWN HALL CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

Town Hall will be closed on Monday September 5, 2016 in observance of Labor Day. As always, residents can leave any correspondence in the green utility box in the Town Hall parking lot.

FRIENDS OF MONTVERDE

The Friends of Montverde monthly meeting will take place on Tuesday September 20, 2016 at 6 pm and the regular monthly Bingo Game will be on Friday September 16 at 7 pm, both in the Kirk Park Community Building. Everyone is welcome.

LAKE COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION

Emogene W. Stegal, 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. Contact the Supervisor of Elections Office at 352-343-9734 or online at http://elections.lakecountyfl.gov. Books close for the upcoming County, Municipal and Presidential Election on October 11, 2015. Early voting begins October 24 and goes thru November 5, 2016. Voting day is on November 8, 2016 at First Baptist Church, Eighth St, Montverde between 7 am and 7 pm.

UPDATE FROM MAYOR WYNKOOP

Hello, I would like to update you on a few things that are going on with the Town and surrounding area. The new Turnpike exit is underway and is scheduled to be completed May of 2017. This of course will change the way traffic flows in our area for people looking to get on and off the Turnpike. We have also received an application from PMC (Pineloch Management Corporation) to annex a tract of land into the town. This is the 117 Acre triangular piece of land on Fosgate Road and Blackstill Lake Road next to the Turnpike.

This would be a major change for that area and our Town. There of course are many Pro's and Con's in this discussion and I would like to have our residents involved in what direction the Council should go. Please watch the Council agenda and for workshops to see when this and other topic are going to be discussed so you can join in if you would like to. Many Thanks, Joe Wynkoop

NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

School is back in full swing and so is the library. This month kicks off a lot of events for the upcoming school year. 4-H is starting back up and will be meeting Tuesday, September 12 at 4:30pm for their second year. Kids aged 3 and up are welcome to come join us in learning more about cooking. No sign up is required, and it is free ages 8 and under! We are also starting up the Homework Help program again Monday through Thursday after school until 6:00pm, however, we are in great need of volunteers to come on Monday's and Wednesday's. Since only one librarian works those days it can be very hard to help everyone at once so please come by if you have the time or need volunteer hours. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call us at 407-469-3838.

For adults we are having a Reading Efficiency program Wednesday, September 21 at 1:00pm. Dallas Turner will teach you how to explore new authors and talk about forming a book club. Be sure to come check it out! Looking to October we will be getting ready for fall and Halloween. We are excited to decorate and have a special event planned so stay tuned! Thanks, Kathleen & Erin

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting will be on September 13, 2016 at 7pm. Key issues for discussion are:

- Update on the issue of raised sidewalks caused by the trees in part of Magnolia Terrace.
- Review of the 2015 Annual Audit by Patricia A Sykes-Amos, CPA from Greenlee, Kurras, Rice, Brown, Garner & Donofrio.
- Discussion on dealing with nuisance properties as outlined in Section 5 of the Town's code.
- Constitution Week 2016 September 17th to 23rd Daughters of the American Revolution Proclamation.
- If successful at the Republican Primary, Peyton Grinnell will be addressing residents questions and concerns.

Residents are encouraged to attend these meetings; public comment is permitted at every meeting.

