



# NEWSLETTER

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### MONTVERDE ANNUAL HELEN LEHMANN MEMORIAL LIBRARY



**Kirk Park Community Building - Montverde  
Saturday, April 4, 2015 - 10:00am – 12:00pm**

## CONCERTS IN THE PARK SERIES

The first concert, featuring Greg Warren Band on March 20 was an enormous success with over 200 people gathering to support this event. 4Rivers Smokehouse were there providing great food, beer and wine. It was a superb atmosphere and a great way to kick off the weekend.



The next concert in on April 24 at 7pm when popular country singer Rob Nichols, will perform at the Kirk Park Stage. This is a FREE concert and again 4Rivers Smokehouse will provide Sandwiches, Ribs, Beer and wine. Just bring your lawn chair and relax under the canopy of trees in Kirk Park.

**This event is sponsored by Arellano Realty and Investments**

## MONTVERDE IDOL RETURNS IN MAY

Auditions for Montverde Idol will take place on Thursday May 14, 2015 and the actual Idol event will be on Friday May 15, 2015. If you have a voice and would like to take part, please contact MC, Mike Madawi at (352) 267-0044. Contestants must be 16 years old to compete.

## ORDINANCE OF THE MONTH—YARD SALE SIGNS

Residents must secure a permit from the Town before placing YARD SALE SIGNS in the Right of Way. The permits are FREE. You can secure a permit number over the phone, which must be put on the top of your sign. It is that easy. Any signs that do not have a permit number will be removed by the Public Works Department. Contact Town Hall at (407) 469-2681.

Permits are also required before commencing any of the following; Removing any Tree (dead or alive), Erecting a Fence or Sign, Installing a Pool, Driveway, Patio or Deck, Screened Enclosure, Shed or Canopy, Roof, Electrical, Building Addition or Demolition project. Stiff penalties can be imposed for non-compliance. If in doubt, contact Town Hall first at (407) 469-2681.

## MESSAGE FROM MAYOR TROY BENNETT

At the last council meeting, the majority of Council members voted to approve an agreement with the developer of Lake Apopka Sound, a new subdivision at the border of Oakland on Lake Apopka. This agreement is the culmination of eighteen months of meetings, negotiations, workshops and studies. The Town has also engaged Raftelis Financial Consultants LLC who along with the Town's engineers, CPH has significant expertise in this field.

As a result of the Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement (ISBA) between the Town of Montverde, surrounding cities and Lake County signed in 2010, the Town has the first right of refusal to provide both water and sewer service to the new subdivision which will have 102 homes.

The developer will install water and sewer systems at a cost of around one million dollars to service the new homes for both potable water and irrigation on separate meters. This will include multiple wells, storage tank, purification system, lift station and pipes for the sewer. At the conclusion of the installation, this asset will become the property of the Town. The new meters will be installed by Town staff and will be read remotely through the local cell towers.

There is potential for approximately \$50,000 of annual revenue from water and wastewater rates which are charged at 125% of the Town rates. The waste water will be connected to the Clermont sewer system. The entire Infrastructure is funded by the developer and will become an asset of the Town. Ongoing, the Town will operate the water system as we currently do with the Town's wells and storage tanks.

Safeguards have been put in place to ensure that the liability to the Town is mitigated. The developer has agreed to give the Town a four year warranty on all infrastructure and equipment. Should the build out be slower than anticipated, the developer has further agreed to pay to the Town the minimum monthly water charge on all lots after the first two years from the date of the agreement.

In conclusion, this is a huge opportunity for the town to receive additional revenue which will fund future capital improvements to the Town's water plant without any impact on the current system. Furthermore it will add an asset value of approximately \$1,000,000 to the Town. It is felt that there is likely to be considerable interest from utility companies should the Town wish to sell the water utility at a future date.

The purpose of this is to keep you the residents informed of what your leadership is doing to benefit the future of our Town.

## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting will be on April 14 at 7pm. Some of the key issues set for discussion are:

- Public Hearing to discuss proposed increase in Water Rates
- Second reading of Ordinance 2015-07, Budget Transfer to fund Replacement of Water Main and Lines
- Approval of Licensing agreement with 4Rivers Smokehouse for the use of their logo
- Discussion on the possible purchase of property AK 1530971 and AK 1765960 on Porter Ave
- Discussion regarding Montverde Academy's desire to pave Academy Lane at their expense
- Interlocal Agreement between Lake EMS and the Town of Montverde
- Uniform Collection Agreement from Lake County Tax Collector

All residents are encouraged to attend the Council meeting; public comment is permitted at the beginning of every meeting. For further information on any of these topics, please contact Town Hall at (407) 469-2681.

## OTHER TOWN & LOCAL INFORMATION

- There will be a Council Workshop in the Town Hall Auditorium on Thursday April 2, 2015 at 7:00 pm. The workshop is to review and discuss the findings of the Fires Services Assessment Study carried out by GSG, Inc.
- Pursuant to F.S. 180.136, notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. and April 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. the Town Council of the Town of Montverde will hold a public meeting at the Town Auditorium, 17404 Sixth Street, Montverde, Florida, to consider a proposed increase in the water utility rate.
- The Friends of Montverde's Annual Flea Market will be on April 25 at 8am at Kirk Park, free booths and advertising. We are planning to also have the antique cars at the event. Please call Joe Wynkoop at 407-496-1673 for more information. Also as always there will be BINGO on April 17th at 7pm in our Community Building, everyone is welcome !!