

Newsletter April 2024



Town Hall Meetings & Events

April 9, 2024 7:00 pm
Town Council Meeting

April 10, 2024 6:30 pm
Planning and Zoning Meeting

April 16, 2024 6:30 pm
Town Council Workshop

Mayor's Message

Hello! I hope you and your family are doing well and staying safe. I've got some great news to share this month!

First off, big THANK YOU to our Town Manager and Engineering firm! We've secured another grant for 19 million for our upcoming sewage system. With this, we now have a total of 28 million to put towards it, which should almost finish the job. Also, we've secured a 13-million-dollar grant for our third water well and tower. These grants are super helpful because they keep our town in good financial shape, without any debt, and help keep our taxes low.

Below is a picture of our Grand Opening for the new sports courts we opened last month. We now have two tennis courts, four Pickleball courts, and four basketball stations. People are already loving them!

Let's give a warm welcome to Joe Morganelli, our newest member of the Planning and Zoning Board. He's been attending our meetings regularly, and we're sure he'll help move things forward. A big thank you to Holly Broecker, Thomas Johnson, Karen Arellano, and Josie Weiss for continuing their service on the Board. I would also like to thank Glen Brecheen for over 30 years of service on the P&Z board.

We're currently working on the budget for the next year, starting October 1st, 2024. If you have any ideas for the budget, please come to one of our Council meetings soon. And don't forget, you can always check out the monthly Town Budget report on our website.

Last month, I talked about the growing issue of homelessness in our town. Recently there is a new law passed by the Governor for this topic. Our Town Attorney needs a bit more time to review it, so we'll discuss it more in our April meeting. I'll keep you updated!

Finally, save the date for our second Spring Concert on April 6th! We'll have Ampli-fire playing awesome 80's music. It's going to be a blast! Hope to see you there!

I encourage you to attend the monthly Council meeting on April 9th at 7pm, dinner for all will start at 6pm at Town hall. Your presence and input are valued.

Many Thanks ,
Joe Wynkoop
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TOWN COUNCIL DEDICATES THE NEW SPORTS COURTS

On March 12, 2024 the Town Council held a ribbon cutting for the new sports courts that have basketball, tennis and pickleball courts. What an improvement for the Town.



Library News

The library is looking forward to spring. We are breaking ground on the new library building and it will be done before we know it. Thank you to everyone that donated baskets and goodies for the Easter Egg Hunt and a big shout out to Montverde Academy students and Margaret Price for stuffing all the eggs for the Easter Egg hunt.

We will have other programs later in the year, but be sure and stop by the library and look at what is happening around the County.

We have free bread and pastries from Publix on Wednesdays.

Kathleen and Hilary

Town Manager's Message

Greetings,

I have a few updates from Town Hall to share with you. A few months ago, the town switched over to a new utility billing format. The redesigned utility bill gives more detailed information on your usage and a better breakdown of charges. In addition, the town has updated its utility software and hardware, which allows our staff to be more productive in the field. I want to thank the staff for all their work in bringing this new technology online, which will ultimately serve our community better.

Public Works is finishing up removing the fence from the old baseball field. Now that the new sports courts have been built, the old tennis and basketball courts will also be removed. The newly reimagined area will be converted into a park open space for the community. The area will blend nicely with the new stage being built adjacent to the open space.

The library is officially under construction. I want to remind everyone that the town has a temporary library set up in the town hall. The library has several books and DVDs available for checkout. In addition, the library staff can order books from the entire Lake County Library system and have them available for checkout in a few days. If you are new to the area, library cards are accessible to anyone who lives in Lake County. I also encourage you to take advantage of our library. The town receives funding from Lake County for every book that is checked out, which helps the town's budget. So please, use your free library!

Finally, I want to remind you that if you see something suspicious or something that requires a law enforcement response, call 911. While the town does not have a police department, every resident pays taxes to the Lake County Sheriff's Department. They will respond to the town like any other area in Lake County. I encourage you to be vigilant and report unlawful activities to the Sheriff's Department by calling 911. If you have code violation complaints such as tall grass, you can report those online at the town's website: mymontverde.com. The town contracts with Florida Highway Patrol and special assignment Sheriff's Deputies to patrol the town and for traffic enforcement. In addition, we have several volunteers that patrol the town. However, there is no greater asset than every member of the community being purposefully watchful. The town of Montverde is fortunate to have a low crime rate and a tremendous small-town quality of life that we will maintain if we all work together.

Have a great April,
Paul Larino, Town Manager