



**December 2013**

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With nearly 34% of residents voting, Montverde had a great turnout for this year's Election. Re-elected to his fourth term as Mayor was Troy Bennett, pictured to the left.

"I am honored residents have re-elected me as their Mayor. I have a lot of projects scheduled for 2014, and I intend to build a strong communication network to keep residents better informed of these projects," Mayor Bennett said.

Elected to serve on Town Council were incumbents Glenn Burns and Jim Pierce, as well as newcomer Arthur Nix. Glenn Burns was promptly elected President of the Council at the November Council meeting.

Regarding the upcoming year, Mayor Bennett said "Residents should feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns they may have." Contact information for Mayor Bennett and all Councilmen, as well as Town Hall staff, is listed to the left.

**2013 MONTVERDE DAY WAS THE BEST YET!**

With over 4,000 people attending, this year's Montverde Day Festival and Carnival was the biggest and best yet! Sponsored by Arellano Realty and Investments, the Montverde Day Festival was intended to be a "throw-back" to the Festivals of the past, which focused more on yard sale items and featured a more Montverde community-spirit.

There were over 150 vendor booths, with yard sale items, woodworking crafts, handmade jewelry, and plenty of other specialty items. Vendors repeatedly reported to Town staff that they were very pleased with the crowds (and sales) of this year's Montverde Day Festival.

The entertainment at this year's Festival also brought back the very popular bluegrass music with the band Handpicked. With several sets at the Festival, the band played old-fashioned cowboy music. Clemons Road and Hayfire also made special appearances, to the delight of the crowd.

This year's event also featured a new (and very popular) Hot Dog Eating Contest, as well as a Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest for kids. Both were so successful that they will be back next year.

Booths are already being booked for next year... be sure to book your booth early!



## MONTVERDE'S HOLIDAY EVENTS

Mayor Troy Bennett would like to announce a very special Christmas Event here in Montverde. The **Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony** will take place on Saturday, December 14 at 6:00pm in front of Town Hall. There will be carolers from Montverde Academy, as well as refreshments served. Then at 7:00pm, there will be a **Movie in the Park** at Kirk Park. The movie *Home Alone* will be shown on a large screen at the Kirk Park stage. Candy will be passed out to children, and the Fire Department will be serving popcorn and hot dogs. This is sure to be a very special night in Montverde... don't miss it!

Other holiday events include:

- ◆ The Annual Fire Department Santa Run will happen on Saturday, December 14 at 8:30am. During this time, the Fire Department will ride through the streets of Montverde, where Santa Claus himself will pass out candy to Montverde's kids.
- ◆ The Rotary Club of South Lake County is sponsoring a 5K Santa Fun Run/Walk, to be held on December 6 at 6:30pm at Waterfront Park in Clermont. For more information, visit [www.southlakerotary.com/santafunrun](http://www.southlakerotary.com/santafunrun).
- ◆ The Helen Lehmann Memorial Library is a drop-off point for Toys for Tots. Residents can bring a new, unwrapped toy to the Library to donate to this worthy program.
- ◆ The First Baptist Church of Montverde is presenting a very special Christmas musical on December 14 and 15. The musical will feature contemporary Christmas worship selections, live praise band and choir singing, creative drama, and desserts and hot apple cider for everyone. The performances begin at 7:00pm each night. For further information, please contact the Church at 407.469.4569.
- ◆ Mayor Troy Bennett and Town Hall staff wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

## TOWN NEWS

- ◆ The Town of Montverde is saddened to report that former Montverde Mayor Carey Harden passed away in November. A constant fixture at Council meetings, Carey brought invaluable experience, knowledge, and a good dose of humor to Town meetings. Memorial donations can be made in Carey's name to Mike Conley Hospice, 2100 Oakley Seaver Road, in Clermont.
- ◆ Longtime resident Bob Crispin also has recently passed away. Mayor Troy Bennett and staff remember Mr. Crispin visiting Town Hall regularly, always with a ready smile on his face. He will be missed greatly.
- ◆ The Town's garbage collection provider, Waste Pro, has notified the Town that they are increasing monthly rates due to an increase in fuel prices. Effective this month, the garbage fee will increase by \$0.41 to \$18.23 per month.
- ◆ Mayor Troy Bennett is looking for volunteers to serve on committees during the 2014 year. The committees are the Cemetery Committee, Library Committee, Visioning Committee, Parks and Recreation Committee, and Public Safety Committee. Those interested in serving on a committee should contact Town Hall at 407.469.2681.
- ◆ There is a longtime Montverde resident who picks up discarded Christmas trees to create mulch. He is asking that residents please put their discarded Christmas tree by the road the night before garbage collection, and he will collect them for mulch.
- ◆ Mayor Bennett and Town hall staff are asking for your help this year for a child in need. Andrew has Burkitts Lymphoma, and the family is raising funds to cover his medical expenses. They are selling several different varieties of pound cake for \$25.00 with 100% of the proceeds going to cover the medical expenses of little Andrew. For more information, please contact Lori Gifford at 321.436.4768 or [poundcakecure@gmail.com](mailto:poundcakecure@gmail.com). Best wishes to Andrew and his family for a very speedy recovery!

## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting will be on December 10th at 7pm. Some of the key issues set for discussion are:

- ◆ Renewal of contract with Lake County Sheriff's Office for Town Deputy
- ◆ Request for Proposal for new waste collection service provider
- ◆ Acceptance of Lake EMS Grant for Fire Department equipment

All residents are encouraged to attend the Council meeting; public comment is permitted at the start of every meeting. For further information on any of these topics, please contact Town Hall at 407.469.2681.