



## June 2021 Newsletter



### Message from Mayor Joe



Hello, hope you and your family are doing well. I would like to take a minute and tell everyone about a special person Montverde was lucky enough to have get involved over the years and help lead and direct the Towns future and other areas in Lake County. On May 11th there was an unveiling of a plaque at Ferndale Preserve recognizing Glenn Burns' efforts at preserving open spaces in Lake County just like the Ferndale preserve.

*Glenn Burns worked within our community to preserve a number of cultural, historical, and natural locales around Lake Apopka and Sugarloaf Mountain. He was instrumental in supporting, acquiring, preserving, and developing many natural areas in Lake County that are enjoyed by residents and visitors. For seven years he also served as a Councilman for the Town of Montverde. Of the many projects he supported, Glenn Burns was best known for his advocacy and support of the Green Mountain Scenic Byway, which earned him the title of Green Mountain's greatest champion. It was for this work that in 2017 the Department of Transportation awarded him with the Garry Balogh Inspiring Excellence Award. "Glenn embodied our county's identity "Real Florida, Real Close" and has left a legacy of conservation for generations to enjoy and uphold," said Sean Parks, Lake County Board Chairman.*

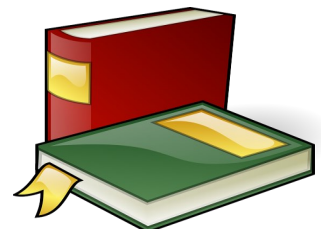
It was a great honor to attend this event and I hope you get time to go visit the Ferndale Preserve and enjoy the many trails there for a good walk and see the beautiful Plaque for Glenn Burns.

Many Thanks  
Joe Wynkoop

### Library News

Wow, I cannot believe May is gone! I wanted to let everyone know that we are back to normal business hours Mon-Thurs from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. The Library now has 3 computers on the adult side and 1 for the children. If you have not been by the library, you're in for a surprise. We have moved around shelves, books, and tables to open more space for social distancing. While we were closed, we worked hard to remove all outdated books and make room for new ones and now everything is a lot easier to find. Also, May is FOOD FOR FINES month. You can bring in food to remove fines. During this time patrons can donate canned food items, hygiene items, baby products and package pet food. Each unopened unexpired item is worth \$1.00. We are also getting ready for the summer reading program which will start June 9<sup>th</sup> thru July 14<sup>th</sup>. We asked that you stop by and sign up or call 407-469-3838. Hope to see you soon!!

Thank You! Kathleen and Mary



## Message From Town Manager

Hello Everyone and welcome to Summer. The heat is here, school is letting out, and we are all looking for ways to stay cool. This month I am focusing my message on keeping our waterways and lakes clean. The lakes surrounding the town are experiencing heavy algae blooms and are causing alarm for all. The lakes surrounding Montverde are an intrinsic part of our identity and help make Montverde an attractive community to live in. Whether you live on the lake or not, we all have an effect on the quality of water. For this reason, I plead with you to help do your part to help improve the water quality in our lakes. Remember, the water from your septic tank and water flowing in the streets will eventually find it's way to the Town's lakes. Fertilizers and pesticides used on lawns and gardens are major sources of pollution in lakes and rivers. To help protect Florida's environment, the following Florida-friendly landscaping tips are recommended:

1. Reduce stormwater runoff, water running off your yard can carry pollutants, such as fertilizer, pesticides, grass clippings, pet waste, soil and debris that can harm water quality. Reduction of this runoff will help prevent pollution.
2. Recycle grass clippings, leaves and yard trimmings. Composting and recycling on site provides nutrients to the soil and reduces waste disposal. Please do not blow your grass clippings into the street or on sidewalks.
3. Fertilize appropriately, less is often best. Over-use of fertilizers can be hazardous to your yard and the environment.
4. Water efficiently, irrigate only when your lawn needs water. Efficient watering is the key to a healthy yard and conservation of limited resources.
5. Maintain two to three inches of mulch to help retain soil moisture, prevent erosion and suppress weeds.
6. Ensure your septic is operating properly by regularly pumping the holding tank (every 3 to 5 years is recommended depending on use) and being mindful of the chemicals you put down your drain.



Thank you for doing your part to keep Montverde an amazing place to live. Together we can and will ensure our Town is one of the most premier areas Central Florida. Have a wonderful rest of your week. Paul Larino, Town Manager

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