



Newsletter June 2023

Help Wanted

Montverde Library is hiring a part-time Library Tech to work flexible hours up to 30 hrs per week. Duties include but not limited to: Reshelving books, answer phone, issue library cards, set up book displays, must be computer literate, able to stand for long periods of time, lift up to 40 lbs. Salary is \$11.50 per hour. If interested contact the Town Clerk at 407 469-2681.

HURRICANE SEASON STARTS JUNE 1, 2023

It is important to create a kit of supplies that you have in the event of a storm and in the loss of power. When a hurricane is approaching, there is widespread panic and you may not be able to find these items. Some recommended items to include are: non-perishable food (enough to last at least 3 days), water (enough to last at least 3 days), first-aid kit (include any prescription medication you may need), personal hygiene items and sanitation items, flashlights (have extra batteries on hand), battery operated radio (again, have extra batteries), manual can opener, lighter or matches, Books, magazines, games for recreation, special needs items: pet supplies and baby supplies, cooler and ice packs, and a plan for evacuation and for if family members are separated

Mayor's Message

Hello, hope you and your family are doing well and staying safe. Here are some topics I would like to keep everyone up to date on. First, I am happy to be able to finally say Ridgewood is completely paved. The County did a good job between the new roundabout and the paving of Ridgewood. Please keep in mind the main roads in Montverde are all county roads, which are paid for through your county taxes. This is a tremendous advantage for Montverde when it comes to road expenses.

The 111 acres (known as the Osgood property) on Lake Apopka has been approved by the State and your Council for medium density zoning with the half acre minimum per home site requirement. I'd like to add a huge THANK YOU to everyone that attended the Council meetings and also the meetings in the community building the developer held. This is a true example of people getting and staying involved to give direction to your Council on how you want your Town to grow. Well Done! At this point as I mentioned in previous newsletter, there are really only two large areas in Town left to build on. One area is 58 acres on the south side of Ridgewood next to Magnolia Terrace. The other is 37 acres on the south side of Ridgewood just east of the roundabout. At this time there isn't any movement from anyone to build on either of these locations.

In the May Council meeting your Council voted to move forward with the sewer system. The Town was recently awarded a one-million-dollar grant from Lake County that will allow the Town to apply for a matching grant giving us a total of around 10 million between all the grants and matching grants we have for the sewer system. This project will be getting started soon and I will keep you up to date with its progress.

On the new Fosgate Road Bridge under construction I need to make clear this will not have on/off ramps for the Turnpike. This bridge will only be a bridge going over the Turnpike which will help with emergency vehicles and servicing our area and getting to Hancock Road easier.

Your Council has been hearing the many residents wanting more attention given to the speeders in our Town. The Council has given direction to town management to redirect money from that budget line to also hire Lake County off duty police to monitor traffic. Off duty Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) have done a great job over the past five or six years slowing down the traffic and they will still be helping us with this topic going forward. We do need more hours than FHP can fill so we added Lake County off Duty to help fill in those gaps.

Please try to stay on top of what your Council will be discussing in the meetings by going to Mymontverde.com and reading the agenda for the monthly meetings. If possible, please come to Townhall on the second Tuesday of the month and enjoy a very good dinner starting at 6pm. This will give you a chance to discuss things with your Mayor & Council members and enjoy good conversations with your neighbors and also attend the 7PM meeting. As always, if I can help you with anything please feel free to give me a call.

Joe Wynkoop

407-496-1673

FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING

During the month of June the Town will be flushing all fire hydrants.

[Town Hall Meetings & Events](#)

June 13, 2023 7:00 pm

Town Council Meeting

June 20, 2023 6:30 pm

Town Council Workshop

Town Manager's Message

Greetings,

I hope everyone's summer is off to a great start! Please remember as you're driving through town, school is out. You will notice more kids out walking and riding their bikes, at all times of the day. Please pay attention to the change in traffic patterns around the roads and parks. Be vigilant while driving so we can keep our children safe. The town has substantially increased the traffic enforcement program for the summer, so please obey the speed limits in and around town or the likelihood of you getting a ticket is very high. Remember, when you drive the speed limit, it forces the people behind you to do the same.

I want to remind everyone to check their sprinkler system to make sure all your spray heads are working properly. This is also a good time to check and adjust your watering times for each zone. The wet season will be approaching soon, which is a great opportunity to turn your watering times down. Not only does this help conserve water, but it will also keep your water bill lower.

The town staff is continuing to work on efficiencies in modernizing some of the processes at the Town Hall. The goal is to make permitting and other activities in town more efficient and keep the cost of service down. Town is also actively working on several capital projects, these have been mentioned in recent newsletters. In the next couple months, you should see quite a bit of activity on the sports courts and the new library. Both projects are in the design and engineering stage. Groundbreaking will be coming soon! The town is also actively engineering improvements to the water system and the boat ramp area. All these projects are funded from grants and impact fees paid by developers.

Town Hall has received several complaints about properties with overgrown grass or unkept yards. A new state statute requires the town to have a signed complaint for us to act. We cannot act from an anonymous complaint. If you go to the town website, there is a tab that will lead you to code enforcement complaints. Please fill out the form in its entirety, then a code enforcement case will be open.

Have a great start to your summer and enjoy your family vacation time. If there is anything the staff at Town Hall can do to help you, please do not hesitate to call at 407-469-2681.

Thanks,

Paul Larino, Town Manager

Library News

Hello and Happy Summer!

I cannot believe it's June and the kids are out of school! Let the summer fun begin! I hope that everyone has a fantastic summer and saves some time in your daily schedules to read. The Library will be open Monday through Thursday each week 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM. A few times a month lease books are brought in for adults. If there is something you want that you haven't been able to get, please let me know & we can put it on hold and get it for you!

Children and teens sections will function the same way with books being brought in- if there is a specific book, series, or topic, again let us know & we'll work to get it for your kids. While everyone is out on their summer adventures, it is important to continue reading books daily. It is not only a great excuse to relax for a bit, but will also help prevent the summer slide that can occur during time out of school.

As a reminder, each Wednesday we have fresh breads and pastries available for those in need. They are first come, first served- please help yourself!

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for all of the generous donations of books, DVDs, and egg cartons! I am looking forward to seeing many familiar faces and wish your families a wonderful summer.

THE BOOK DROP IS NOW LOCATED IN TOWN HALL PARKING LOT NEXT TO THE MAIL BOXES.

Thank you,

Kathleen