

Newsletter June 2024



Town Hall Meetings & Events

June 11, 2024
7:00 pm
Town Council
Meeting

June 12, 2024
6:30 pm
Planning & Zoning
Board Meeting

June 18, 2024
6:30 pm
Town Council
Workshop

Hurricane preparedness kit: Water (one gallon per person per day for drinking and sanitation), Food (at least a several-day supply of non-perishable food), flashlight, first aid kit, extra batteries, moist towelettes, garbage bags, wrench or pliers (to turn off utilities if needed), manual can opener, cell phone with charges and backup batteries.

Mayor's Message

Hello, I hope you and your family are well and staying safe and doing well. May was a busy month for us with the ISBA (Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement) negotiations and Channel 6 featuring Montverde in a weeklong segment.

The ISBA, an agreement Montverde established in 2010, involved multiple meetings to secure the participation of Lake County, Bella Collina, Clermont, and Minneola. This 20-year agreement prevents these cities and towns from providing services such as sewer, water, fire, and police, or annexing any part of the Ferndale area into their jurisdictions. The agreement, now 14 years old, designates this region as the "Ferndale Protected Area." With six years remaining, Montverde is working to extend the agreement by another 14 years, restoring it to a 20-year term. This extension will help maintain the current zoning of five acres per home site. Sean Parks, our County Commissioner, and I attended a meeting in Ferndale with nearly every landowner in the Protected Area. The response was overwhelmingly positive, with 100% support from attendees. Our next step is to have Lake County, Clermont, and Minneola sign the agreement to finalize the extension. I will keep you updated as this progresses.

Another topic that has come up online is the potential privatization of our water system. I want to assure everyone that neither I nor the Town Council has considered selling our water system to a private company. This topic has never been discussed by anyone at Town Hall or among council members that I am aware of. I hope this statement alleviates any concerns about this issue.

We recently received the new Montverde license plates, which will soon be distributed to every household. If you would like additional plates, please visit Town Hall, where they are available for purchase at cost.

In May, Channel 6 featured Montverde for an entire week on their news station, including a live broadcast from Kirk Park on May 15th. Although we're not sure how Montverde was selected, it was interesting and fun. If you missed the broadcasts showcasing our businesses, residents, buildings, and events, you can view them on Channel 6's website.

A reminder that Lake TV now broadcasts our Town meetings live and archives them online, so you can watch them at your convenience. This service helps everyone stay informed about the topics your Town Council is addressing. If you cannot attend a meeting and wish to comment on an agenda item, please email me at Mayor@mymontverde.com or call me at 407-496-1673. I will ensure your input is presented at the meeting.

Our Public Works Department will soon add a sprinkler system to the Dog Park to keep the grass healthy for our furry friends. Please remember to clean up after your pets while walking them on our sidewalks and streets.

Finally, we serve dinner at 6 pm on the second Tuesday of each month before the 7 pm Council meeting. Your presence and input are highly valued, so please try to attend.

Many Thanks

Joe Wynkoop

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LOOKING FOR VENDORS

The Town of Montverde is looking for Arts and Crafts vendors to sell their merchandise at Montverde Day November 1st and 2nd this year. Montverde residents get a discount on booth rental. If you know anyone interested please have them contact Kathleen Gifford at 407 469-3838 or kgifford@mymontverde.com

Library News

Wow summer is right around the corner so remember to play it safe and make the right choices.

If there's a special book that you would like that we don't have on the shelf it can be placed on hold and delivered to Montverde Library. It's very important that you read so you can be ready for the next school year.

Hope everyone used the food for fines last month to take care of late fees. Every can of food counts as a dollar.

Again, thank you for all the donations.

Thank You Kathleen & Hilary



Town Manager's Message

Happy Summer,

The heat and humidity have entered Montverde. I am so thankful we are a community that works hard to preserve our trees and natural landscapes, which provide us with so much shade in the summer.

It was a delight to see many of our residents at the spring concert series. I hope you had a fantastic time enjoying the music, delicious food, and the sense of community. Now that the concert series has concluded, we have some exciting news to share. The town is embarking on significant enhancements to Kirk Park. These improvements, include a new stage, additional trees, sidewalks, and a transformed baseball field into a versatile open space, are all designed with your park experience in mind. The old stage will also be repurposed into a shaded gazebo with picnic tables, providing a perfect spot for community gatherings. We believe these enhancements will make your park visits even more enjoyable and memorable.

Our public works team has begun work on a unique addition to our community a butterfly garden located across from the new sports court. This serene area will feature tranquil walking trails, surrounded by native Florida vegetation specifically chosen to attract butterflies and hummingbirds. We hope this new addition will provide a peaceful retreat for our community members to enjoy nature's beauty up close. This garden is a testament to our commitment to preserving and enhancing our natural environment, and we invite you to be a part of this journey.

Finally, I want to thank our veterans, active service members, police officers, and firefighters for their service and dedication. Our community is forever grateful for what you have done and are doing.

Paul Larino, Town Manager

