



# Newsletter May 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. Monday—Thursday 7am to 5pm**



## Mayor's Message

Hello, hope you and your family are well and staying safe. We are having our final spring concert May 6th starting at 6pm in Kirk Park. Please try to come down and join us listening to good live music with good local food vendors. Our Townhall / Library Team did a wonderful job with the Easter Egg Scramble. There were over 12,000 eggs distributed all in the Baseball field area. It is amazing to watch all the kids hunt for eggs and within a few minutes the eggs are all gone. It is one of the many fun events our Town host every year for our families.

Council member Judy Smith has chosen to resign from her position after serving over 7 years. Judy has lived in Montverde for over 30 years and brought many great ideas and discussions to the Council meetings. She contributed countless hours in Council meetings and workshops along with many conversations and meetings with residents and County / State representatives. Please come to our May 9th Council Meeting where we will all be able to thank Judy personally and wish her all the best going forward.

The Council has approved funds to repair and improve the Boat Ramp on Lake Apopka and work should start over the next couple of months. We also approved the contract for starting the construction on our new Library which you will see starting up soon.

After explaining in last month's newsletter all about the different large areas in our town that can be built, I would like to give you some detail on what Lake County has approved bordering our Town. As you may or may not know, if you drive to the end of Fosgate where it dead ends into the turnpike you will see an overpass bridge being constructed over the next 2 years. To the left of that dead end, you will see 25 acres. In this 25 acres Lake County has approved 91 homes to be built. Yes, that is nearly 4 homes per acre and NOT Montverde zoning. This type of zoning is a huge concern for your Council. With many open areas surrounding Montverde we want to help direct the zoning of these properties. There are only three ways to get into Montverde, with Bella Collina on our south 455 area there isn't much that can be built in that area. Also, with Willow Ridge being built on Blackstill Lake Road and now these 25 acres getting built there isn't much land left to be built on that side. This leaves 455 in the Ferndale area which is managed by Lake County. This brings me to the May Council meeting, I re-invited the Mayor of Minneola, Pat Kelley (He had a personal issue causing him to have to cancel this past February) to do a very good presentation which I saw in a Lake County meeting, that showed their growth over the next 10 years. It is very interesting to see, and I would highly recommend if you are interested with the growth.

Please come enjoy a great dinner starting at 6pm before our May 9th Council meeting which starts at 7pm. Hope to see you and as always if I can help you with anything please feel free to give me a call at 407-496-1673.

Many Thanks , Joe

## PUBLIC SAFETY NOTICE

**TOWN IS EXPERIENCING AN INCREASE IN CRIME. PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR CARS LOCKED AND ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE BACK OF YOUR PICKUP TRUCKS AT NIGHT AND DURING THE DAY. WE HAVE ALSO HAD SOMEONE GRAFFITIING TOWN BUILDINGS AND PARKS. PLEASE KEEP WATCH FOR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY AND CALL 911.**

### Meetings & Events

**Spring Concert & Saturday Market**  
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**May 6, 2023**  
4:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
Music Starts at 6:00 pm  
**May 9, 2023 7:00 pm**  
Town Council Meeting  
Town Hall  
**May 16, 2023 6:30 pm**  
Town Council Workshop  
Town Hall

### Town Manager's Message

Greetings,

I want to start by thanking our Public Works crew and volunteers that spent the day planting flowers in the downtown area to beautify our Town. Spring is a great time to spruce up your home and community by adding plants to your property.

I want to remind everyone to check and see if you need a permit before having work done at your home. Removing trees, installing driveway pavers, making any structural changes, and replacing doors or windows all require permits. All permits are done online. You will find a link on our Town website, mymonverde.com.

At the last Council meeting, the Town Council approved the site plan and a construction manager for the new library. The construction manager and architect will work with me over the next couple of months to produce the final set of plans.

The Town will hold another sewer workshop in May to discuss the next steps in evaluating the possibility of a wastewater treatment plant. Please check the Town's website for updates on the time and date of the next sewer meeting.

Town hall staff is continuing to work on plans for the new sports courts and a boat ramp to Lake Apopka. Once the survey work is completed, construction plans will be finalized later this summer.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that we have a temporary library set up in the town hall. Every library card holder can go online and search the entire Lake County Library System for books, audio, and DVDs. Your selections will be delivered to the Montverde Library for you to pick up. There is no cost to you to have a library card or to order books from the entire library system. Part of our funding for the library is based on circulation, so when you check out a book, you support our local library.

Please join us for our final Spring Concert in the Park on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Paul Larino, Town Manager

### Library News

What a GREAT Easter Egg Hunt! We had a wonderful turn out and I know the kids enjoyed the bounce houses. I would like to extend a sincere thanks to those who helped make this event possible: Kristin Jamieson and Rose at Success Mortgage, students at Montverde Academy, and our local patrons. You're the BEST!

The Library will be participating in foods for fines during the month of May. We will forgive library fines for overdue material(s) in exchange for dry or canned food items, hygiene, baby products and packaged pet food. By donating unopened and non-expired items listed above, you will receive a \$1.00 credit per item that will be applied to your library fines. Fines will not be forgiven on lost or damaged items. We will gladly accept donations to put towards Montverde patrons that have fines.



Also, I would like to wish all of the wonderful Moms in our community a Happy Mother's Day!



Thank You, Kathleen