

# Newsletter September 2023

School is back in session—drive carefully



**Town Hall will be Closed on Monday, September 4, 2023 in honor of Labor Day! Have a safe holiday!**



The Town needs volunteers for the events happening throughout the end of the year. Montverde Day, Trunk or Treat, Light up Montverde! If you are interested in helping town staff with these events, call town hall at 407-469-2681! We appreciate your help!



## [Town Hall Meetings & Events](#)

**September 12, 2023 7:00 pm**

Town Council Meeting

**September 13, 2023 7:00 pm**

Town Council Special Meeting

**1st Budget Hearing**

**September 20, 2023 6:30 pm**

Town Council Special Meeting

**2nd Budget Hearing**

## Mayor's Message

Hello, I hope you and your family are doing well and staying safe. I am very happy to inform you that Montverde, Florida is ranked as the number one place to raise a family in Lake County Florida by Niche. Niche is a website that provides information and reviews on places to live, schools, and neighborhoods. According to Niche, Montverde has an overall grade of A minus, based on factors such as public schools, housing, diversity, jobs, weather, cost of living, health and fitness, outdoor activities, and commute. I think this is a nice and heartwarming praise that would match the sentiments of most people who live here.

On another note, I need to announce that Council Member Billy Bates and his family have decided to move from Montverde causing Billy to resign from Council. Billy served for 15 years on the Council helping and leading the Town through both many difficult times and many good times. Billy and Tiffany raised their three children in Montverde for many years, Billy also grew up in Montverde. This leaves an empty position on the Town Council which we will be filling soon. I know I am speaking for many people in Montverde when I say Billy and his family will be greatly missed and we wish them all the best going forward with their new adventures.

I know this has been mentioned recently in the newsletter, but I want to make sure you have the tools you need when you need them. With all the hurricane activity going on the Town needs a few different ways to communicate with everyone if and when something would happen. We have the Town's Web page and also the Town's Facebook page for folks that are able to use them. We also have Code Red for folks that do not use the internet and I want to make sure you take a minute to register on Code Red. This tool came in very handy a few years ago during hurricane Irma. Please give this some thought and if you need help to register feel free to call Townhall at 407-469-2681.

As always, if there is anything I can help you with please feel free to give me a call at 407-496-1673. If possible, please try to come to the monthly Town Council meeting. We start serving a great dinner at 6pm for everyone, if you can stay, the meeting will start at 7pm. Keep up to date with the topics being discussed by going to [Mymontverde.com](http://Mymontverde.com) or stopping by the Townhall or Post Office and review the agenda. Please feel free to call me at 407-496-1673 with anything you think I can help you with.

Many Thanks ,  
Joe Wynkoop  
407-496-1673

## Library News

Wow! I cannot believe that summer has already come and gone. As students throughout our area head back to school, it's time to hit the books! We are here to assist you in finding books and/or DVDs you are looking for. If there is a specific book you would like that we do not have, I can place it on hold and get it for you. As a reminder, the Library is open Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Montverde Day will be held on Friday, October 27th and Saturday, October 28th. Trunk or Treat will follow directly behind, being held on Sunday, October 29th. As Trunk or Treat approaches, begin thinking about those costumes! It will be held at Kirk Park again this year which will be exciting! If you would like to decorate your vehicle for Trunk or Treat, please call the Library at 407-469-3838 or Town Hall at 407-469-2681. In order for this event to be a success, we depend on our community to show up with decorated cars, we supply the treats! With a reminder for those in need, we have bread and pastries each Wednesday. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for those who have donated materials to our Library.

Thank You,  
Kathleen

## The following businesses have signed up for sponsorship of the 43rd Montverde Day!

Montverde Academy  
Orlando Health  
Alpha Inspections  
Law office of Anita Geraci-Carver  
Woodard-Curran  
Visit Lake  
United Southern Bank  
Duke Energy  
South Lake Chamber  
Lake Apopka Natural Gas  
June Engineering  
Pulte Homes  
Parks Consulting  
**There is still room for more!**

## Town Manager's Message

Hello,

Hard to believe summer is going to be winding down soon and fall is around the corner. With the end of summer, school is back in session. Please be patient and vigilant in the school and downtown areas. Parents are learning the new drop off routines and kids are walking the sidewalks and crossing the streets on 455. Montverde Academy is working hard to try to keep traffic moving during the drop-off hours, while ensuring safety for the school kids. Please be aware as we welcome the start of school.

We are less than 60 days away from Montverde Day. I am excited for this amazing fall festival where we come together as a community. We still have booth space available, if interested please contact Kathleen at the Montverde Library.

The new sports courts will be under construction by the end of September. I am working with the contractor and the town council to finalize the contracts so we can move forward. When complete, we will have four pickleball courts, four basketball courts, and 2 new tennis courts. Work continues on the library; construction plans are 90% complete. The old library has been moved out and some site preparation will begin in 60 days.

If you need anything and have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the staff at town hall.

Paul Larino

Town Manager