



# NEWSLETTER

September 2015

## LAKE COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION

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Emogene W. Stegall, Lake County Supervisor of Elections would like to remind residents that they may obtain voter registration information, register to vote, request an absentee ballot and update their voter registration record by contacting the Supervisor of Elections Office at (352) 343-9734 or online at <http://elections.lakecountyfl.gov/>. Books close for the upcoming Special County Referendum and Municipal Election on October 5, 2015.

Florida Statutes require that you be registered to vote in the State of Florida 29 days prior to an election.

## FY 2016 BUDGET PRESENTED TO COUNCIL

The budget for Fiscal Year 2016 was presented to Council on August 5, 2015. Mayor Troy Bennett presented the budget for next year reflecting total General Fund revenues of \$945,801 and total General Fund expenditures of \$907,890. This means that almost \$38,000 will be added to the Town's Reserves (savings) and available for any necessary capital improvement projects.

The budget was presented with a property tax rate of 2.83 mils. This property tax rate has stayed the same since 2007. The Town has been able to accomplish a lot of capital improvements without raising the tax rate. The FY 2016 proposed budget is detailed below. The entire budget is available for viewing at Town Hall.

### TOWN OF MONTVERDE FY 2016 BUDGET

#### General Fund:

Revenues:	
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$219,961
Fuel Taxes	46,324
Franchise Fees	76,000
Utility Service Taxes	89,154
Licenses and Permits	875
Grants	26,000
Sales Taxes	258,787
Fines and Forfeits	3,000
Charges for Services	157,000
Interest	6,000
Other Revenues	<u>62,700</u>
TOTAL	\$945,801

Expenditures:	
Cemetery	\$1,000
COP Program	2,925
Council	25,740
Elections	2,300
Financial & Admin	197,540
Garbage	120,209
Law Enforcement	94,764
Legal	42,500
Library	95,765
Mayor	17,825
Montverde Day	18,000
Parks	46,670
PW General Projects	13,950
Roads	170,561
Transfer to Fire Fund	<u>58,141</u>
TOTAL	\$907,890

#### Fire Fund:

Revenues:	
Charges for Services	\$72,063
Transfer from General Fund	<u>58,141</u>
TOTAL	\$130,204

Expenditures:	
Fire	<u>\$110,204</u>
TOTAL	\$110,204

#### Water Fund:

Revenues:	
Charges for Services	\$286,000
Interest	<u>1,400</u>
TOTAL	\$287,400

Expenditures:	
Water	<u>\$346,349</u>
TOTAL	\$346,349

## FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK



To keep up with the events and activities of the Town, follow us on Facebook by searching for "Town of Montverde"; "Helen Lehmann Memorial Library" and "Montverde Fire Department"



## CAUCUS RESULTS

The following candidates who were nominated for the respective positions have now qualified and their names will be added to the ballot in the election to be held on November 3, 2015.

Mayor's Position - Troy Bennett and Joe Wynkoop.

Council Seats (3) - Glenn Burns, Jim Ley, Arthur Nix, Jim Pierce, and Judy Smith.

*The election will take place at First Baptist Church Montverde, Eighth Street, between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm.*

**Absentee ballots can be obtained by calling the Lake County elections office at: (352) 343-9734; by email at: [elections@lakecountyfl.gov](mailto:elections@lakecountyfl.gov) or [www.elections.lakecountyfl.gov](http://www.elections.lakecountyfl.gov). Early voting begins on October 19, 2015.**

## MONTVERDE DAY

The 36th Montverde Day Merchant & Music Festival will take place on November 7th this year with extended hours. The festival will be from 8 am until 8 pm and as usual this will be a fun day for all the family with the Sunshine Amusements Carnival, live music and activities throughout the day. Please see the enclosed flyer. The Town is now taking reservations for vendor booths. The cost will be \$20 for vendors who have taken part in either of the last two years and \$75 for new vendors. There will, as always, be a designated area within the park which will have free booths just for residents who live inside of the Town's limits.

Sponsorship opportunities are available to promote your business both on the day and also in the Montverde Day Festival & Carnival event brochure. This is an eight page, full color insert that is sent out with the Orlando Sentinel to over 40,000 homes. For further information, go to [www.mymontverde.com](http://www.mymontverde.com) or contact Town Hall at (407) 469-2681.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Wow, where did the summer go? Now it's back to the books! Our library has had a very successful summer with a great turnout for our summer reading program as well as our 4H club. 4H will continue to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at 4:30 pm. In addition we are now offering a new Homework Assistance program available for all students every Monday and Wednesday from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm. If you would like to join us for this FREE program please stop by the library to sign up or if you would like to earn volunteer hours by helping out then please let us know.

As we start a new school year, there are also some changes at the library. We have welcomed Erin Hopkins as our new part time employee here at the library. We would like to thank Carl for all his help and enjoyment. He will be missed, as he moves on from his part-time job to his full-time retirement.

Thank You, Kathleen & Erin

## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting will be on September 8, 2015 at 7pm. All residents are encouraged to attend the Council meeting; If you have something you want to bring to Council; public comment is permitted at the beginning of every meeting.

- Second reading of Ordinance 2015-20 Budget Transfer - Funding for Off Duty FHP Patrols
- Second reading of Ordinance 2015-21 Budget Transfer - Installing lighting on Bike Trail
- Second reading of Ordinance 2015-13 Budget Transfer - Funds for repair of fire apparatus
- Second reading of Ordinance 2015-22 budget Transfer - Approving purchase of Harden Property
- Variance for Montverde Academy - Media Sign
- Daughters of the American Revolution Proclamation

## OTHER TOWN NEWS AND INFORMATION

- In observance of Labor Day, Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2015. As always, residents can leave any correspondence in the green utility box in the Town Hall parking lot, and staff will collect it the following day.
- The Public hearing for the budget will take place on September 9, 2015 at 6:30 pm and the final budget hearing will be on September 23, 2015 at 6:30 pm. Both Public hearings will take place in the Town Hall Auditorium.