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Billy Bates (Councilmember)

Billy is a Navy Veteran and now works for a major insurance company as a Licensed Adjuster. He has been married to Tiffany for eighteen years and has three children ages 14, 11 and 5. The unique character and small town atmosphere of Montverde drew him and his wife to the town which has been their home for over twenty five years. Prior to serving on Council, Billy served as a member of the Planning and Zoning Board. He has been on the Town Council on and off since 2006 including four years as Council President.

Bill is passionate about outdoor pursuits and enjoys fishing and hunting.

Allan Hartle (Councilmember)

Allan is a native of South Lake County and graduated from Clermont High School in 1976. He and his wife Dianne, have been married for nearly 3 decades and have been residents of Montverde for more than ten years. They have four sons; three of which have, or are serving in the United States Airforce. Allan worked in his family's citrus grove until the freezes of the 80's, but has spent the last thirty-three years as EHS manager for Whitaker Oil. He still enjoys involvement with the local agricultural community, and also believes in environmental responsibility and controlled growth. Allan served on the Montverde P&Z Board for three years and also worked with the Public Safety committee. He and his wife are members of First Baptist Church Orlando where he enjoys playing Tuba in the Orchestra. Allan is passionate about American history and enjoys hunting.

Judy Smith (Council Vice President)

Judy has been a resident of Montverde for the past twenty four years after moving from Orlando. She worked for the Department of Business and Professional Regulation as a Paralegal, Complaint Analyst, Investigator and Supervisor for twenty five years before retiring in 2010. Previous to this she has worked for the CIA in Washington DC, owned two businesses and taught the Real Estate Law Course at both Valencia College and UCF for thirteen years. Judy was also the Director for the Real Estate Institute at Valencia's Open Campus and Clerk for Lake County Elections Precinct 16 Polling Station in Montverde.

Jim Ley (Council President)

Jim attended Pine Hills Elementary School in Orlando and went on to graduate from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. He also attained a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the University of North Florida. Jim has had an extended career in Law Enforcement with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office before retiring in 2008.

His parents moved to Montverde and purchased the old Montverde Fish Camp. Jim and his wife Judy, along with their youngest daughter also moved to Montverde and renovated the old homestead. They have six children and seven grandchildren. For several years Jim has served the Town on the Public Safety Committee and is currently serving his second term on the Town Council. He has a passion for government and political processes as well as history and enjoys motorcycling and outdoor activities.

Jim Peacock (Councilmember)

Jim is a lifelong Florida resident and has lived in Montverde for the past twenty years. He is married to Robin for twenty six years and has two daughters, Bethany and Cassie. Jim has had an extensive career in Commercial Construction for over forty years. He performs monthly water sampling from Lake Florence for the UF Lakewatch program and also maintains the aeration system in the lake. His hobbies include water skiing and wood working.

