

Newsletter AUGUST 2025



Meetings & Events
Town Caucus August 12, 2025 at 6:30 pm
Town Council Meeting August 12, 2025 at 7:00 pm

All meetings open to the public

HELP US CELEBRATE OUR TOWN'S HISTORY!

The Visioning Committee is creating displays at the library to showcase our Town's history, and we'd love your help. If you have photographs, artifacts, documents, or other historical items you'd like to lend or donate for the display, please contact a committee member at 407 435-8562. We're also collecting stories and memories from residents, your personal experiences help bring our Town's history to life! Thank you for being part of preserving and celebrating our shared heritage.

Election Caucus

The Town will hold an Election Caucus on August 12, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. There are two Council seats and the Mayor seat open for the election in November 4, 2025. Nominated candidates must have 12 months of residency in Montverde and be a registered voter and will have until August 22, 2025 to qualify. If you have any questions, contact Caroline Trepanier, clerk@mymontverde.com or 407 469-2681.

Mayor's Message

Hello, I hope you and your family are doing well and staying safe. I'm excited to share some wonderful news! The Anthony Family, owner's of Kirk Island, attended our July Council meeting and generously offered to donate Kirk Island to the Town of Montverde. We are incredibly grateful for their generosity and are actively working with the Anthony family to move this forward.

I'd also like to give a big thank you to our Visioning Committee for their dedication and hard work. They currently have two active groups: One is focused on improving playground equipment at Kirk Park. The other is preparing a historical display for our new library, highlighting the rich history of Montverde. We're all looking forward to seeing the results of their efforts soon.

The Town Council continues to work through a variety of Capital projects. Here are some highlights:

New Water Tower and Deep Well - Includes upsized lines, system loops, and new fire hydrants to improve water infrastructure and fire protection.

New Fire Station - A joint project with Lake County, currently moving toward implementation.

Kirk Park Outdoor Restrooms - Construction is nearly complete, restrooms will be open for public use soon.

Stormwater Improvement Projects - Multiple locations around Town are now in the engineering and planning phase.

Truskett Park Rebuild - In active coordination with FEMA for funding and redevelopment planning.

New Sidewalks - Being installed along State Road 455 and in various locations throughout the Town.

Town Mobile App - A new app is being developed to help residents stay up to date with Town news, events, and alerts.

Lakeside Avenue Storm/Street Project - Construction is currently underway.

Porter and 1st Street Storm/Street Project - This infrastructure project is actively progressing through development stages.

The Council is in the process of developing the 2025–2026 Town Budget. We've adopted a "not-to-exceed" millage rate of 2.8300 for Ad Valorem taxes, the same rate we've held for many years. Thanks to careful planning by our past and present Councils, Town Management, and the Town Hall team, we continue to remain financially sound and debt-free. By using County, State, and Federal grants, along with impact fees, we've successfully funded new projects without raising the millage rate.

Please remember to visit the Town of Montverde website for the most accurate and up-to-date information on town events, meetings, projects, utilities, and more. We're continually working to make the site more user-friendly and accessible. As always, if you have questions or would like to learn more about any town related topics, feel free to reach out to me. Your input matters to me and to the Council. Don't forget, our monthly Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. Join us for dinner from 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM, and if possible, stay for the 7:00 PM meeting. I hope to see you there! Many Thanks

Joe Wynkoop , Mayor of Montverde

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Water Conservation Don't let the faucet run while cleaning vegetables, Just rinse them in a stoppered sink or a pan of clean water. This is one of many water conservation strategies.

Library News

Hello everyone!

We hope you're enjoying a fantastic summer! The library is coming together beautifully, and we're so excited about how it's shaping up. We've been busy selecting books to build a diverse and engaging collection—everything from adult fiction to the sweetest board books for our youngest readers.

We're also hard at work planning **Montverde Day**, which will take place on:

- **Friday, November 7th from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM**
- **Saturday, November 8th from 8:30 AM to 11:00 PM**

Save the date! If you're interested in participating in the event, please feel free to call or email me for more details.

A heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who has donated—we truly appreciate your support!

Warm regards,
Kathleen & Hilary



Roadwork and Stormwater Construction Project UPDATE

Lakeside Dr. (From Seventh St. to 3rd St.)



NOTICE
SPEED LIMIT HAS
BEEN
TEMPORARILY
REDUCED

Construction crews continue working on the streets and in the rights-of-way. Work includes water lines, stormwater grading, street expansion, asphalt paving, and curbing.

Temporary daytime road closures will cause delays in the area. Please consider using alternative routes to avoid construction dust and delays.

Thank you for your support and patience as we work to improve our stormwater quality and road infrastructure.

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help in the library once it opens, at town events, safety patrols and help maintaining some of our Parks and Gardens. If interested please contact Sandy Johnson at 407 469-2681 or townclerk@mymontverde.com

Town Manager's Message

Happy Summer,

It's hard to believe that summer is passing so quickly, and school has started again. Please remember to drive carefully through town and neighboring communities, as children are back at school, walking on sidewalks, and crossing streets. Be extra cautious and slow down. Montverde Academy is relocating one of its drop-off locations to assist with traffic congestion. As in previous years, the first few weeks of school can be hectic as parents adjust to new traffic patterns. Please be patient and courteous to keep our kids safe. Also, remember to watch your speed in town. The police will be more active over the next few weeks.

The Library Center is progressing well, and finishing touches are starting to come together. The contractors have begun laying carpets, and cabinets are being installed. The town has not set a definite opening date, but we are tentatively aiming for early September.

The town hall team is diligently working on plans for Montverde Day. This year will be a very special event as we celebrate the town's 100-year centennial. We are excited to announce that the carnival may return this year (details are still being finalized) along with everything else you love about Montverde Day: favorite acts, food, and the most extensive raffle in Montverde Day history. Stay Tuned for future details.

Paul Larino, Town Manager