



Mayor Joe's Message

Hello, I hope you and your family are staying safe and doing well. At our June Council meeting we discussed the 111 acres that use to be an orange grove and now has cattle on the land next to Lake Apopka. The developer that purchased the property came to the Council meeting to request a change to the Town of Montverde's comprehensive plan. They wanted to amend the comprehensive land-use plan designation from Agriculture to Single Family Low Density Residential on the future land-use map. This would allow them to build two homes per acre **GROSS**. This means they would be able to build 222 homes on this 111-acre site. The word **GROSS** means they could build 222 homes, but they do not have to be on half acre lots for each home. This is the Town's code that gets misunderstood by residents all the time. This is the Town's code for Single Family Low Density Residential. After a discussion mostly on the issue of traffic flow and how this would be a major problem, the Council voted to not allow this change at this time.

Waste Pro has attended three recent Council meetings discussing with Council their need to raise the rates for garbage pickup which is Tuesday and Thursday for normal garbage and Wednesday for recyclables. The increase is mainly because of there being no increases over the past few years and the cost of fuel for their vehicles. After doing much research on the different vendors in the area and their rates and services compared to Waste Pro, it was decided to grant the rate increase.

I want to take a minute and mention that it has been a pleasure to work side by side for many years with Council members Judy Smith, Jim Ley, Billy Bates and Allan Hartle. They have been a very productive, caring, and respectful team moving the Town forward with many complicating and tough issues. Thank You for your service to the Town of Montverde !

I am always ready to help you if you need my assistance, feel free to give me a call.

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Happy Fourth of July!

May this day be a symbol of peace, prosperity,
and happiness in your lives. God bless America and
the people who live here!

Be Prepared with a Boat Safety Kit

You can't always predict an emergency, so be prepared for any situation. Your boat safety kit should be kept on board no matter the size of your boat. Below are some essential items your safety kit should include.

Flashlight – A flashlight and extra batteries can help you see around your boat in the dark and allow you to be seen if you run out of fuel or if your craft stalls.

Bucket – Even if the boat isn't leaking, water may otherwise enter the vessel. A bucket can help you bail it out.

First aid kit – A properly equipped first aid kit, plus the knowledge on how to use it, is vital in case of an accident or medical emergency.

Whistle – As a recognized signal calling for help on the water, a waterproof whistle is another must-have.

Ropes – These are critical for pulling someone in who has fallen overboard, securing your craft to the dock and tying down loose items in extreme weather.

Mirror – A mirror or any reflective object can signal for help.

Fire extinguisher – Just because you're on the water doesn't mean you can't have an onboard fire. All passengers should know the location of your fire extinguisher and how to use it.

Meetings & Events

**Town Hall Closed
Monday, July 4th**

July 12, 2022—7:00 p.m.
Town Council Meeting
Town Hall

July 19, 2022-6:30 p.m.
Town Council Workshop
Town Hall

July 20, 2022-10:00 a.m.
Special Magistrate Hearing
Town Hall

July 20, 2022—6:30 p.m.
P & Z Board Meeting
Town Hall

July 23, 2022 10:00 a.m.
Saturday Market

June 25, 2022-6:30 p.m.
Visioning Committee
Town Hall



Town Manager's Message

Greetings,

This month I wanted to give you an update on the capital projects that are happening around town. The Montverde Staff is working hard to keep our town beautiful and safe for our residents to enjoy.

If you have been near the town hall area, you may have noticed some new landscaping and trees that have been planted. The town has also completed some landscaping in the cemetery, downtown, and at all three parks. One of the greatest attributes of our town is its natural beauty, we just spruced it up a bit.

The cemetery project is still underway. The fence is completed, and we are now adding sprinklers and power for additional lighting.

The fire department expansion is progressing and soon will house the new Fire Ambulance Service. What a great benefit our community! This will bring the Lake County Fire crew to 5 full time personnel stationed in Montverde 24/7 with fulltime paramedics. As a part of our regular maintenance the town has been washing out water lines and flushing out water storage tanks. You may notice some slightly cloudy water during this process, but the water is tested in accordance with the DEP standards to ensure its safety.

Our Public Safety car has been replaced. Our public safety officer and team of volunteers will utilize the car to improve visibility and help keep the town safe. The town is always looking for responsible persons that would like to help with volunteer patrols. If you are interested, please contact town hall. All applicants for the volunteer program need to have a clean criminal and driving record.

The town has several new projects that will be kicking off soon. In July, the town will replace a large stormwater line in the Four Lakes area. In August, the town will grind down and replace several sections of sidewalks in the Magnolia Terrace neighborhood. We are excited to be working with an architectural firm to design a new grant-funded library center complex. This complex will host meeting rooms, study rooms, expanded kid's areas, and increased circulation offerings.

Town council has several items on the agendas over the next few months for consideration. These include the 2023 budget, water system expansion, stormwater projects funded by a 2-million-dollar grant, studying the possibility of installing central sewer for parts of the town funded by an 8-million dollar grant, modifications to the town codes to create a more cohesive looking downtown area, working to establish a Joint Planning Agreement (JPA) with Lake County, and extending the Interservice Boundary Agreement (ISBA) that protects the Ferndale Special Service Area from growth. The town council has their regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month and a workshop on the third Tuesday of each month. You can check the town's website for meeting topics to stay informed. I want to encourage everyone to attend meetings when possible and be a voice for our wonderful town.

Have a great fourth of July! Cherish the beautiful town and country we live in. We are so fortunate to have the freedoms and liberties that our forefathers have bestowed on us. It is our responsibility to carry the mantle to protect these freedoms and liberties. Please be involved in your community and be proud of your heritage. May God Bless the USA! Happy Independence Day!

Paul Larino, Town Manager

Historical Artifacts

Town staff is in the process of receiving, cataloging and determining the best way to display our town's history. Any resident that has historical articles, items, etc. that would like to donate them to the town can drop them off at the library. Thank you!



Library News

We started our summer reading program June 8th and had a real good turnout. Our theme is Oceans of Possibilities. Come see how the library has been turned into the ocean. The program will continue every Wednesday at 11 AM thru July 13th. For those who participate we have a surprise at the end.

We now have enough bags but still need egg cartons. Thank you for the overwhelming response! Just a reminder that we have bread and pastries here every Wednesday for those in need. Please keep the donations coming.



Thank You,
Kathleen and Mary

