

Newsletter

March 2025



Town Hall Meetings
March 11, 2025—Town Council Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
March 25, 2025—Town Council Special Meeting 6:30 p.m.
All meetings open to the public

Stormwater Tip of the Month:
Over fertilizing your lawn leads to green lakes and ponds.

Council Seat
The Town of Montverde is accepting applications for an open council seat. Applications are due by March 12, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. You can download an application at the town's website, my-

Mayor's Message

Hello, I hope this message finds you and your family in good health and spirits.

I'm excited to share that in February, we held the groundbreaking event for the new Regional Fire/EMS station in Montverde. The event was a success, with County Commissioners, the County Manager and team, Fire/EMS teams, the Montverde Town Council and team, and many residents in attendance. This long-awaited project will be a significant asset to our community, and we anticipate it will be completed and operational by the end of this year. Let's watch it grow!

On another note, Councilman Jim Ley has resigned from his position on the Town Council. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Jim for his dedicated service over the past nine years. His contributions have played a major role in the numerous successes and accomplishments we've achieved.

With Jim's resignation, the position is now vacant. If you are interested in being considered for the role, please submit your application by 4:00 PM on March 12th. While it's not required, I recommend completing the application form available on the Town's website (mymontverde.com) or at the Town Hall. Applicants must be registered voters who have lived in Montverde for at least 12 months. For more information, please contact Sandy Johnson, Town Clerk, at 407-469-2681.

Regarding the 111-acre development project next to the boat ramp on Lake Apopka, we continued discussions at the February Town Council meeting. The developer has requested a Planned Unit Development (PUD) designation, which would allow for more flexibility in negotiations on aspects like design, lot width, and landscaping. Several residents attended to voice their concerns, and after a lengthy discussion, I made a motion to deny the PUD request. The vote was 3-2 in favor of the denial. The developer will return to a future meeting for a second vote. Please stay informed by checking upcoming Town Council agendas if you'd like to stay involved in shaping Montverde future.

Finally, I'm pleased to update you on the \$19.8 million grant we secured. After deciding not to move forward with the sewer system, we successfully redirected the grant toward a Storm Water project. This will allow us to improve our drainage systems, retention areas, and water filtration processes, ensuring that stormwater does not pollute our lakes. This is another important win for Montverde, and I look forward to seeing it come to fruition.

Join me for Ice Cream with the Mayor!

Come out to Sweet and Sassy Ice Cream on March 15th, 2025, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Let's chat about our wonderful town, and feel free to share what's on your mind! I'd love to hear from you. Looking forward to seeing you at Sweet and Sassy Ice Cream, located at 16937 Lakeside Dr!

Please try to attend your monthly Council meetings on the second Tuesday of every month. You can sit with your Council members while having dinner and talk about topics that are on your mind. We serve dinner to everyone at 5:45 pm and the meeting starts at 7pm.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our community. As always, I welcome your questions and feedback.

Many Thanks , Joe Wynkoop

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Spring Concert, March 1st 6:00 to 9:00 pm. At Kirk Park! Come enjoy an evening under the oaks trees in Kirk Park. This month's band is Westfall.

**Daylight Savings time begins March 9th!
Remember to spring forward one hour**



Happy St. Patrick's Day

Water Conservation

During daylight saving time Irrigation is allowed two days a week from the second Sunday in March until the first Sunday in November. Designated days are: • Wednesday and Saturday at homes with addresses that end in an odd number or have no address • Thursday and Sunday at homes with addresses that end in an even number

During Eastern Standard Time Irrigation is allowed one day a week from the first Sunday in November until the second Sunday in March. Designated days are: • Saturday at homes with addresses that end in an odd number or have no address • Sunday at homes with addresses that end in an even number Additional restrictions •

Water only as needed and only before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m. • Water no more than one hour per zone.

Library News

We are thrilled to announce that we have been working diligently to prepare for the move to our new library! Our team is busy sorting through books and DVDs, and processing new items to ensure our collection is ready for you. We greatly appreciate all your generous donations—please keep them coming! A special thank you to New Beginnings for their significant contributions.

We are incredibly excited for our town to have such a spacious library, which will allow us to offer programs for adults, teens, and children. On another note, we are in the early stages of planning our annual Easter Egg Hunt, scheduled for April 19th, 2025. Mark your calendars and save the date!

Thank you! Kathleen & Hilary

Town Manager's Message

Hello and Happy Spring,

Many exciting projects around town have started or will be started very shortly. Montverde is in a wonderful position to complete nearly all these projects utilizing grants rather than our general budget. The library's progress is moving at an incredible pace. The contractors are now focused on interior designs, such as lighting and flooring. We are anticipating opening the doors in the mid to late summer of this year.

Lakeside Drive will have some exciting improvements starting in the next couple of months. Contractors will start on a \$750,000 stormwater project and road improvements from 7th Street to 3rd Street. Finally, the butterfly garden is scheduled to start construction in March, anticipating completion by the end of May.

Please check the Town of Montverde's website to stay up to date on town events, meetings, projects, utilities and other important town information. This is the only official place that contains all of the information. We have been working to improve the website to make it more user-friendly and accessible to our residents.

I want to welcome two new members to the town hall team. Melissa and Caroline have joined the front office crew to better serve our residents and increase efficiency. Please say hi to them next time you stop at town hall.

If you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the town hall at: 407-469-2681.

Paul Larino, Town Manager