

Newsletter December 2024



Town Hall Holiday Closing Dates:
December 24, 2024

December 25, 2024

December 31, 2024

January 1, 2025

*The Town wishes you
Happy Holidays*



KEEP GRASS CLIPPINGS AND LEAVES OUT OF THE STORM DRAIN.

Mayor's Message

Hello, I hope you and your family are doing well and staying safe. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Our town is a wonderful place to spend time with family and friends, especially during this time of year. We will be having Light Up Montverde on Saturday at 6 PM on 12-7-24. There will be free snacks, hot dogs, the movie "Elf," and, of course, Santa Claus will be stopping by. Then, we will have the world-famous "LIGHT UP MONTVERDE" Christmas tree! Hope to see you there!

I would like to thank Jim Peacock for being a part of the Town Council for many years. Your help with the many issues our town has dealt with is much appreciated.

I would also like to welcome our new council member, Joe Morganelli and congratulate Carol Womack. I look forward to working with both of you and moving things forward for our town.

At the November meeting, the Council agreed to waive the permit fees for any damage that needs to be repaired due to the recent hurricanes.

Additionally, we have good news about one of the grants we applied for regarding the sewer system. We were able to get this grant redirected to help us with our stormwater issues. This will be a huge help for some expensive projects.

We are also in the process of getting the remaining amount of \$3.6 million in our ARPA grant approved for individual wastewater systems. We will be bringing this to Lake County for their approval in December. I will keep you up to date.

Again, I hope to see you at our Light Up Montverde event. Come enjoy this time with your family and neighbors.

As always, if you can, please try to attend our monthly Council meeting on the second Tuesday of every month. Dinner is served to everyone starting at 6 PM, and the meeting starts at 7 PM. Your attendance and cooperation with decisions that affect your town are much appreciated.

Hope to see you soon! Stay Safe !

Many thanks,
Joe Wynkoop
407-496-1673 (cell)

Protect our WATER

The Clean Vessel Act provides funding for construction of pump out and dump station facilities that help ensure proper disposal of human sewage from recreational boats. The Clean Vessel Act was initially authorized by Congress in 1992 to be administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This act provides over \$10 million of additional funds each year to keep alternatives available to prevent improper disposal of recreational boater sewage. What is Florida's role in the Clean Vessel Act

Since 1994, the FDEP has administered the Clean Vessel Act grant program throughout the state. DEP has awarded more than \$7million in funds and seen an increase from 135 pump out stations to nearly 400 stations throughout the State.

Library News

Wow, what a fantastic job the staff did for Trunk or Treat and Montverde Day! Everything was so well-organized, and the park looked absolutely wonderful. We hope everyone had the best Thanksgiving holiday ever!

'Tis the season to be jolly! Make sure you're on your best behavior and have your wish lists ready because Santa Claus is coming to town!

Light Up Montverde will be on Saturday, December 7th at 6:00 PM. Don't miss it!

Please note, we will be closed on November 28th for Thanksgiving and December 24th and 25th for Christmas.

Thank you for all the book and DVD donations! Please keep the egg cartons and bags coming.

Warmest wishes, Kathleen & Hilary



Town Manager's Message

Hello,

I wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving and look forward to a great start to the Christmas season. I want to start by thanking the town hall team, sponsors, and all of the volunteers who helped with our Montverde Day Music Festival. This small group of people allows this wonderful annual tradition to continue year after year. We are in the process of planning next year's event, which will be a special one as we come together as a community to celebrate our 100th centennial.

The new Library is making tremendous progress. The exterior is nearly done, and we will start drywalling by the end of November. If everything goes as planned, we should open the building to the public by midsummer.

The town staff has put out a bid and will ask the council for approval to move forward with the contractor to rehab Lakeside St., between 455 and 3rd St. The project includes stormwater enhancements and road widening. It is 100% funded by grant money and is anticipated to begin early next year.

The town coordinates with Lake County to notify our residents of any emergency information that will impact our community, such as hurricanes, flood warnings, tornado warnings, etc. This free service lets you sign up for notifications directly to your cell phone. You can sign up at <https://alertlake.com/> or simply google "Alert Lake." I encourage you to use this service as another tool to help safeguard your family and property.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Town Hall on December 7th to celebrate Light Up Montverde. The event starts promptly at 6:00 and is a great way to start the Christmas season with your family.

Many Thanks, Paul Larino – Town Manager