

# Newsletter DECEMBER 2025



## Meetings & Events

Light up Montverde December 6, 2025, 5:30 pm  
Town Council Meeting December 9, 2025 7:00 pm  
Town Hall closed December 24, 25, 31, 2025 &  
January 1, 2026

*All meetings open to the public*

**Light Up Montverde December 6, 2025  
5:30 pm, Annual Christmas tree lighting, movie  
under the lights "ELF", Santa and Mrs. Claus,  
hotdogs & chips.**

**Congratulations to newly elected Bryan Rubio and Grant  
Roberts. Thank you to Allan Hartle for his years of service on  
the Town Council.**

**Stormwater Tip: Fewer pollutants on land = cleaner water for drinking, swimming, fishing, boating and wildlife.**

## Mayor's Message

Hello, I hope you and your families are doing well and staying safe. I would like to extend my congratulations to Grant Roberts and Bryan Rubio on winning the election for the two open Council seats. I would also like to congratulate Carol Womack on being appointed Vice Mayor. I look forward to working with all of them over the next two years.

A huge THANK YOU to the entire Town Hall Team and all of our wonderful volunteers for making Montverde Day and Trunk or Treat such a great experience for everyone who attended. Please be sure to join us for LIGHT UP MONTVERDE on Saturday, December 6th, beginning at 5:30pm. Santa Claus and many of his elves will be there for photos and to hear everyone's wish lists!

I would also like to recognize Jessica Martin Whitehouse for her many hours of dedicated work helping the Town manage our overpopulation of cats. Jessica has transported numerous cats to Lake County to have them spayed, and we truly appreciate her ongoing efforts. A huge thank-you as well to Jeff Yedinak from Willow Ridge for joining our Safety Committee. Jeff has spent many hours patrolling Montverde in our Public Safety SUV. We are grateful for your commitment to our community.

As we prepare to celebrate our 100-year anniversary, we are collecting items from residents to place in the vault that will be buried in the cemetery in early 2026. If you would like to contribute, please drop off your item to Sandy at Town Hall before February 26, 2026. Items must be no thicker than a sheet of paper.

We are also excited to offer free tax preparation services starting in February. This AARP-sponsored program will run three days each week through April and will be open to everyone. We will share more details in January, including dates, times, and how to make an appointment.

During our November Council meeting, we discussed our ongoing Stormwater Project, including potential next steps and priority areas within the Town. We also approved a 22-cent increase for Waste Pro waste collection services. Additionally, we reviewed our 2024 Town Audit with the Auditor, and I am pleased to report that no significant issues were found. We continue to wait for approval from Lake County regarding the use of golf carts on County roads, which would allow better connectivity between our neighborhoods. And don't forget to ride by and check on the progress of our new Fire Department, construction is underway and moving forward!

Please take a moment out of your busy schedules to stay informed about what's happening in your Town. If you miss a meeting, you can visit [MyMontverde.com](http://MyMontverde.com) to view agendas, watch the meeting or specific portions on YouTube, or read meeting minutes. You can also stay connected through the Town's Facebook page or by calling, texting, or emailing your Council Members. Don't forget our Town council meeting is held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm and we serve dinner from 5:30 - 6:45pm. Come early and enjoy a great meal and take the opportunity to talk with your neighbors and Council members.

I am always happy to hear from you if you would like to talk and thank you for being a part of Montverde.

Many Thanks

Joe Wynkoop, Mayor of Montverde

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### Library News

#### Hope everyone enjoyed Montverde Day!

It truly couldn't have been better—the weather was perfect, the bands were fantastic, and the raffles were unbelievable. Hopefully, you were lucky enough to win something BIG! I also hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. Christmas is just around the corner! Starting next week, the angels from the Angel Tree will be available at *the* library, the deadline to return gifts is **December 4th**. Thank you all for always stepping up to help!

**Mark your calendars: Light Up Montverde** is happening on **Saturday, December 6th from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM**. There will be plenty of fun for both kids and adults, so don't miss it!

Finally, a huge thank-you to all the volunteers for the incredible support you've given along the way. We couldn't do it without you!

Warm regards,

**Kathleen & Hilary**



#### Montverde Library 2025 Angel Tree Event

**Angel Tree Gift Program Begins Monday, November 17**  
Starting Monday, November 17, we will begin handing out Angel Cards to those with caring hearts who wish to purchase gifts for children in need.

##### Important Dates:

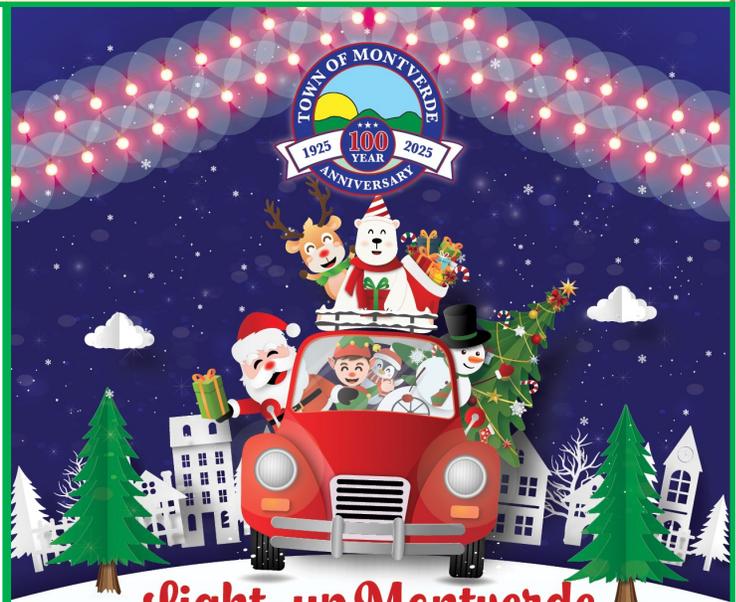
- **Pick up an Angel Card:** Stop by the Library between 7:00 AM and 6:00 PM, Monday through Thursday.
- **Gift Return Deadline:** All gifts must be returned by **Thursday, December 4th**.

##### How It Works:

- Choose an Angel Card from the tree.
- Each card lists a child's wish items—up to four gift ideas—and includes clothing sizes to help you shop.
- If you can't find a specific item, you have other options listed on the card.
- Once gifts are collected, they will be delivered to social workers for distribution to the children.

Thank you for helping make the season brighter for a child in need!

**Deadline to return gifts is December 4th!**



## Light-up Montverde

**December 6, 2025 | 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.**  
Town of Montverde Town Hall | 17404 Sixth Street

Join the fun at the Town of Montverde's annual Light-up Montverde Celebration! Enjoy an evening filled with fun, food, and festivities including:

- A visit with Mr. & Mrs. Claus
- Hot dogs and chili
- Sing along Christmas carols
- Movie under the Christmas lights featuring "Elf"
- Mayor's Christmas tree lighting

**Fun for the entire family!**

