



## Newsletter February 2025

**Town Hall Closing Dates:  
February 17, 2025 Presidents Day**

**Maintain a 15' chemical-free buffer  
zone along the shoreline**

**Town Hall Meetings  
February 11, 2025—Town Council Reg-  
ular Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
All meetings open to the public**

### Mayor's Message

Hello, I hope this message finds you and your family well and healthy. I wanted to share some updates and introduce a few new topics.

In addition to the new water tower being built on the hill, we will soon break ground on the new Lake County Regional Fire and EMS Station, also located at the same site as the upcoming new water tower. Once the Fire and EMS station relocates, we will begin renovating our current fire department building into a large Community Center. This new space will be able to accommodate larger events than the Glen Burns Community Building can currently handle.

During our January Council Meeting, the Council voted to update the town's comprehensive plan for the property at 17510 Ninth Street. This property will now be zoned for Office/Residential/Commercial use. The new owner plans to open a coffee shop, creating a welcoming space for our residents to gather.

The Council also discussed the 111-acre site on Lake Apopka, next to the boat ramp. The new owner is working to have the property rezoned to a Planned Unit Development (PUD) for a 137-home development. After a detailed discussion, the meeting was adjourned with plans to continue the conversation at a future date.

Additionally, the Council awarded the stormwater improvement project for Lake Street, which will be starting soon. This project will widen Lake Street and improve stormwater drainage. It is being funded by the EPA and the Lake County Water Authority.

The Council is in discussion with a Charter change to put on the November ballot. If approved, this change will require 4 out of 5 Council members to vote in favor before making any changes to our current policy of two homes per acre. This will make it more difficult to alter this policy in the future.

If you're planning to use fireworks, we need you to reach out to the Townhall or me directly to follow the proper procedures. That way, we can keep the community informed, especially pet owners and parents, to help everyone stay prepared. Thanks so much for helping with this!

This year marks Montverde's 100th anniversary, and we're excited to celebrate with a variety of fun events. More details will be shared soon!

Finally, if you can't attend a Council meeting in person but still want to stay updated, you can watch the meetings on YouTube. Simply Google "YouTube Montverde Town Council meetings" to find video recordings of past meetings.

I encourage you to attend our monthly Council meetings, which take place on the second Tuesday of every month. We serve dinner at 6pm, with the meeting starting at 7pm. If you have any questions or would like to discuss something, feel free to reach out to me by phone, email, or text.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Joe Wynkoop

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## **NOTICE TO ALL HOMEOWNERS**

**Any official notices or mailings from the town to residents are sent to the address shown in Lake County Property Appraisers records. Check to see if you need to update your address at: <https://lakecopropappr.com/>**

### **Water Conservation**

**Reducing the burden of Aquifers**— Ground water has traditionally been the primary water supply source in many areas of Florida, making it the largest user of ground water east of the Mississippi River. For example, in 2005 Floridian aquifer system supplied nearly 53 percent of the total public water supply withdrawals for the state and served an estimated 8.1 million people. Withdrawing water from aquifers can be problematic, however, depending upon how much is removed. Recent concerns have arisen in the Daytona Beach area because excessive withdrawals could destroy the wetlands and lakes in the Tiger Bay State Forest. And with a population growth rate of more than 26 percent since 2000, Orlando has significantly increased its dependence upon the Floridian aquifer and is reaching the limit of sustainable withdrawals. Overall population growth in the state has slowed from previous predictions but is still projected to continue, which will create new demand on groundwater sources that are nearing their sustainable limits. The development of alternative water supplies, as well as water efficiency efforts, will therefore be essential in meeting future demands.

### **Library News**

#### **Back to Reality: Help Us Prepare for the New Library!**

With the holidays behind us, it's time to dive back into our exciting preparations for the new library. We're expanding our book and DVD collections and will have more shelving space available. To fill these shelves, we need your donations of new and gently used books for adults, teens, and children.

Donations can be dropped off Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Your support is invaluable—don't forget to check out a book and support your local library!

Thank you,  
Kathleen and Hilary



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### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Spring concert dates: March 1st, April 5th & May 3rd  
Food trucks, beer/wine vendor**

