

Newsletter FEBRUARY 2026



Meetings & Events

Town Council Meeting February 10, 2026 7:00 pm
Town Hall closed February 16th for President's Day

All meetings open to the public

TOWN HALL AND
THE LIBRARY WILL
BE CLOSED ON
FEBRUARY 16,
2026 IN HONOR OF
PRESIDENT'S DAY



- Story Time is beginning February 3, 2026 at 10:00 am at Montverde Library
- Spring Concert Series will begin on March 14th, April 11th and May 9th. Concert will start at 6:30 pm. A Saturday Market will be from 5:30 to 9:30 pm. There will be food trucks on site. Additional information is coming soon.

Mayor's Message

Hello, I hope you and your family are doing well and staying safe. I am very happy to report that construction has officially begun on our new Fire Station. This station will serve our area of Lake County and will have a full on-site team of paramedics and firefighters ready to save lives and protect property.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, we are now accepting thin, small items to be placed in the vaults that will be buried in or near our cemetery. These time capsules are intended for future residents to open in 50 years. Please bring your item to Sandy at Town Hall no later than February 26, 2026.

Starting now, Lake County residents can make appointments to have their taxes prepared for free by the AARP Tax team at the Montverde Library. Appointments are available Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 am to Noon, beginning February 4, 2026, through April 9, 2026. Appointments are required, and you must bring all required documents. To schedule, visit the AARP Tax-Aide website at <https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp-taxaide/locations> or call 352-717-4125.

At our January Council meeting, the Council approved a proposal for Bella Collina to build 102 homes on the 68 acres they own in Montverde, located on the south side of Ridgewood next to Magnolia Terrace. This density is well below our town code requirement of two homes per acre. Home prices will start at approximately \$1.5 million, which is expected to positively support Montverde property values. This project nearly completes all large-scale development opportunities within our town. The only remaining large parcel is the 37 acres site on Ridgewood, east of the roundabout on the south side alongside Bella Collina. With the Charter change approved by residents in November, any future density change now requires a supermajority vote of the Council (4 out of 5 members). This safeguard helps ensure that any future development aligns with the desires of our residents.

Regarding golf carts, the Council has moved forward by submitting our comments concerning county roads to Lake County for review. We expect feedback in the near future.

As always, if there is anything you would like to discuss, please feel free to call or text me at 407-496-1673. I encourage everyone to stay informed about what is happening in our town. To keep up to date on all town projects, events, and meetings, please visit our official website at MyMontverde.com.

Don't forget that our Monthly Town Council Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. A free community dinner is served from 5:30 to 6:45pm prior to the meeting. It's a great opportunity to connect, ask questions, and learn more about what's going on in your town.

Many Thanks
Joe Wynkoop
Mayor of Montverde

Clean lakes begin with you, use chemicals wisely. Dispose of them appropriately.

Library News

We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and is settling back into a normal routine!

Our library is slowly getting organized, and we're excited to announce that we're ready to begin offering programs again.

The first program is Story Time & Crafts for ages 2-4, which will be held on Tuesdays at 10:00 am to 11:00 am starting February 3rd. New programs will be announced over the next few weeks. AARP Tax Prep will be here from February 4th – April 9th Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30am – 12:00pm and is APPOINTMENT ONLY. You may find additional information on the Town's web page or call AARP 352-717-4125.

Look for senior programs beginning in March

Donations will be accepted after we have the shelf space for new books and DVD's so please be patient. We still need egg cartons and bags as well.

Thank You, Kathleen & Sandy

THE EASTER BUNNY IS COMING TO TOWN

April 4th—10:00 a.m. SHARP

Look for further information



Town Manager's Message

Greetings,

We have been blessed with beautiful weather, and I hope you and your family have been enjoying it.

Now that the town hall team is back from the holidays, we have been doing a lot of planning for the upcoming year. Our spring concert in the park series will run from March through May. The town will also host some healthy living classes at the library this spring. More information will be available in next month's newsletter. The public works team is focusing on catching up on some regularly planned maintenance projects. They are working on sidewalk replacements, tree trimming along the trail, park improvements, building maintenance, water system maintenance, and street repair projects.

Starting in February, the town council will hold workshops to review projects and topics they would like to work on over the next year and beyond. You are invited to attend or watch online to keep up to date on town business. The workshops will generally be held on the first Tuesday of each month, and the Town Council's regular meetings are always held on the second Tuesday of each month. The agendas are posted on the town website and on bulletin boards in front of the town. They are generally available at the end of the day on Thursday, the week before the meetings. Please check the town website often to stay up to date on meetings, events, and town information. Simply search "town of Montverde" in your browser or type "mymontverde.com".

Finally, and as a reminder, please be mindful of your driving speed in and around town. The Highway Patrol has been and will continue to work on speed enforcement in town.

Paul Larino, Town Manager.