



Newsletter January 2025

Happy New Year

Montverde will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2025.

**Town Hall Closing Dates:
January 20, 2024—Martin Luther
King Day**

Town Hall Meetings

January 8, 2024—Planning & Zoning 6:30 pm

January 14, 2024—Town Council Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m.

January 13, 2024—Visioning Committee 6:30 p.m.

All meetings open to the public

KEEP VEGETATION AND SWALES IN PLACE ALONG SHORELINES

Mayor's Message

Hello, I hope this message finds you and your family healthy and well. I trust you had a wonderful Christmas and holiday season and had the chance to attend the "Light Up Montverde" event. As we welcome the new year, there are several exciting developments happening in our town. I wanted to provide you with an update on the two meetings we held in December.

During the meeting, the Council had the pleasure of welcoming a new member to the Planning and Zoning Board, Aaron Wadsworth. Please join me in congratulating Aaron when you see him, as I'm sure he'll do an excellent job serving on the board.

The Council also reviewed the plans for a new water tower to be built on the property we own near the corner of Fosgate and Route 455. This tower will include a new well and piping to the main water lines in Montverde, providing additional backup water supply. Additionally, we'll be adding a new well at our existing water tower as a backup to the current system and replacing certain sections of piping around town with larger pipes to improve water flow. If you encounter any water issues, please join us at a Town Council meeting so we can address your concerns. These water system improvements are being funded by a grant we received in 2024.

We also discussed the County's decision to provide funds for individual residential sewer systems. The County allocated \$1.3 million from an ARPA grant for this project, which will cover approximately 60 homes. Initially, homes directly on the water will be prioritized, followed by those bordering wetlands. More details about this project will be shared in the coming months.

Additionally, we had a Planning and Zoning Board meeting in December. One of the topics discussed was a request for a Conditional Use Permit from the property owner at the corner of Ridgewood and Fosgate. The owner is seeking approval to operate an outdoor storage business for boats, RVs, and trailers. The Planning and Zoning Board voted unanimously (3-0) to recommend approval to the Council. The next step is for the Council to review and decide on the request.

Another topic during the meeting was a proposal to amend the comprehensive land use plan designation for the property at 17510 County Road 455. The request was to change the land use from "Town of Montverde Single-Family Medium" to "Office, Residential, Commercial (ORC)" on the future land use map. The Planning and Zoning Board voted (2-1) to recommend approval to the Council, and it will now be sent to the State of Florida for final approval. Then it will be discussed at an upcoming Council meeting for their approval.

Finally, the Planning and Zoning Board reviewed a proposal for the development of 111 acres on Lake Apopka, adjacent to the town's boat ramp. This property has already undergone a comprehensive plan change, which was approved by the state. The developer presented plans for 139 homes, with a half-acre minimum lot size to help manage density, as required by the Town Council. The Planning and Zoning Board made a few adjustments to the developer's plans and voted (4-0) to recommend approval to the Council.

As you can see, our town is busy with many exciting projects, and there are many more I didn't mention. I encourage you to attend our monthly Council meetings and participate in shaping the future of Montverde. Remember, dinner is served at 6:00 PM, and the meeting starts at 7:00 PM on the second Tuesday of each month.

Please feel free to call, text or email me (mayor@mymontverde.com) if there is something I can help you with.

Many thanks,
Joe Wynkoop 407-496-1673

Water Conservation

It's easy and inexpensive to [insulate your water pipes](#) with pre-slit foam pipe insulation. You'll get hot water faster plus avoid wasting water while it heats up.

Recycle water

Collect the cold water you run before it's hot enough to shower and use it to water plants or flush the toilet (known as a bucket flush). Rinse water from dishes and food preparation can be collected and used to soak other dishes.

Library News

Happy 2025 to everyone! We hope your holidays were filled with joy and laughter. As we dive into the new year, it's time to hit the books again, and we're here to help! Our library is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. If you're looking for a specific book, please stop by.

Exciting news: our new library is progressing wonderfully! We recently took a tour, and it is amazing. The new space will feature areas for programs, story time, study rooms, a computer room, and tutoring, just to name a few.

We're here to assist you in any way we can. Please continue to bring in your book donations, bags, and egg cartons.



Look at the Angel Tree results



Thank You, Kathleen and Hilary

Light up Montverde 2024

