

Newsletter NOVEMBER 2025



Meetings & Events

Election Day November 4th
Montverde Day November 7th & 8th
Town Council Meeting November 11th 7:00 pm
Town Hall closed November 27, for Thanksgiving
All meetings open to the public

Save the Date
Montverde Day, November 7th & 8th
Light Up Montverde December 6, 2025

Stormwater Tip: Keep vegetation and swales in place along shorelines.

Water Conservation Never pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it -such as watering a plant.

We would like to thank the sponsors for the 45th Montverde Day event: Advent Health, Woodard & Curran, Montverde Academy, Willdan Engineering/Alpha Inspections, Anita Geraci-Carver, Duke Energy, Parks Consulting, Orlando Health, Howey Self Storage, United Southern Bank, Injury Law Stars, Quality Craftsman, Olympus Executive Realty, Lake Apopka Natural Gas, KB Homes, Junebug Foundation, South Lake Chamber of Commerce and Visit Lake County!

Mayor's Message

Hello, I hope you and your family are doing well and staying safe. September was a busy month at Town Hall as we focused on planning and preparing for several important events.

We were excited to host the Grand Opening of the new Montverde Library in October. I hope you had a chance to attend this special event. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated Town Hall team, Visioning committee and John Arellano our GC for all their hard work in bringing this beautiful new facility to life. It's a wonderful addition to our community and already making a positive impact.

Another highlight was our world-famous Trunk or Treat event; it's always one of my favorite events of the year! Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make it such a fun and memorable evening for the families of Montverde.

At the October Council meeting, one of the major items discussed was the use of golf carts on roadways leading into our downtown area. After careful consideration of the pros and cons, the Council voted to move forward with requesting a formal answer from Lake County on whether golf carts will be allowed on County Road 455, Fosgate Road, and Ridgewood Avenue. Our Town Hall team is working with the County, and we hope to have an update soon. Another important topic at the Council meeting was the approval of a task order proposal covering the design, permitting, bidding, contract administration, and project management for Phases 1 and 2 of our Stormwater Improvements Project. This initiative is aimed at controlling the amount of polluted runoff entering our lakes, providing a sustainable solution in place of installing a full sewer system. We were fortunate to successfully redirect the \$19.8 million in grant funding which was originally allocated for sewer infrastructure toward this critical stormwater prevention effort. The project is moving forward, and I'll continue to keep the community informed as progress is made.

A reminder to everyone: Election Day is Tuesday, November 4th, 2025. This year's election includes two open Council seats, with four candidates running, as well as a proposed Charter amendment on the ballot. If passed, the amendment will require a supermajority vote (4 out of 5 Council members) to approve any changes to housing density, specifically the current limit of two homes per acre gross. This decision will play a major role in shaping how our town grows, particularly in the few areas of vacant land that remain.

This year marks the 45th Annual Montverde Day, and it promises to be a fantastic time filled with food, live music, games, and fun for the whole family. Please make plans to join us at Kirk Park on the evening of Friday, November 7th, and all day on Saturday, November 8th. Bring your friends and neighbors, we hope to see you there.

Thank you to everyone for staying engaged and involved in our town. There are many ways to stay updated on Town news and events: through this newsletter, the Town's website, our official Facebook page, by calling or emailing Council members, and by attending Council meetings and workshops.

As always, if you'd like to talk or ask questions, I'm available and happy to connect. Don't forget our Town Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm, and we serve dinner from 5:00 to 6:45pm. Come early, enjoy a great meal, and take the opportunity to talk with your neighbors and Council members in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

Thank you again for being a part of Montverde and for supporting your community.

Many Thanks,

Joe Wynkoop, Mayor of Montverde, Mayor@mymontverde.com, cell 407-496-1673

Library News

We're Open!

We're thrilled to announce that our **New Library is officially open!** It was a joy to see such a great turnout at the ribbon-cutting ceremony, and Willie's dinner was a hit—as always!

Library Hours: Monday–Thursday, 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Book Returns: The outside book drop remains in its usual spot next to the mailbox, or feel free to bring books inside to the counter—we're happy to help!

We hope everyone had a blast at **Trunk or Treat in the park!**

Next Up: Montverde Day! Join us for the **45th Annual Montverde Day Event** on **Friday, November 7th** and **Saturday, November 8th**. Mark your calendars for a weekend full of entertainment, exciting raffles, and community fun!

Light Up Montverde Our beloved Christmas celebration returns on **Saturday, December 6th from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM**. We can't wait to see how our Town Manager raises the bar this year—the decorations are always the best show in town!

A heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who helped prepare the library for its grand opening. Stop by and check it out—we'd love to see you!

Warm regards,

Kathleen & Hilary

Your Candidates:

Here are the candidates for Town Council: ***Allan Hartle, Judy Ley, Grant Roberts, Bryan Rubio***
Remember to vote: November 4th at Embrace Church, 17409 8th Street—7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Time Capsule

As part of our 100th Anniversary celebration the town is going to have a time capsule. We will be collecting items for the capsule and if you would like to be part of this, each resident will be allowed to submit one picture and/or one sheet of paper telling a piece of history you would like to share. At your earliest convenience, drop off your items to Sandy Johnson at town hall.

Town Manager's Message

Greetings,

Thank you to all residents and neighbors who attended the library ribbon cutting. I personally want to thank all the volunteers, workers, council members, and staff who dedicated numerous hours. The library and town hall entrance are open Monday through Thursday, 7 am to 6 pm. Please stop by and see the community's new public facilities.

Lakeside Drive storm and street project is almost complete. Construction crews will be in the area for a few more weeks to finish up the punch list and finalize the project.

The town has opened bids for the next storm and street project. The next phase will include Porter Avenue from 4th Street to 1st Street, and parts of 1st Street. Upon council approval, construction on this project could start sometime in late December or early January. Both projects, which are valued at approximately 1.7 million dollars, have been 100% grant funded.

The town has several upcoming events. Montverde Day is November 7-8, and Light Up Montverde is December 6. Please come out and enjoy some good food, entertainment, and catching up with your neighbors.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please stop by town hall or call 407-469-2681.

Paul Larino, Town Manager