

# Newsletter

## SEPTEMBER 2025



### Meetings & Events

Town Council Meeting September 9, 2025 at 7:00 pm  
Town Council Special Meeting September 10, 2025  
Town Council Special Meeting September 24, 2025

### SAVE THE DATES:

Its that time of year when events start popping up in Montverde. Trunk or Treat is October 30, 2025 in Kirk Park.  
Montverde Day: November 7th from 6:30 pm-10:30 pm November 8th 8:30 am to 11:00 pm

### Stormwater Tip of the Month:

Clean up spilled oils or fluids with sand or kitty litter, never hose down with water. Place the sand in the trash can

**TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 FOR LABOR DAY**

### Mayor's Message

Hello, I hope this letter finds you and your family well. There's a lot happening in our town right now, and I wanted to take a moment to share some exciting updates with you.

At our recent Town Council meeting, the Council voted to appoint Grant Roberts to the open seat left by Jim Ley. Grant was officially sworn in as a Council Member at the August meeting. We also welcomed Mike Whidden to the Planning & Zoning Board, filling the position vacated by Thomas Johnson. Please join me in welcoming both Grant and Mike to our Town Hall team.

I also want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Jim Ley and Thomas Johnson for their many years of dedicated service to Montverde. Their contributions have helped shape our community in lasting ways, and we are truly grateful for their commitment.

We are also making progress on our stormwater improvement project. Nine key locations across town have been identified for drainage upgrades, new sidewalks, and fresh paving. Thanks to a \$19.8 million grant, this project is fully funded and must be completed by the end of 2027. Although work has not yet begun, we are moving steadily toward the construction phase. (see attached map)

This year, we're celebrating a truly special milestone Montverde's 100-year anniversary! To mark the occasion, we are creating a community time capsule, and I invite you to take part. If you'd like to contribute a photo, letter, or short document, please bring it to the Town booth at Montverde Day on November 7th or 8th. Submissions must be 12x12 inches or smaller and no thicker than a piece of paper. The capsule will be buried near the cemetery with a granite marker explaining what's inside. It will be opened 100 years from now on our 200th birthday.

Another great update: we're bringing free tax preparation services to Montverde! I've been working with a group sponsored by AARP and the IRS that helps people especially seniors with their taxes. For years, I've driven residents to Clermont so they could get help from this group. Starting this coming tax season, the group will set up right here in Montverde, most likely in our new library, and will be available from February through April. This is a wonderful resource for our community, and I'll be sharing more details in the coming months.

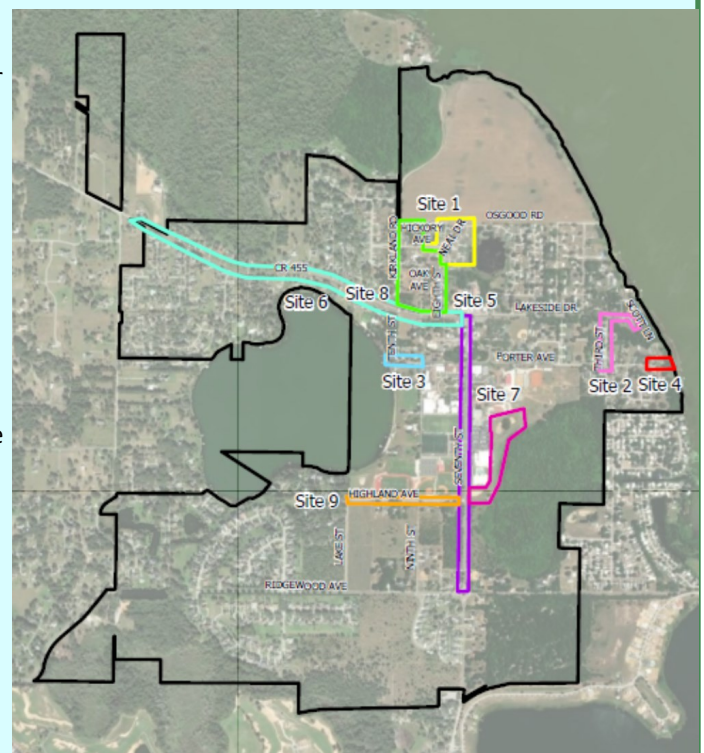
To stay up to date on all town projects, events, and meetings, please visit our official website at [MyMontverde.com](http://MyMontverde.com).

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

As always, if you have any questions or would like to share your thoughts, I'm always happy to talk about our town.

Many Thanks

Joe Wynkoop, Mayor of Montverde  
Cell 407-496-1673



**Water Conservation** A simple water conservation tip is to turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth. You can save a significant amount of water by doing this, as running the tap while brushing can waste several gallons per minute. Instead, wet your brush, turn off the tap, brush, and then turn the tap back on to rinse.

#### **Your Candidates:**

At the Town Caucus held August 12th, the following individuals were nominated for Mayor and Council and have been qualified:

#### **Council:**

Allan Hartle  
Judy Ley  
Grant Roberts  
Bryan Rubio

#### **Mayor:**

Michael Stone Jr.  
Joe Wynkoop

#### **Library News**

##### **Welcome to the New School Year!**

We hope everyone is settling in smoothly as the new school year begins! Behind the scenes, we've been working hard to prepare for something truly special — Montverde's very first modern library! We're thrilled to bring this beautiful new space to our community, where everyone can gather, learn, and enjoy.

##### **Montverde Day is Just Around the Corner!**

Mark your calendars for **Friday, November 7th and Saturday, November 8th** — Montverde Day is coming up fast! If you're interested in being a vendor, please visit [www.orangeblossommarketco.com/montverde](http://www.orangeblossommarketco.com/montverde) to fill out the application.

Thank you all for your generous donations and continued support. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Kathleen & Hilary

#### **Volunteers Needed**

We need volunteers to help in the library once it opens, at town events, safety patrols and help maintaining some of our Parks and Gardens. If interested please contact Sandy Johnson at 407 469-2681 or [townclerk@mymontverde.com](mailto:townclerk@mymontverde.com)

#### **Town Manager's Message**

Hello,

Just a friendly reminder to please slow down in town and around school zones. The town will have increased law enforcement presence in town and during school hours.

Montverde Day is just over two months away. The town hall team is working hard to bring us another great festival this year. As we celebrate the Town's 100th anniversary, we are excited about some great bands and entertainment. Montverde Day will be on November 7th and 8th at Kirk Park.

The library and new town hall office entrance are nearing completion. We expect to open in mid-October. The library will feature an extensive book collection, a computer lab, a study area, a children's area, and a teen area. More information will be available in October's newsletter.

Please remember to adjust your sprinkler systems downward to help save water and money. We are now in the rainy season, and lawn watering times can be reduced to assist the town with conservation requirements.

Paul Larino, Town Manager

