

# Newsletter September 2024



## Town Hall Meetings & Events

## VENDORS NEEDED

It's approaching quickly!!!

The Town of Montverde is looking for Arts and Crafts vendors to sell their merchandise at Montverde Day on November 1st and 2nd this year. If you know anyone interested please have them contact Kathleen Gifford at 407 469-3838 or email her at [kgifford@mymontverde.com](mailto:kgifford@mymontverde.com)

<b>September 10th</b> 7:00 pm Town Council Regular Meeting	<b>September 11th</b> 6:30 pm Town Council Special Meeting— Budget	<b>September 17th</b> 6:30 pm Planning & Zoning Meeting	<b>September 18th</b> 6:30 pm Town Council Special Meeting— Final Budget Hearing
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### Save the Dates:

October 31, 2024 5:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat  
November 1, 2024 6:30 p.m. Montverde Day  
November 2024 9:00 a.m. Montverde Day  
December 6, 2024 6:00 p.m. Light up Montverde

## Mayor's Message

Hello,

I hope you and your family are doing well and staying safe. I wanted to update you on a few important matters that your Council and I are currently addressing.

Like our residents, your Councilmembers are deeply committed to preserving the charm of our town. We recognize that changes can occur with future administrations, and it only takes three votes to alter resolutions, ordinances, or zoning laws. To ensure that our two homes per acre land regulation remains intact, I've proposed to the Council that we put forward a ballot measure for next year's vote. I suggest amending the Town Charter to require a majority vote of four out of five Council members to make any changes to this regulation. This would help safeguard the character of our town, which we all value. I would appreciate your feedback on this proposal. Please feel free to email me at [mayor@mymontverde.com](mailto:mayor@mymontverde.com) or call my cell at 407-496-1673.

Additionally, over the past few months, I've mentioned that the Council is working on the budget for the upcoming year. I proposed that we consider lowering water bills, and the Council agreed to have the Town Manager review the numbers and provide recommendations. I'm pleased to announce that we will be able to reduce the usage rates by 10% and forgo the usual 5% usage rate annual increase. This adjustment is possible due to the growth in our customer base and the effective management of our water systems by our Town Hall Team.

I also want to update you on the sewer project. It has been temporarily paused so we can reassess options, such as whether to use a single location for a comprehensive system or multiple smaller systems that require less land, and explore connections with neighboring systems like Bella Collina, Clermont, or Minneola. We are also considering advanced septic tank systems to ensure we explore all viable options. We plan to hold a meeting to discuss these options with the community as soon as possible, and I encourage you to participate.



Our Dog Park is currently closed until the end of September for the installation of a sprinkler system and re-sodding. Please let your furry friends know that the wait will be worth it!

I invite you to attend our monthly Council meetings, held on the second Tuesday of each month. Your input is valuable as we make decisions on various topics. Join us for dinner from 6 pm to 7 pm before the meeting; it would be a pleasure to have you and your family with us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Many Thanks, Joe Wynkoop

**Library News**

  
**Help us make a difference. We have four major events before the end of the year, and we need enthusiastic volunteers to join our team. Come be a part of something special! Call the Town Clerk for more information!**  
  
**407 469-2681**

**WOW!** Can you believe summer has flown by and it's already time for the kids to head back to school? That's where your local library steps in! We're here to provide all the resources you need, and all it takes is a Lake County Library Card.

Just a friendly reminder, our hours are Monday-Thursday from 8:00am to 6:00pm.

Mark your calendars for some exciting events! Join us for Trunk or Treat in Kirk Park on Thursday, October 31st at 5:30pm. Plus, don't miss our 44th Annual Montverde Day Event on Friday, November 1st and Saturday, November 2nd. Save the date!

If you haven't seen our new library yet, you absolutely need to drive by and check it out. You won't believe your eyes!

Thank you so much for all your generous donations. We couldn't do it without you!  
Kathleen & Hilary

**NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

**ELECTION**

**Embrace Church**

**17409 8<sup>th</sup> St. Montverde FL**

**7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**TOWN COUNCIL (2) TWO SEATS**

**QUALIFIED CANDIDATES**

**Thomas Johnson**

**Joe Morganelli**

**Jim Peacock**

**Marta Wladyczka**

**Carol Womack**

**Water Your Grass Smartly**

Your lawn doesn't need nearly as much water as many homeowners think. In fact, grass only needs about an inch of water per week to stay healthy, according to Indiana American Water. You can save water outdoors by simply watering your lawn or garden at the right times.

If there has been a lack of rainfall and you decide to water your lawn, do so early in the morning or in the evening since as much as 30 percent of water is lost due to evaporation during the heat of the day. Water runoff from overwatering can also lead to water waste.

An easy test to see if your grass needs watering is to walk on your lawn. If the grass bounces right back, it probably doesn't need to be watered; if you leave footprints behind as you walk through your lawn, the grass is likely thirsty.

Also, consider watering your plants and flowers during the early morning or evening hours.

**ALERTLAKE**

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**GO TO THE WEBSITE AND REGISTER.**

