



## Holiday in the Village

Saturday, December 3, 5—7:30 p.m.

### North Pole Workshop

Universalist Historic Church, Montgomery & Remington Rd.  
Enjoy horse drawn carriage rides, visit Santa, create a craft at Mrs. Claus' workshop and enjoy hot chocolate.

Visit [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org) to learn more.

### Snowman Station

Twin Lakes Welcome Center

Enjoy holiday music for all ages, snowman crafts for kids and cookies and punch. Visit [Twin Lakes on facebook](#) or [lec.org](#) to learn more.

### Winter Wonderland

Bethesda North Hospital, Front Lobby & Second Floor

Don't miss the holiday model train displays, music, fun winter-themed activities and entertainers. Enjoy refreshments and a free gift for the children. Special sales in the Bethesda North Gift Shop.

### Victorian Holiday Village

Ohio National Financial Services \*open until 8:30 p.m.

Explore the glittering Victorian Holiday Village and miniature-sized Ohio National Financial Services post office, St. Nick's workshop and other Victorian-inspired houses. Free photos with St. Nick (one per family) and free cocoa, cookies and more. No pets, please. All guests are asked to bring a nonperishable food item (no glass containers) to be donated to the Freestore Foodbank.

Visit [facebook.com/ohionational](http://facebook.com/ohionational).

Tree  
Lighting  
5:00 p.m.

Downtown  
Montgomery,  
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Plaza

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**MONTGOMERY**  
Corner of Montgomery and Remington  
Rd. Across from Montgomery Inn

 **Bethesda North**  
TriHealth Hospital  
10500 Montgomery Rd  
Front Lobby, Second Floor

 **Twin Lakes**  
A LIFE ENRICHING COMMUNITY  
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Financial Services.®  
Life changes. We'll be there.®  
One Financial Way

Park and ride on the SANTA SHUTTLE with stops at all 4 locations!

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# Traffic Management and Safety a Top Priority



By Ann Combs

As the Chairperson for the Law and Safety Committee of City Council, I understand the challenges faced with managing efficient and safe traffic flow throughout the community. This challenge is made even more difficult because of the unpredictable backups on Interstates 71 and 275. To bring focus to this challenge, City Council included the following strategy in the 2016 – 2021 Strategic Plan:

**Strategy 2: Evaluate the City's ability to positively impact local and regional traffic issues with an emphasis on maintaining a small-town feel.**

City staff members are evaluating many traffic management strategies, but three strategies are already in the planning stages or are currently taking place.

The first is the use of radar speed signs to bring awareness to drivers about safe driving speeds. The police department currently has an inventory of three speed signs. Police officers cycle them through the neighborhoods in an effort to ensure that awareness is raised throughout the community. Resident feedback about the radar speed signs has been overwhelmingly positive, so the police department is planning to order three more in 2017.



Another traffic management initiative is the traffic signal upgrade to all signalized intersections within the city. Upgraded infrastructure and remote signal management using traffic management cameras are being installed which will provide the ability to observe traffic patterns and remotely make adjustments as needed. This project is primarily funded through a grant received from the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) that covered 80% of the project cost. However, it is important to note that this effort is not geared at enforcement, rather it is a tool to better manage traffic flow.

A third project which will help manage traffic is a currently planned interchange modification at Ronald Reagan Highway and Montgomery Road to include a roundabout, traffic signal, minor road widening and the removal of an existing bridge. These changes are the result of extensive traffic analysis through a partnership between the City of Montgomery, Ohio Department of Transportation, Hamilton County Commissioners; and Gateway Partners, LLC. The City of Montgomery was recently awarded a \$6 million grant from OKI for this project.

As the City moves forward within its five-year strategic plan, traffic management and safety will remain a key consideration for future development projects. As a Montgomery resident, I appreciate the measures being taken to promote safe and efficient travel through Montgomery for residents, visitors, friends and businesses.

## Avoid slips, falls

by knowing how to control ice and snow

With the onset of winter, everyone needs to become more aware of slip-and-fall hazards due to ice and snow. A common way to control ice and snow is to use a product that depresses the freezing point of water. However, most products that cause ice/snow melt come with an environmental cost.

Once the product is put down it seeps into yards and eventually finds its way into waterways. Once in the environment, these products have a negative impact on plants, aquatic life and birds/mammals that eat the product or drink water containing it.

The table presents a variety of commonly available ice-melt products, their effectiveness and their pros and cons. Because they are chemicals, all these products have the potential to be an environmental pollutant. The best way to limit their exposure to the environment, and to save money, is to minimize the use of these products.

Instead of using chemicals, consider shoveling or sweeping snow. Removing snow before it is walked on or driven upon prevents a hard-packed, slippery snow/ice layer from forming. Snow removal maintains safety while preserving our environment.

Name	Lowest Practical Temp	Pros	Cons
Ammonium sulfate	20°F	Fertilizer	Damages concrete
Calcium chloride	-20°F	Melts ice faster than sodium chloride	Attracts moisture, surfaces slippery below -18°C (0°F)
Calcium magnesium acetate (CMA)	15°F	Safest for concrete & vegetation	Works better to prevent re-icing than as ice remover
Magnesium chloride	5°F	Melts ice faster than sodium chloride	Attracts moisture
Potassium acetate	15°F	Biodegradable	Corrosive
Potassium chloride	20°F	Fertilizer	Damages concrete
Sodium chloride (rock salt, halite)	15°F	Keeps sidewalks dry	Corrosive, damages concrete & vegetation
Urea	20°F	Fertilizer	Agricultural grade is corrosive

Table from A.M. Helmenstine, "Melting Snow & Ice with Salt," in About Education.



# Council Corner

## November 16, 2016 Work Session

Montgomery City Council met in its regular monthly Work Session on November 16, 2016 at City Hall. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m., with public comment welcomed on each item before City Council.

### Pending Legislation

An Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the City of Montgomery, State of Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2017 (third reading)

An Ordinance for The Allocation of Earnings Tax Revenues and Amending Section 44.14 of The Montgomery Code of Ordinances (second reading)

A Ordinance Amending Montgomery Zoning Code Chapter 151 of the Land Usage Code to add regulations regarding Sexually Oriented Businesses (second reading)

An Ordinance Amending the Land Usage Code to Regulate Sexually Oriented Businesses (first reading)

An Ordinance Rezoning a Portion of the Vintage Club Development to L-B Limited Business District with A Planned Development Overlay (second reading)

An Ordinance Amending the Statement of Conditions and Exceptions in The Vintage Club Planned Development Overlay District (second reading)

### New Legislation

A Resolution Authorizing a grant in the Amount of \$12,500 to the Center for Addiction Treatment

A Resolution Adopting a Five Year Capital Improvement Program for the City of Montgomery

A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With The Sycamore Community School District Board Of Education To Assign a School Resource Officer for School Year 2016-2017 for the Sycamore Junior High School

### RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

### Approved Legislation

#### November 2, 2016

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|------------------------|---|
| Resolution No 31, 2016 | A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into A Contract with Morton Salt, Inc., for the Purchase of De-Icing Rock Salt for the 2017 Season |
| Resolution No 32, 2016 | A Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Agreement for the Sale of Montgomery Commons Real Estate  |
| Resolution No 33, 2016 | A Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Motorola for the Purchase of Replacement Radios  |

These pieces of approved legislation can be reviewed on the City's website at [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org).

## December/January Volunteer Opportunities

### Holiday in the Village

(Adults/teens)

Saturday, Dec. 3, 4:30 - 7:45 p.m.

Universalist Church at the corner of Montgomery and Remington Roads

Help Mrs. Claus with holiday crafts.

### Holiday Decorating Takedown

(Adults)

Wednesday, Jan. 4, 10:00 a.m.

Rain date: Thursday, Jan. 5, 10:00 a.m.

Recreation Annex Building, 10115 Montgomery Road  
Help to prepare the holiday decorations for storage.

For more specific information about any of these short-term projects, contact DeAnna Gross at 792-8329 or [dgross@ci.montgomery.oh.us](mailto:dgross@ci.montgomery.oh.us).

# Montgomery tax payments face new requirements

Residents may have noticed that their quarterly Montgomery tax statements have been arriving in the mail earlier this year. This is due to changes mandated by the State of Ohio regarding municipal taxes. Beginning January 2016, new requirements went into effect for estimated tax payments; including due dates and the minimum threshold for tax due.

Per the Montgomery Tax Ordinance Section 44.1.07 "Every taxpayer shall make a declaration of estimated taxes for the current taxable year, if the amount payable as estimated taxes is at least two hundred dollars."

Declarations and quarterly estimated tax payments will now be required for any taxpayer who will owe over \$200 in tax, after

withholding and prior year credits. Declarations can be adjusted at any time throughout the year based on changes in the taxpayer's income. The Tax Office will continue to send quarterly statements for second, third and fourth quarters.

Beginning in 2017, first through fourth quarter estimates are due April 15, June 15, Sept. 15 and Dec. 15, respectively. (Note: the due date for 2016 Montgomery tax returns, first quarter estimated payments and extension forms will be April 18, 2017.)

Please contact the Montgomery tax office with any questions. Remember that the City of Montgomery finance staff members also provide assistance with preparing residents' Montgomery tax returns at no cost; and no appointment is necessary.



## Slow down and move over . . . It's the law

It's a scene all too common, on a yearly basis, on the roadways and interstates all over the country, including Ohio – even in Montgomery:

July 29, 2016: The Ohio State Highway Patrol tells FOX 8 in Cleveland that one of its troopers was injured after being struck by a car.

Lt. John Hiscox with the Geauga County Sheriff's Office says the trooper was conducting a traffic stop at around 11:00 a.m. on U.S. 322, east of Auburn Road when it happened. A car struck the trooper, who was outside of his vehicle; the car also struck the trooper's vehicle before hitting the car that was originally stopped. The woman of the stopped vehicle crawled out her window to check the trooper's condition.

Aug. 24, 2016, Columbus: Interstate 270 southbound reopened after a police officer's cruiser was involved in an accident.

According to the Gahanna police, the officer was assisting in clearing a different traffic accident, when another driver struck the officer's cruiser with him inside.

Sept. 15, 2016, Cleveland: Ohio State Highway Patrol trooper Kenneth Velez, 48, was killed after being struck during a traffic stop.

Velez was conducting a stop when he was hit while outside of his patrol car on I-90 westbound near the Warren Road exit.

March 8, 2016, Montgomery: Officer Shreve was assisting a wrecker driver with traffic control while the driver loaded a disabled vehicle on Interstate 275 when Shreve's cruiser was struck by a passing motorist with Shreve inside his patrol unit.

According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, twelve officers were killed in the line of duty after being struck by passing motorists while conducting traffic enforcement duties in 2015.

All drivers should move over to an adjacent lane when approaching any vehicle with flashing or rotating lights parked on the roadside, according to Ohio law. If moving over is not possible due to traffic or weather conditions, or because a second lane does not exist, motorists should slow down and proceed with caution.

"By moving over, motorists are helping to protect the lives of everyone who works on our roadways or uses them to travel," said Lt. Robert Sellers, OSHP Public Affairs commander. "It's not just the law. It's the right thing to do."

# Last month for building permit waiver for solar installations

December is the final month to take advantage of the City's incentives to residents and businesses who install a solar system for their buildings. The City will waive the building and zoning permit fees with a cap of \$1,000 for the remainder of the calendar year to help make solar photovoltaic systems more affordable than ever.



The price of solar panels and systems continues to drop, and federal and local incentives bring the cost of solar installations down even further. The federal government offers a solar tax credit, known as the investment tax credit (ITC), which allows a homeowner to deduct 30 percent of the cost of installing a solar energy system from their federal taxes, which was recently extended until 2019. The ITC applies to both residential and commercial systems, and there is no cap on its value. According to the ITC, the average shopper saved nearly \$9,000 on the cost of going solar in 2015.

The Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance also has a program called "Solarize Cincinnati," which makes purchasing solar panels even easier and more affordable by providing free solar assessments and using the power of bulk purchasing to drive down the costs to residents.

These programs, coupled with the City's waiver of building and zoning permit fees for the remainder of the year, help make solar photovoltaic systems affordable.

For additional information about the City's solar incentive, contact Tracy Roblero, community development director, at [troblero@ci.montgomery.oh.us](mailto:troblero@ci.montgomery.oh.us) or 792-8312.

## Avoid holiday fire damage with top 10 reminders

Every year, holiday fires cause approximately \$930 million in damages and injure 2,600 people. Here are 10 holiday fire safety tips to stay safe and avoid holiday fire damage:

1. Install smoke detectors; change the batteries every year. Install carbon monoxide detectors and make sure those batteries are fresh, too.
2. Make sure to use a fireplace screen if using an indoor fireplace.
3. Never burn wrapping paper, boxes or other trash in a fireplace.
4. Do not leave a fire unattended; put the fire out before going to bed.
5. Candles are beautiful, but make sure they are in stable and secure holders and keep them away from combustible materials and small children. Never leave candles unattended.
6. If using a real Christmas tree, put it in a stable stand and keep it fresh by checking the water level daily. A dried tree is more susceptible to fire. Keep the tree away from heat sources that could dry it out. Most trees dry out in two weeks, so do not leave a live Christmas tree up long past the holidays.
7. Check holiday lights for cracked or broken bulbs, frayed wires and loose plugs. Do not use lights that are not safe.
8. Use lights that have been approved by testing labs like Underwriters Laboratory (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM).
9. Use lights only in their designated areas; never use "indoor only" lights outdoors.
10. If a smoke, fire or carbon monoxide detector goes off, get everyone outside and call 911. Do not try to solve the problem personally.

Following these holiday fire safety tips will help to ensure a safer holiday season for all.



## Holiday lights, extension cords collected for recycling

The City of Montgomery Environmental Advisory Commission is expanding its monthly recycling collection for the months of December and January (Dec. 17 and Jan. 21) to include the collection of holiday decoration lights (stranded) and extension cords. These items may be dropped off at the Public Works facility, 7315 Cornell Road, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on either date.

The addition of these items further supports the City's recycling efforts to reduce the amount of trash going into landfills.

# Largest class welcomed to Leadership Academy's 10th year

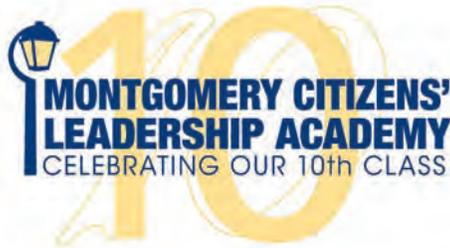
The 10th season of the Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy (MCLA) Class of 2017 is set to begin in January. Twenty-nine residents and business professionals will embark on their individual journey into a behind-the-scenes look at the Montgomery community. Not only will participants be learning new information, they will be meeting some of the players that make Montgomery tick: local elected officials, educational leaders and leaders in the local business community.

A variety of conversations will take place over the course of the 10 sessions. Discussions and deliberations will focus on such topics as historic preservation, economic development, safety and the general building of community. These conversations are an

important element of the MCLA experience, not just because it deepens the relationships between participants, but rather it gives local officials and City staff an understanding of what residents are thinking.

Similar to previous classes, the MCLA Class of 2017 is generally comprised of residents, members of community organizations and local business people ranging in ages from their early 30s to over 70. This diversity provides a wide "swatch" of community fabric that makes for enriching conversations about local and timely topics.

MCLA has received national attention for its creative approach. Visit [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org) or call Ray Kingsbury, director of citizen engagement, at 792-8359 for more information.



## Community support of Making A Difference Day praised

Member organizations of Connect Montgomery wish to thank the many volunteers and organizations that participated in this year's Making A Difference Day activities on Oct. 22.

Ascension Lutheran Church reported an extremely successful day in support of the N.E.E.D.S. (Northeast Emergency Distribution Services) Pantry. Eight volunteers, doing two-hour shifts at the Montgomery Kroger, collected 871 donated items, including cereal, soup, vegetables and jelly and \$120 in cash donations.

Nine volunteers from the New Church of Montgomery worked to package four ingredients into Hands Against Hunger food packets to prevent child malnutrition and hunger. The New Church of Montgomery group packaged 2,160 meals and altogether 155,000 plus meals were packed at the facility on Oct. 22.

Thirty individuals from the City of Montgomery and the Sister Cities Commission, HORAN, Rotary Club of Northeast Cincinnati, Montgomery Assembly of God, New Church of Montgomery and Sycamore High School National Honor Society volunteered at Matthew 25 Ministries for a two-hour shift. They matched donated shoes and prepared care packages.

Twelve volunteers from St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, along with a group of six volunteers from the Montgomery Welcome Letter Writing Group, volunteered at Crayons to Computers. The group unloaded and sorted items in the warehouse and repackaged them for easy distribution in the teacher store.

Finally, 26 members of the Sycamore Junior High Builder's Club and two chaperones assisted two Montgomery homeowners with raking their leaves on Oct. 28 as a part of Making A Difference Day activities. Thanks to McCabe Hardware on Montgomery Road for the donation of leaf bags used in the collection of leaves.



# Do's and don'ts regarding residential trash containers

Residents are reminded that trash and recycling containers should not be placed at the curb earlier than 5:00 p.m. the day before pickup is scheduled, and containers should be removed from the curb by 9:00 p.m. the day of pickup.

The waste containers are designed for use with the automated collection system and are imprinted with a serial number and assigned to a specific address. Since it is an automated system, handles must point away from the street or toward the residence in order for the automation to work.

If a homeowner moves, please leave the waste containers for use by the next resident. Damaged containers, upon verification by Rumpke, will be replaced at no charge to citizens. Rumpke reserves the right to charge residents for containers that have been damaged by negligence or abuse.

Homeowners may contact the City of Montgomery at 891-2424 for information regarding trash collection. Contact Rumpke regarding the replacement of the waste containers at 742-2900.

## IMPORTANT: TRASH & RECYCLING CART PLACEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

### Avoid Service Interruptions—Follow These Steps

1. Place all trash completely inside the trash cart. Place all recycling loose (no plastic bags) completely inside the recycling cart. **Anything left outside the carts will NOT be collected.**
2. When placing carts at the curb, face them toward the street (cart wheels should face away from the street).
3. Place your trash and recycling carts at least 4 feet apart.
4. Position carts within two feet of the curb.
5. Do not place carts near parked cars, mailboxes, etc. (make certain the cart is at least 4 feet away from other objects).

### Cart Placement in Alleys

Carts need to be at least 4 feet apart and 4 feet from other objects. Rumpke will initially collect your household's trash and recycling from where you traditionally place it for collection, whether curbside or in an alley. If adjustments are needed, Rumpke will contact you.

### Cart Placement on One-Way Streets and on Streets with Parked Cars

If you live on a one-way street or a street with parked cars, please place carts to the right of the traffic flow. Carts need to be at least 4 feet apart and 4 feet from other objects.



**PLACE ALL MATERIAL COMPLETELY INSIDE THE CARTS.**

**ANYTHING LEFT OUTSIDE THE CARTS WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.**

## Yard waste continues, holiday greenery pick up begins

The weekly unlimited yard waste pick up will continue through Dec. 23. Yard waste pick up will start again on Jan. 7 when it will be collected along with holiday greenery for the first three Saturdays in January.

Christmas trees, wreaths and swags can be placed at the curb along with yard waste. Residents will not be required to have a yard waste sticker attached to them. Please place all waste at the curb on Friday evening prior to the Saturday pick-up.

Rumpke will collect all greenery and any remaining yard waste on one of the following three Saturday dates:

- Saturday, Jan. 7
- Saturday, Jan. 14
- Saturday, Jan. 21

Each item must be completely free of all plastic, flocking, tinsel and decorations. All yard waste must be placed in bags in the event of snow, due to freezing.



**As a reminder, regular yard waste collection will resume the first week in March.**

# City of Montgomery Arts and Entertainment

## Local Resident Wins Holiday Card Contest



Each year, the Montgomery City Council members and City staff send out holiday cards to those who have served or enhanced the community of Montgomery during the past year. This is the second year the Arts Commission has coordinated a holiday card contest, to generate some new choices for the card's front panel.

Selected for the 2016-2017 holiday card is a photograph by Montgomery resident Fred Haaser. Mr. Haaser recently retired from GE Aviation after 34 years managing three engine programs. He is the event coordinator for the Ohio Valley Camera Club and is currently pursuing photographing all 59 US national parks with eleven completed including the Volcano

National Park in Hawaii this past November.

Mr. Haaser's art was chosen from a field of over a dozen entries. It depicts the Neuilly-Plaisance fountain in downtown Montgomery during the holidays. He will receive recognition as the artist on the cards, as well as a Montgomery-themed gift basket.



## Improv at the Uni is back

Don't miss a night of laughter and surprises as the Montgomery Arts Commission presents the fifth annual Improv at the Uni, performed by the Improv Aves group from Sycamore High School. This night of hilarity takes place on Friday, Jan. 13 at the Universalist Church in downtown Montgomery.

The show will feature approximately ten student actors experienced in the art of improvisation and who perform skits in a spontaneous manner (similar to the show "Whose Line Is It Anyway") using random suggestions from the audience. Since this is a school-approved and school-sponsored group, the performance will be appropriate for all ages.

The show begins at 7:00 p.m. and will last approximately an hour and 15 minutes with no intermission, and is free and open to the public; however, reservations are required since seating in the church is limited. The Universalist Church is located at the corner of Montgomery and Remington Roads. Go online to [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org) to reserve a seat.

## Family Art Night coming this winter

The Montgomery Arts Commission will partner with the **Imagine, Create, Inspire (I.C.I.)** art studio for a lively, family-friendly art making event on Feb. 3 at 7:00 p.m. at Terwilliger Lodge. Led by I.C.I.'s Jacqueline Rohner, participants will create their own piece of original art inspired by a common theme. Children, ages 8+, must be accompanied by an adult, and both will work on their own canvas.

Participants can follow along color by color, or let their inner Picasso shine and use their own color scheme. Either way, each participant will have a unique painting, which is theirs to keep and display. The cost of this event is just \$5 per person, and a snack will be provided. There is a maximum of 15 adults and 15 children. To reserve seats, visit [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org).



I.C.I. Studio  
Imagine. Create. Inspire.™

# Board and Commission Openings

## Get involved in your community

The City is looking for individuals to make the commitment to be more involved in the leadership of their community. One of the following City Commissions might be the place to do so. The initial step in getting involved, is to attend an upcoming meeting of the commission you are interested in to learn more about their project work and to meet the current members.

### Arts Commission

Members foster and promote the visual and performing arts within our City. Programs and events include the Photo Contest, Live at the Uni Concert Series, July 3 Patriotic Concert, a public art project and a kids' art program. *Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m.*

### Beautification and Tree Commission

The Beautification and Tree Commission annually develops and updates a plan for the care of trees, shrubs and flowers in all public areas. It advises the administration and City Council on the prudent and productive use of financial resources for the purposes within its charge. The Commission proposes programs, submits an annual budget, supervises such undertakings as are authorized by City Council and reports its progress annually on projects and activities within its responsibility. Commission activities include Beautification Week flower planting, Garden Tour, Arbor Day Celebrations, Tree City USA recognition, Plant Swaps, Downtown Holiday Decorating and hanging basket planting and tree workshops. *Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m.*

### Parks & Recreation Commission

The Parks and Recreation Commission seeks to improve the quality of life of Montgomery citizens by promoting an



Members of the Beautification and Tree Commission assist with the annual basket planting project.

integrated park and recreation program. The Commission provides advice and assistance to the administration regarding the development and operation of the parks, playgrounds and recreation facilities and programs for the City. Members focus on current safety standards for the City's parks by conducting park "walk-throughs," help to assess the recreational needs of residents and assist with a variety of special events. In order to promote familiarity with each of the seven parks, the commission's meetings are held at various City parks and lodges. *Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.*

For further information and/or to apply for one of the above positions, contact DeAnna Gross at 792-8329 or [dgross@ci.montgomery.oh.us](mailto:dgross@ci.montgomery.oh.us).



Holiday decorating volunteer Bunny Harrington prepares bows for storage.

## Fulfill that resolution to volunteer more

All the lovely holiday decorations that have been gracing Montgomery's downtown during the holiday season will need to come down and be stored for another year. On Wednesday, Jan. 4, (rain date: Thursday, Jan. 5) volunteers will ready the greenery and bows for storage. Many hands make the task go quickly.

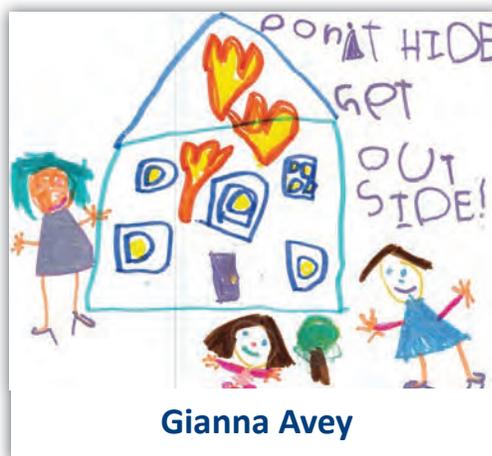
Lend a hand at 10:00 a.m. at the City's Annex Building, 10115 Montgomery Road. Help sort and pack away the greenery and bows.

For more information or to get on the volunteer roster, contact DeAnna Gross, volunteer coordinator, at 792-8329 or [dgross@ci.montgomery.oh.us](mailto:dgross@ci.montgomery.oh.us).

# Fire Prevention Week

## Poster contest winners announced

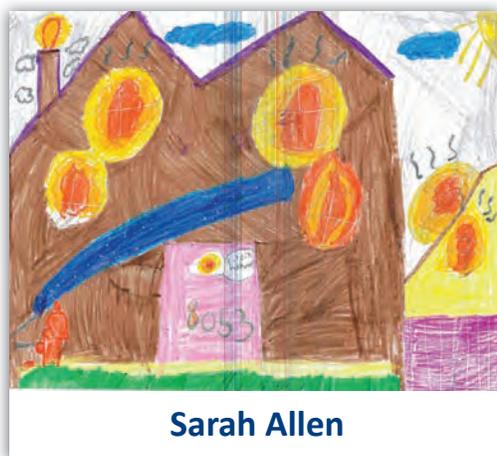
### Kindergarten



### First Grade



### Second Grade



Each year during Fire Prevention Week in October, the City of Montgomery fire department visits Montgomery Elementary to talk to the students about fire safety.

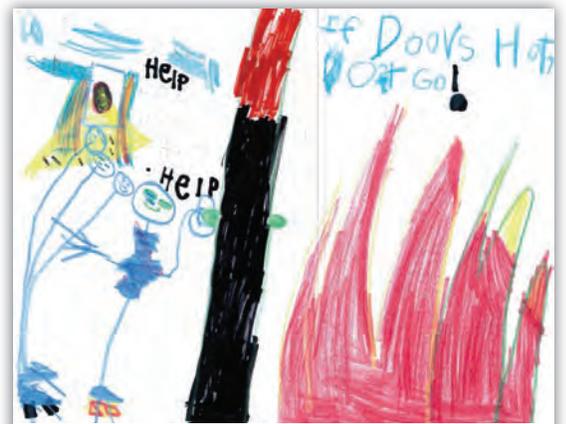
In addition to the fire prevention week programs offered to each grade level, the fire department also hosts a fire safety poster contest in conjunction with the City's recreation department and offered to the kindergarten, first and second grades.



The winners of this year's poster contest (shown in the picture from left to right) are first row: Raeden Thomas, Dylan Marshal, Elise Duffey, Marlow Hagen; and second row: Lily McColaugh, Darsh Nanda, Sarah Allen, Lily Cole, and Rachel Balent. Lt. Mark Stagge from the Montgomery fire department is also pictured.

The grand prize winners were kindergartener Elise Duffey, first grader Lily McColaugh and second grader Lily Cole. Gianna Avey was also a class winner from the kindergarten class but was not pictured.

The pictures are drawn and colored on a single 8 1/2-by-11-inch piece of paper with the only requirement being that it have a fire safety theme and/or message. There is a prize awarded for the best entry from each class that participated. The grand prize winner from each grade is invited to have lunch with the firefighters at the Montgomery Safety Center, 10150 Montgomery Road, on a Saturday afternoon. There was a total of 10 class winners with one grand prize winner from each grade.



**Elise Duffey**  
Kindergarten grand prize winner



**Lily McColaugh**  
First grade grand prize winner



**Lily Cole**  
Second grade grand prize winner



# 12 Days

## of Christmas in Montgomery

### Thursday, 1st

- Enjoy the gift of health and fitness at the **TriHealth Fitness and Health Pavilion** with a free trial membership throughout the 12 days.



### Friday, 2nd

- Give your true love two turtle doves or treat yourself! **Aglamesis Bro's** is offering, two free turtles with any ice cream purchase (limit 1 per customer). Join Santa and Mrs. Claus at Aglamesis Bro's from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Come enjoy holiday shopping at **Vintage Marketplace** from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today! Enjoy a free gift with purchase and also enjoy festive snacks and refreshments.

### Saturday, 3rd

- Join the fun at the City of Montgomery's Holiday in the Village Event! The Tree Lighting begins at 5:00 p.m. at the **Neuilly Plaisance Plaza** followed by activities with Santa and Mrs. Claus at **Universalist Church** at Montgomery and Remington Roads.
- Hop on the Trolley for activities at **Twin Lakes Senior Living Community, Bethesda North Hospital and Ohio National Financial Services**.

### Wednesday, 7th

- **Elements Massage** – Come by to sign up to win a free one hour massage for yourself. While you're there take advantage of their buy one get one half off gift card sale to give the gift of relief and relaxation to family and friends. Open until 9:00 p.m.

### Thursday, 8th

- Dine in at **Brooklyn Pizza and Pasta** and wear an ugly Christmas sweater! The ugliest sweater gets a free pizza.



### Friday, 9th

- Santa is back at **American Savings Bank**! Enjoy hot chocolate, cookies and ornament making between 9:00—2:00 p.m. Throughout the 12 days enjoy these benefits: free checking account, waiver of closing cost on all residential mortgages, and .25% off on all Commercial Loans.
- **Frame House Gallery & Kathy's Korner Gift Shop** is open late until 7:30 p.m. today. Refreshments will be served. 10% of all sales go to charity.



Celebrate the “12 Days of Christmas” in Montgomery, December 1-12, with classic holiday activities, events or offers each day. The 12 Days of Christmas in Montgomery is a program organized by the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce and the City of Montgomery. For more information, contact Julie Machon at Montgomery City Hall at 891-2424.

## Sunday, 4th

- Enjoy “A Gold Record Christmas” **Blue Ash Montgomery Symphony Orchestra** Kindel Memorial Holiday Concert at 7:00 p.m. at the Montgomery Assembly of God Church.



## Monday, 5th

- Cincinnati School of Music** offers free registration plus \$20 off your first full month of lessons (\$55 value) when you sign up between December 1st - 12th. Offer only valid for new students who register between 12/1-12/12/2016. Limit one offer per family.



## Tuesday, 6th

- Sanctuary DermaSPA + Salon:** One day only: New clients can try Botox or Dysport at 50% off and/or try a facial or peel at 50% off.



## Saturday, 10th

- Bring the whole family down to Dulle Park to share a pancake breakfast with Santa. All-you-can-eat pancakes will be served by City of Montgomery employee volunteers for \$5/ person (family rate of \$20). **City of Montgomery Breakfast with Santa**, 8:30—10:30 a.m. Terwilliger Lodge at Dulle Park.

## Sunday, 11th

- Don't miss the **Woodhouse Day Spa** Holiday Special, buy a \$100 gift card and receive a \$20 bonus gift card. Purchase a \$350 gift card and receive a \$20 bonus card and complimentary luxury throw blanket (\$150 value).



## Monday, 12th

- Make laughter a resolution! The **Montgomery Arts Commission** presents the fifth annual Improv at the Uni, performed by the Improv Aves group from Sycamore High School. This night of hilarity takes place on Friday, January 13, 2017, at the **Universalist Church** in downtown Montgomery. Visit [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org) or call 891-2424 for more information.

# City of Montgomery Recreation and Events

## Kindel Memorial

### Holiday Concert

**Sunday, Dec. 4, 7 p.m., Montgomery Assembly of God Church, 7950 Pfeiffer Road in Montgomery.**

This year's theme will be "A Gold Record Christmas." This concert has become the traditional beginning to the holiday season for Blue Ash and Montgomery residents.



## Breakfast with Santa

**Saturday, Dec. 10, Terwilliger Lodge in Dulle Park, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.**

Bring the family to Dulle Park to share a pancake breakfast with Santa. All-you-can-eat pancakes will be served by City of Montgomery employee volunteers for \$5/person (family rate of \$20). Bring a wish list to share with Mr. Claus himself and a camera to take a photo with him. All proceeds benefit the Holiday Family Fund, which supports local families in need with gifts and toys shared in the generosity of the holiday spirit. Share in the spirit of the season and help others by bringing food items for the FreeStore Foodbank.



## Entire community unites for celebrations

City of Montgomery events help make Montgomery unique and most are longtime family traditions. Events are made possible through the work of many volunteers, staff and committed sponsors.

These local sponsors are generous in their support and deserve recognition and patronage as a thank you for the role they play in enhancing the community:

**Ohio National Financial Services**

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**Hats off...**to the myriad of Montgomery Woman's Club members, Beautification and Tree commissioners, individual volunteers and Public Works staff members for all of their work on the holiday decorating project.

This group of dedicated volunteers first prepared the many garlands, wreaths and red bows at a "fluffing" workshop. They then spent a morning hanging the greenery and bows, turning downtown Montgomery festive for the holiday season.

***A great big winter cap off to the holiday decorating volunteers!***

Experience new group exercise equipment and classes. Registration for the next session of fitness classes is open. For more information and to register, visit [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org). All equipment needed for classes is provided.

**Registration for all classes opens up on January 3, 2017.**



Day	Class Name	Dates of Session	No Class	Session Length	Time of Class	Resident	Non-Resident
Monday	Mixed Level Yoga	1/23 - 3/13		8 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Monday	Chair Yoga	1/23 - 3/13		8 classes	11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45
Monday	Step	1/23 - 3/13		8 classes	6:15-7:15 p.m.	\$40	\$45
Tuesday	20/20/20	1/10 - 2/28		8 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Tuesday	Tai Chi	1/17 - 3/7		8 classes	10:20-11:20 a.m.	\$80	\$90
Tuesday	Pilates	1/10 - 2/28		8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45
Wednesday	Beginner Level Yoga	1/25 - 3/15		8 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Thursday	20/20/20	1/12 - 3/2		8 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Thursday	Pilates	1/12 - 3/2		8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45

## Description of Classes

**20/20/20** - This class offers light to moderate cardiovascular exercises, light strength training and light stretching for 20 minutes each.

**Pilates** - This class is geared towards using core body muscles (abdominal, obliques, back and gluteal muscles) to get effective results in the midsection. This workout gets results in all the problem places by working on lengthening of the spine, proper alignment and posture, and a strong center to create a slimmer profile.

**Step** - This class uses basic step choreography, while incorporating old school aerobics mixed with current and modern moves and music. The benefits of step aerobics are proven to strengthen and tone muscle groups, while burning calories and improving coordination.

**Beginner Level Yoga** - This class is for those who are ready to try yoga for the first time or who just prefer to practice at a slower and gentler pace. Participants will take plenty of time to really learn form and alignment of traditional yoga poses while also building strength and flexibility with bodyweight exercises. Class will begin with a brief centering and end with savasana.

**Chair Yoga** - Yoga is a practice that can be modified to support anyone at any stage of life, and it is never too late to begin! This class is intended to make yoga accessible to advancing seniors and to students with arthritis, injuries or other movement limitations and challenges. Each student will have a chair to assist with balance for some simple standing poses. Many postures will be done while seated in the chair and will students will spend plenty of time on breathwork and guided relaxation.

**Mixed Level Yoga** - This class offers students the opportunity to explore physical posture and energetic alignment in traditional yoga poses and also build strength and flexibility through bodyweight exercises, such as planks, pushups and squats. Modifications will be offered to make sure everyone gets just what he or she needs, so all level of yoga enthusiasts are welcome, but some prior yoga experience is recommended. Class will begin with a brief centering and end with savasana.

**Tai Chi** - Often called a moving meditation, Tai Chi has its roots in martial arts. The movements are practiced slowly and smoothly with attention to proper posture and breathing. Tai Chi is easy to learn, effective and safe; it increases flexibility, muscle strength, heart/lung activity, aligns posture, improves balance, and integrates the mind and body.

## Online class registration made easier with new software



The City of Montgomery has a new online recreation system, REC1, which allows residents to easily search and sign up for upcoming classes, pool memberships, park shelter reservations and lodge rentals. The new service will be available on Jan. 3.

“Registering for the City’s popular recreation classes, pool memberships and parks shelter reservations just got easier. Thanks to this new user-friendly software, residents have an extensive search option that provides a simple and efficient way to browse through the City’s rental reservations and recreation programs,” said Matthew Vanderhorst, community and information services director.

Since 2007, REC1 has been an industry leader in online recreation software. The REC1 product was designed and developed from the ground up specifically to meet the needs of municipal parks and recreation departments. REC1 strives to provide City staff and their customers with a modern, intuitive interface that is powerful, well-managed and actively supported.

Residents interested in registering online for classes, pool memberships, park shelter reservations and lodge rentals must create a new account in REC1. Registration will be available on Jan. 3 on [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org). For more information, contact Montgomery City Hall at (513) 891-2424.

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# Montgomery Bulletin December Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Holiday in the Village, downtown Montgomery, 5:00-7:30 p.m. Tree lighting, 5:00 p.m. Festival of Trees display at various locations
4 BAMSO Holiday Concert, Montgomery Assembly of God, 7950 Pfeiffer Road, 7:00 p.m.	5 Beautification & Tree Commission, Public Works, 9:00 a.m. Planning Commission, City Hall, 7:30 p.m.	6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Council Business Session, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	8	9	10 Breakfast with Santa, Terwilliger Lodge, 8:30-10:30 a.m.
11	12	13 Environmental Advisory Commission, City Hall, 5:00 p.m.	14 Landmarks Commission, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	15 4th Quarter 2016 City tax due	16	17 Cardboard recycling, 7315 Cornell Road, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
18	19 Planning Commission, City Hall, 7:30 p.m.	20 Sister Cities Commission, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	21 Council Work Session, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	22 Sycamore Community Schools winter break begins	23 City offices closed Trash pickup as usual	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day Hanukkah	26 Kwanzaa City offices closed Trash pickup as usual	27 Board of Zoning Appeals, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve