

Montgomery Bulletin

CITY OF MONTGOMERY



27th annual

Bastille Day

#MontyBastille



Main Stage

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Sycamore Community Band
 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. TOAST! with Tom Steele
 8:00 – 11:00 p.m. Naked Karate Girls

North Stage

12:15 – 1:00 p.m. Kids' Theater Camp
 1:30 – 2:15 p.m. Tom Bemmes Magic Show
 2:45 p.m. Best of Bastille Announcements
 3:00 – 3:45 p.m. Waiters Race
 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Cool Critters Animal Show
 8:00 – 11:00 p.m. The Mistics



Naked Karate Girls



The Mistics

Street Café Vendors Enjoy a great variety of foods and snacks!

Alabama Fish Bar
 Blue Ash Chili
 Cinque Ristorante by Nicola's
 Delicio Coal Fired Pizza
 Graeter's
 La Petite France
 Montgomery Inn
 Pomodori's
 Sugar Snap Sweet Treats

The Pacific Kitchen
 The Stonecreek Dining Company
 The European Café

Kids Area

Fun games of luck, stilt walking ballon artist, pony rides, face painting, 6-hole putt putt (new!) and snocones!

Thanks!

A special thanks for event support from:



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Summer celebrations supported by many



by Lynda Roesch

The month of July signals vacations, barbeques, swimming pools, baseball and other leisure time activities. We generally think of summer as a time for celebrations. In July, Montgomery celebrates several signature events which attract many visitors to our city. The month of July means the July 3 BAMSO Concert, the July 4 parade and festival in Montgomery Park. Later in July, the City has its biggest celebration, Bastille Day. City staff and volunteers work hard during these celebrations to showcase the City.

Rough estimates of City staff hours for the July 3 and 4 events total in excess of 350. Volunteers commit over 100 hours to the July 3 and festivities. For Bastille Day, staff spends in excess of 600 hours and volunteers in excess of 400 hours.

The Public Works Department puts in long hours during July to get Montgomery Parks prepared for the July 3 Concert and the July 4 Festival. The Public Works Department mows the Park's grass, readies the baseball field, sets up the stage and tent for the orchestra and sets up the booths along the pathway. They ensure electricity for the booths and sound system. And when the festival is over, Public Works takes it all down.

City administrative staff spends countless hours planning and coordinating activities for July 3 and 4. The Sister Cities Commission, the Community and Information Services Department and recreation staff, plan for nearly a year before Bastille Day. They recruit vendors, bands and volunteers to staff the booths. City staff is responsible for the "look" of the parade route which is lined by thousands of residents and visitors. Staff's relationship with city businesses helps to attract sponsors for these events. Long before anyone else is up, the Public Works Department is setting up booths for Bastille Day on Montgomery Road and long after everyone is gone, Public Works is taking down the booths and cleaning up Montgomery roads for business as usual.

The Police and Fire Departments also put in long hours to ensure the safety of the community during these events. They block, direct, and re-route traffic during the parade and Bastille Day. The Finance Department pays the bills, procures the necessary insurance and makes the deposits, mostly from the sale of wine and beer.

All of this hard work is so the community can enjoy the celebrations of summer. To show our appreciation, City Council serves staff a pizza lunch in August. Please participate in and enjoy these summer events and say thanks to our staff for a job well done.





Council Corner

June 22, 2016 Work Session

Montgomery City Council met in its regular monthly Work Session on June 22, 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 Authorizing the Detachment of Hamilton County Auditor's Parcel Number 603-0A23-0187 And the Approval of an Annexation Agreement Related Thereto for the Annexation of Hamilton County Auditor's Parcel Number 620-0210-0723 (tabled)

New Legislation

A Resolution Adopting a Tax Budget for 2017

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with The Sycamore Community Schools District Board of Education to Assign a School Resource Officer

RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

Approved Legislation

June 1, 2016

- Resolution No 10 2016 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Contract with Frost Brown Todd, LLC to Provide Special Counsel Services (passed 6-0, 1-absent)
- Resolution No 11 2016 A Resolution Accepting a Bid and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Strawser Construction for the 2016 "Bituminous Black Mat" Project (passed 6-0, 1-absent)
- Resolution No 12 2016 A Resolution Accepting a Bid and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Barrett Paving for the 2016 Street Resurfacing Program (passed 6-0, 1-absent)
- Resolution No 13 2016 A Resolution Extending an Interim Development Control Overlay District Within All Business Districts (passed 6-0, 1-absent)
- Ordinance No 4 2016 An Ordinance Modifying Section 30.03, Announcement of Public Meetings, of the Code of Ordinances (passed 6-0, 1-absent)
- Ordinance No 5 2016 An Ordinance Modifying Section 30.03, Announcement of Public Meetings, of the Code of Ordinances (passed 6-0, 1-absent)

These pieces of approved legislation can be reviewed on the City's website at montgomeryohio.org

Spring event shredded previous record

The Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) reports that the newly added spring Shredding Event broke records of past events held in the fall. With participants' help, and that of volunteers, 190 vehicles came through the line at the Public Works Facility and donated approximately 11,000 lbs. of paper to be shredded. That is more than double what was collected in October 2015. Thank you Montgomery for your support.

Montgomery studies potential interchange modifications to support Gateway Redevelopment Area

Since the Montgomery Community Improvement Corporation voted to designate Gateway Partners, LLC as the preferred developer for the Gateway Redevelopment Area (GRA) on October 7, 2015 there has been a significant amount of work accomplished to keep the proposed development project moving forward. One area of focus has been the impact the GRA will have on moving traffic safely and efficiently in and around the project site including the interchange of Montgomery Road and Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway and adjacent intersections.

The City of Montgomery has partnered with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), Hamilton County Commissioners; and Gateway Partners, LLC to research and study potential traffic alternatives that would create a safe and positive impact on traffic. Traffic counts were obtained in October 2015 and January 2016 and used to conduct traffic analysis and explore various traffic alternatives for the interchange of Montgomery Road and Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway to potentially replace the current configuration. The traffic alternatives studied include a single point traffic signal, half diamond, two lane roundabout

and a modified two lane roundabout. Following preliminary traffic analysis and traffic modeling, the modified two lane roundabout has emerged as the recommended preferred alternative. The next step in the process is to complete an Interchange Operation Study for submission to ODOT for review and recommendation of any potential traffic alternatives.



Aerial photo of the Gateway Redevelopment Area

In addition, City staff has submitted grant applications for consideration to the Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District and to the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments to assist with design and construction of potential interchange modifications and improvements that are being studied.

As the process moves forward, more details will be shared with the community in upcoming Montgomery Bulletins or on montgomery.org. Open House meetings will also be scheduled for the public to review and

provide comments regarding traffic alternatives and general site plans being considered for the GRA.

Is Solar Right for You?

Compared to a brand new bathroom or a kitchen remodel, installing solar panels on your roof may not seem very exciting; however, adding solar panels can be a home improvement that keeps on giving, possibly paying for itself and then some.

Whether or not a solar power system makes sense for you, it's a good time to check out your options. 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 US federal renewable-energy tax credit cuts the cost of a solar power system by 30%; however, this incentive is set to expire at the end of 2016. The Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance (GCEA) has also created a new 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 the 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 more affordable than ever.

The amount of money you can save by harnessing the power of the sun depends on where you live, your current energy usage, how you finance the system and how long you plan on staying in the home.

To determine if your home is a good fit for solar, contact Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance for a free solar feasibility assessment at 621-4232. For additional information about the City's solar incentive, contact Tracy Roblero, community development director, at troblero@ci.montgomery.oh.us or 792-8312.



Looking for Just a Snip. . .



Margie Joering and Laura Harmon, left, cultivate the Lazy Daisy Garden in Swaim Park.

Residents of Montgomery are welcome to snip herbs in the Montgomery Woman's Club's old-fashioned garden located behind Swaim Park's Wilder Swaim House.

This summer twelve herbs are available: thyme, mint, curly parsley, flat leafed parsley, oregano, chives, garlic chives, sage, rosemary, basil, fennel, and lavender.

In addition to the herbs, the garden currently has over 30 different kinds of flowering plants to provide food and habitat for butterflies and other pollinators.

Members of the Lazy Daisy Garden Club have provided the plant material and upkeep of the garden for over 30 years. The garden's establishment was a 1983 club conservation project chaired by Laura Harmon (pictured).

HATS OFF . . .

to our forty-two teen Safety Village volunteer assistants: **Mattie Bambauer, Nicholas Bigliano, Maggie Busch, Jake Buschermann, Connor Close, Taylor Close, Meredith Darrah, Meggie DiGiovanna, Ellie Ekstedt, Emma Falci, Kyra Frankowski, Nate Gawin, Luke Goard, Brandon Gillespie, Kate Gillespie, Charles Griffith, Sarah Guedira, Yasmine Guedira, Christopher Hartkemeier, Kate Henry, David Hornback, Olivia Huculak, Lea Huth, Casey Kaufman, Allison Landrum, Mia Lansberg, Allison Linser, Ian Livingston, Audrey Lombardi, Mia Manet, Jonah Mayhall, Hudson Nuss, Blake Shuholm, Clayton Steinbrink, Matthew Swartz, Reed Thomas, Marlee Treta, Andrea Vaughn, Sydney Weiss, Tray Yengo, , Phoebe Zawatsky and Skylar Ziegler.** These teen volunteers make a week long commitment to assist at Safety Village. They reinforce the lessons learned on the basic rules of pedestrian and traffic safety as well as fire, personal, animal, water and school bus safety. A **BIG THANK YOU** to all of our teen Safety Village volunteers.

Home Safety Check Program for seniors



The Montgomery Fire Department has developed a Home Safety Check Program to assist those who want to age in place. This safety program is intended to evaluate safety and environmental risks and hazards in homes while educating owners on best practices and other services available to them. With a comprehensive four-page safety checklist, the evaluating personnel will review recommended safety standards for the home with the homeowner or family member. These recommendations will be given to the residents to help them stay safe and healthy in their home longer.

For more information on the Home Safety Check Program and to schedule a review, contact Assistant Fire Chief Ben Shapiro at 985-1631 or email him at bshapiro@ci.montgomery.oh.us.

Preventing mail theft may reduce opportunity crime

A growing number of households have been victims of mail theft recently. Thieves will steal mail from a home's mailbox if they notice that the red flag is up or if they see a resident place outgoing mail in the box. These criminals can take checks written to pay bills and make counterfeit checks or forge them using a computer, scanner or color copiers. Once a homeowner is notified by their bank, the damage may be already done. The homeowner may be missing hundreds or thousands of dollars in a matter of a few days. In an effort to reduce your chances of becoming a victim of mail theft, the Montgomery Police Department suggests the following safety tips:



- Deposit your outgoing mail at the Post Office, a blue USPS collection box, or hand it directly to your postal carrier.
- Promptly remove incoming mail on a daily basis.
- If you suspect you have been a victim of mail theft or check counterfeiting, immediately contact the Montgomery Police Department and your financial institution.

If you feel you have an emergency situation, call 9-1-1, or for non-emergencies call the Montgomery Police at (513) 985-1600.

City, school district lauded for local government innovation



The City of Montgomery received the Outstanding Achievement in Local Government Innovation Award

“This service sharing partnership is a great example of what can be accomplished when two quality organizations work together for the benefit of the community,” said Wayne Davis, city manager.

“The cost savings for the City have been significant but more importantly, the technology partnership with Sycamore Community Schools has allowed the City to enhance service capabilities beyond what could have accomplished on our own and Sycamore Community School receives additional resources to support the students and school staff”, explained Community and Information Services Director Matthew Vanderhorst.

from the Alliance for Innovation during its annual conference in June. This award recognized the City’s successful technology service sharing partnership with Sycamore Community Schools.

Sycamore Community Schools and the City of Montgomery partnered on extending the fiber optics cabling system from the high school to the Public Works facility to the rest of the City’s network. This resulted in significant financial savings to the City, faster and improved network efficiencies and provided the school system additional resources to deliver services to both teachers and students.

The Outstanding Achievement in Local Government Innovation Award is given to local governments that have shown dedication to stretching and improving the boundaries of day-to-day government operations and practices, implementing creative business processes, and improving the civic health of the community.

Learn CPR and First Aid, two life-long skills

CPR, or cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, is an important skill that everyone should learn. You do not need to be a medical professional to know or use CPR and the Montgomery Fire Department offers quarterly classes to teach you how. You never know when you may need this skill to save someone you love or to be a hero to a stranger.



Knowing CPR empowers you to help someone in a life threatening situation. As a parent, this skill is needed with children younger than five who tend to put small objects in their mouths, which can lead to choking. Choking is a leading cause of death in this age group and knowing what to do and how to perform CPR allows you to act quickly.

Also, situations may arise when someone’s breathing or heart has stopped. In the summer, working in the heat increases the chances of this happening. Same in the winter when the body is stressed doing strenuous activities like shoveling snow. Immediate action with CPR is the most effective way to save that individual, as an ambulance may not arrive for several minutes. Providing CPR could mean the difference between life and death for someone who is unconscious.

First Aid Classes- Responding with Care and Knowledge

The Montgomery Fire Department offers basic First Aid training, and encourages babysitters, parents, coaches and all adults to consider First Aid certification. First Aid training gives you the tools to alleviate suffering, prevent further injury and prolong life. It can be as simple as lessening the pain of a bee sting to calming someone having trouble breathing. The knowledge conveyed in First Aid classes prepares participants to respond and prioritize care in smart, effective and safe ways that can really make a significant difference to the experience and the life of an injured or ill person.

The Montgomery Fire Department is certified to teach both of these important courses using the standards and criteria of the American Heart Association. We offer this as a quarterly four-hour class on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The next class is scheduled for Saturday, August 13. You can attend the CPR training from 10:00 a.m. to noon or stay until 2:00 p.m. to receive training in First Aid as well. There is a nominal fee of \$20 to cover the cost of materials. For more information or to sign-up, please call the Montgomery Fire Department at 985-1633.

July Volunteer Opportunities



Saturday, July 16th Downtown Montgomery
Over 100 volunteers are needed to put on this great event. Volunteers are used in a multitude of areas, for various shifts from 11:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Come join in on the fun as a volunteer.

For more specific information about volunteering for this event, contact DeAnna Gross at 792-8329 or dgross@ci.montgomery.oh.us.

City awards Service to the Community Grants

On June 1 at their monthly business session, Montgomery City Council awarded the Service to the Community Grants to two local organizations with each receiving a total of \$1,500 towards programs to assist the local community.

The grant to the Montgomery Farmers' Market will assist with the implementation of a new program at the Market to accept Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits from customers towards the purchase of fresh produce. Implementation of this program is expected to increase attendance among low-income residents. By expanding this program, customers may spend more at the Market and allow the Montgomery Farmers' Market to increase its customer base. The collection of SNAP benefits also allows the community to meet the WeThrive! Initiative's goal of preventing chronic diseases such as diabetes and heart disease.

Support to Operation Give Back will expand their efforts in offering education programs to the parents of the students they serve. Operation Give Back partners with the Sycamore Community Schools to provide mentoring and tutoring assistance, including after-school assistance, for economically disadvantaged students grades 1-8 in the school district. Parents of the students they serve will be offered programs to assist in developing life skills, self-help and enriching lives through goal-setting and education. Operation Give Back reports that 1/3 of those they serve reside in Montgomery and that most of their volunteers are Montgomery residents.

The City of Montgomery is proud to support the efforts of these two civic-minded organizations that truly enhance the quality of life in our community. For more about these two organizations, visit connectmontgomery.org or listen to their interviews on the City of Montgomery podcast. For more information on the WeThrive! Initiative, the Service to the Community Grant or to download a City of Montgomery podcast, visit montgomeryohio.org.



Montgomery Mayor Chris Dobroszi (right) presents the Service to the Community Grant to Montgomery Farmers' Market Board President Marian Dickinson.

City gathering input for housing strategy

Changes in the demographic trends and reactions to the recession are combining to redefine the future of homeownership across the nation. Nationally, major housing trends are leading to smaller household size, a strong market for rental units, increased household formation, teardown/rebuilds and a desire for walkable communities across the country. While these trends may or may not influence home ownership decisions in Montgomery, they are trends which must be considered in decisions going forward. This is one of the reasons why City Council included a Housing Goal in the City's 2016 – 2021 Strategic Plan. The Goal states that Montgomery will retain and attract quality and diverse housing options while maintaining a small town feel and effectively managing the infrastructure impacts of redevelopment. One of the strategies of this Goal is to create a housing strategy based on changing housing demands and the market and include input from residents, builders, Planning Commission and City Council.



Montgomery Citizens Leadership Academy (MCLA) graduates had the opportunity to participate in an input gathering session specifically focused on housing in April from which a report was generated to summarize the results. The City will continue to host other input gathering sessions with residents and builders before meeting with the Planning Commission and City Council to discuss the findings of these sessions.

Montgomery is a low-density single family residential community which provides for quality, family-friendly neighborhoods; however, increasing property values and construction costs are

making the price of new single family housing units unaffordable for many people, particularly those searching for starter homes or those who wish to downsize and stay within the city. Yet, at the same time, the demand for Montgomery residential units remains strong as the median time for a home on the market was 28 days in 2015.

Property appreciation is largely due to factors that make Montgomery a premier community, such as a desirable school district, community appearance, amenities and location. The price of land combined with the national demographic trends, zoning regulations that encourage low density development and the tendency of the market to gravitate towards housing types that provide the best return on investment lead to developers providing large, expensive single family homes; rental apartments and/or condominiums targeted to middle and upper income professionals and high-end senior housing. As with most communities, the City can affect the housing stock through land use regulations -- particularly through lot size, density and height regulations.

By gathering community input, researching what other communities are doing to keep up with changes in national demographics and examining land use regulations, we can continue to keep Montgomery a great community for years to come! For more information, contact Tracy Roblero, community development director, at troblero@ci.montgomery.oh.us or 792-8312.

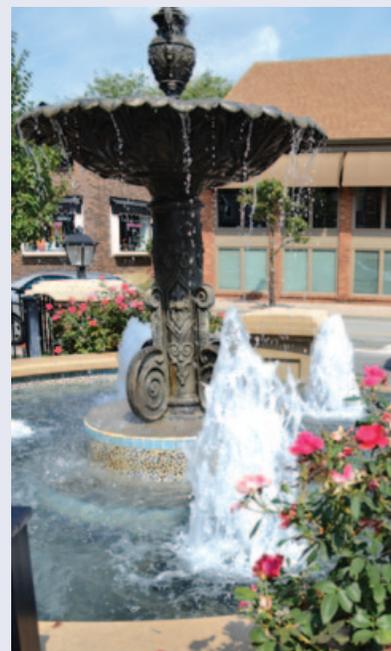


It's Your Business, Montgomery Good News About Montgomery Businesses

Montgomery offers available commercial space listing

Do you or someone you know have an interest in leasing space for a business in the City of Montgomery? Don't know where to start? Finding space to lease or purchase in the City just got easier. The City provides a listing of all of the available commercial space for lease or purchase on the City's website, including office and retail space. Users can find all kinds of spaces ranging from small individual office space to space for a restaurant, retail store, medical office or studio. This interactive feature lists all of the space available for lease/purchase, the square footage, rental rate, a description of the space, contact information, a link for more information and allows you to see an aerial and street view using Google Maps. This new feature allows prospective tenants to compare all of the spaces currently available in the City and gives property owners a fantastic new advertising tool! This is just one way that the City is proactively taking steps to draw new businesses to the City and to ensure the continued economic stability of our City. You can check out the listing on the City's website under the business tab, montgomeryohio.org. Look under Interactive Maps for the link to the business listing page.

Are you a property owner interested in posting your leasable space on the City's website? Contact Tracy Roblero, community development director at 513-792-8312 or troblera@ci.montgomery.oh.us to get your space listed on the City's available commercial space listing.



Your Yoga Connections

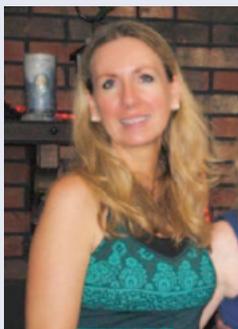
opens in Montgomery

Your Yoga Connections is a new yoga alternative in downtown Montgomery (9380 Main Street), offering personalized Yoga Therapy and instruction by appointment. It specializes in one-on-one Yoga Therapy and also offers small classes in a variety of styles. Yoga Therapy is unique in that it provides you individualized instruction to help bring your whole body into balance by combining physical movement, balance, breath work, and meditation. Themed classes are also offered that allow you to experience the benefits of

yoga in a small comfortable setting.

Deanna Broberg (owner/instructor, M.Ed., RYT) is offering a free consultation/intake session for July, August, and September. This is a great opportunity to determine if Your Yoga Connections is a good fit for you. See website: youryogaconnections.com or call 513 476-6985 to sign up.

Deanna also teaches yoga classes for the YMCA, and is a Yoga Therapist and instructor for Tri-Health of Cincinnati.



Congratulations to Corner Pub, recently named Best of the North by Cincy Magazine for best music, for celebrating ten years of business in Montgomery. Corner Pub is located at the corner of Montgomery and Cooper Roads next to the Neully-Plaisance Plaza.

Summer Construction Projects

Elex Inc. has begun work on the 2016 HAM-VAR-Montgomery Signals Project PID#94300. The project includes upgrading the existing copper wire interconnection system to fiber optic cable and upgrading traffic control equipment as needed to all signalized intersections within the City of Montgomery.

Traffic management cameras (PTZ) are being installed at identified locations which will provide the ability to observe traffic patterns and operations remotely and make adjustments as needed.

The traffic signal system at the intersection of Cooper Road and Delray Drive will be reconstructed with new and decorative poles and mast arms, a UPS/generator, and a new school flasher system. In addition, the new traffic signal system will accommodate a left turn signal for westbound traffic at the intersection.

The project completion date is scheduled for October 31, 2016. The project is primarily funded through a grant received from the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) with the City being responsible for 20% of the total construction costs.

The 2016 Annual Street Resurfacing Program has been approved and awarded to Barrett Paving Materials to complete. This year's program includes work to resurface 2.01 centerline miles of public roads on the following streets: East Kemper Road, Tanagerwoods Drive, Acrewood Drive, Escondido Drive, Cooper Lane, and Barnsley Court. Work is anticipated to begin in early July with a scheduled completion date no later than October 21, 2016.

The 2016 Bituminous "Black Mat" Project was awarded to Strawser Construction, Inc. to complete. This year's project will include microsurfacing .75 centerline miles of Zig Zag Road from the north intersection of Monte Drive and Zig Zag Road to the west corporation limit of Zig Zag Road. The project is scheduled to be completed no later than August 5, 2016.

Regular construction updates are provided on the City's website as work progresses. For additional information on this or other projects, please contact Brian Riblet, public works director, at 792-8319.



Sidewalks need weed care during summer

VEGETATION KILLER

1 gallon white vinegar

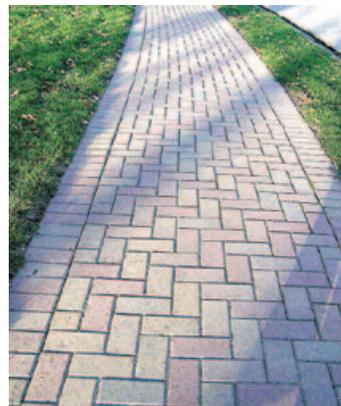
1 cup table salt

¼ - ½ cup liquid dishwashing soap (you may need to experiment with the amount of dishwashing soap. Use of the higher amounts in the formula will cause pressurized hand held sprayers to foam excessively)

- Catching these sidewalk invaders when they are small, perhaps even pulling them out with your fingers or digging them with a simple tool is key to easy sidewalk maintenance. Keep a spray bottle handy!

If a paved path is weed free, then the tools being used are working! If the sidewalk is not weed free, here are a few tips to help make it that way.

- For those preferring a natural herbicide, the following formula will kill ALL vegetation so use caution when you spray and be careful of run-off. This formula is most effective when applied during the hottest period of the day, under direct sunlight if possible. Plan on applying mixture only if precipitation is not expected for at least 8-10 hours.
- Commercial chemical products readily available at hardware or home and garden stores. Follow product directions carefully for effective and safe use.



Planting trees can provide valuable dividends

The City of Montgomery follows the tree maintenance standards established by the Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters and is recognized as a Tree City USA. It is essential to understand the importance and beneficial assets of tree maintenance on City property.

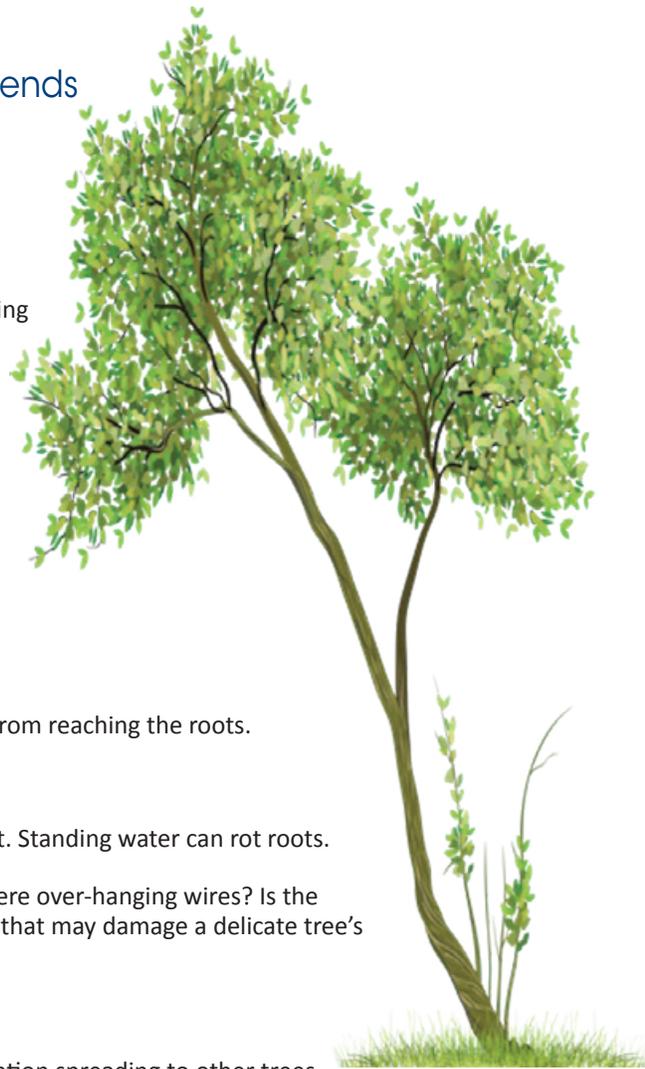
Many can do their part and reap the rewards from planting trees on their home property. According to U.S. Forest Service, "Every dollar spent on planting and caring for a community tree yields benefits that are two to five times that investment – benefits that include cleaner water, lower energy costs, improved water quality and storm water control and increased property values."

Trees remove and store carbon dioxide while releasing oxygen into the atmosphere. Leaves slow the flow of rain water, which lessens erosion and roots absorb and remove impurities before the water makes its way into rivers and streams. The shade from a tree can save homeowners money on electric bills by blocking sunrays from reaching their houses in the summer. In winter, these same trees can block gusty north winds from seeping in through doors and windows.

Here are some tips to consider regarding tree maintenance:

- Only apply one to two inches of mulch – too much mulch can prevent water from reaching the roots.
- Water trees during hot arid summer months.
- Don't over water. Redirect or lessen sprinkler time if standing water is present. Standing water can rot roots.
- Consider the space for planting a tree. Is there enough space to grow? Are there over-hanging wires? Is the tree too close to the sidewalk or street? Is this area open to a northern wind that may damage a delicate tree's leaves?
- Add a bark trunk protector if there is evidence of deer gnawing.
- Contact an arborist immediately if insect infestation is present to avoid infestation spreading to other trees.

Information and tips courtesy of the Arbor Day Foundation.



Tree trivia

How many people get a day's supply of oxygen from a single large tree?

A: ½ person

B: 2 people

C: 4 people

D: A football stadium full of people

Answer: C: Four people get a day's worth of oxygen from one tree. It would take a small forest to serve a football stadium.

Answer courtesy of NC State University Extension



City of Montgomery Arts and Entertainment

Live at the Uni! Season 7

Presented by



No Promises Vocal Band

Audiences can experience well-known and beloved music when Live at the Uni! returns to the Universalist Church this fall.

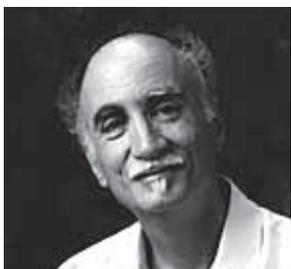
Enjoy the exhilarating vocals and breathtaking harmonies of the No Promises Vocal Band, Cincinnati's professional a cappella male octet, kicking off the seventh season of the live concert series on Oct. 10 with a program of jazz, Motown, classical and adult contemporary hits.

Critically hailed as world-class musicians of the highest caliber and master interpreters of the classical, jazz and American songbook repertoire, Frank Proto and Tim Berens join the series on Oct. 24, presenting virtuosic duets for string bass and guitar in original arrangements.

The fall sessions end with a bang when international jazz vocalist Mandy Gaines rocks the house on Nov. 7 with an hour of refreshing, soulful, powerful and exciting interpretations of jazz, pop, R&B and soul classics.

Each concert evening continues across the street at Montgomery Inn where participants can express their appreciation to these artists and meet with fellow music lovers at a reception featuring complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

The City and the Montgomery Arts Commission are pleased to again offer these concerts to the public without charge. Goodwill donations by cash or check are collected at the door to help defray expenses. Online or phone reservations for these concerts are highly recommended and will be available from early August until all seats are filled. So watch for updates in the August and September issues of the Montgomery Bulletin for details.



Frank Proto



Mindy Gaines



Tim Berens

Second annual holiday card contest planned

Anyone who wants to share his or her artistic side with the community and beyond can submit an original work of art for Montgomery's annual holiday card. The card is used by City officials and staff for their correspondence during the holiday season.

This year's winning artist will receive a gift basket, public recognition, and a set of 50 of the winning designed cards. Artists can use any medium, from photography to oils, chalk, etc. but will need to provide a digital image of the art to the City for consideration. Keep in mind, the ideal design will have a "Winter in Montgomery" theme.

Deadline for submission will be Sept. 16. Call Recreation Coordinator Julie Machon at 891-2424 for more information.



The 2015 winner, Dick Close, created this rendition of the shops along Montgomery Road.

City of Montgomery Recreation and Events

Joins us for summer celebrations

Residents and businesses can plan now to be a part of Montgomery's traditional summer celebrations. Mark these events to attend or volunteer to help.

Blue Ash Montgomery Symphony Orchestra Concert

Montgomery Park
July 3, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.



Presented by:
 Ohio National
Financial Services
Life changes. We'll be there.

Sponsored by:
 AMERICAN
SAVINGS BANK, FSB

Kick off this year's Independence Day celebration with the Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra's annual July 3 symphony concert at Montgomery Park. The festivities start at 7:30 p.m. with the playing of the national anthem. This year's selections will include "American Television Theme Songs" as well as patriotic favorites. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the beautiful park setting while listening to the Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra celebration of America's holiday.

This event, presented by Ohio National Financial Services and the City of Montgomery is made possible with the generous support of these community-minded businesses:

Donnellon, Donnellon and Miller
Montgomery Square Shopping
Center
Frost, Brown, Todd LLC

HORAN
Rumpke
SwimSafe Pool Management

Independence Day Parade

July 4, 10 a.m.



Join in this long-standing family tradition in Montgomery. The parade starts at 10:00 a.m. along Cooper Road from the Sycamore Junior High School to north on Montgomery Road to Schoolhouse Lane.

Family-fun units, characters and plenty of tradition are built into the lineup of floats and flags. Candy-tossing, hand-waving participants make for a spectacular and entertaining start to a full day of celebrating. Come early to get a spot by the announcers (near the Bell Tower in downtown Montgomery).

Independence Day Festival

Montgomery Park
July 4, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sponsored by:



Americana at its best! Fun kids' games, corn-on-the-cob, hot dogs, pony rides, music and All-Star ballgames round out this year's festival. Graeter's, Donato's Pizza, BlueAsh/Montgomery Rotary Club, Pit to Plate BBQ,

Snowie Bus and more will be selling great foods and drinks along the path in Montgomery Park. Live music is by Kevin Fox, and the beer booth will be a great gathering spot for adults. Find a hillside spot to watch two local baseball teams play in the noon All-Star game. Don't miss this full day of family fun.

Child riders sought for July 4, Kids on Bike Parade Unit

July 4, 9:45 a.m., meet at Montgomery Elementary



Children ages 5 and older are invited to ride their decorated bike in the City of Montgomery Independence Day Parade (not the entire route but a little less than a half a mile.) Show

creativity by adding streamers, cards, tassels, balloons, flags and flowers to bikes. Decorate bikes at home and then put on the final touches onsite before the patriotic ride.

Parents are welcome to walk along and may bring a bag to collect the parade candy. Meet at the Montgomery Elementary parking lot on July 4 to enter the parade and bike to Montgomery Park. After the parade, meet at the City Hall carport for three free tickets to use at the July 4 festival immediately following the parade. No registration required.



Car Show cruises into Montgomery

The Montgomery Car Show rolls in on Sept. 17 at the Montgomery Square Plaza, 9999 Montgomery Road. The Car Show will also feature food, beer, live music from the Four Hubcaps, plus a raffle and awards.

Car registration will take place from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., with the show running from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Awards begin at 6:30 p.m. Cost to enter is \$10. Dash plaques will be given to the first 100 participants to arrive. For more information, call 891-2424 or visit montgomeryohio.org.

Summer Camps



Spots are filling up so register a child today for 2016 Summer Kids Camps. There are multiple topics to choose from. Camps include Golf, Theater, 3D Printing Camp and a Mobile Application Development Camp now featuring a Snapchat Geofilter design contest.

There is sure to be a camp that will suit most children's wants and needs. For more information and to register, visit montgomeryohio.org or call City Hall at 891-2424.

Touch a Truck



Aug. 4, 9:00–11:00 a.m. Weller Park

Kids can come check out a variety of vehicles during Montgomery's annual Touch-a-Truck event August 4 at Weller Park. They can experience fire engines, ambulance, tractors, police cruisers, military vehicles and more. Kids can get behind the wheel of their favorite vehicles and talk to the drivers. This is a free event open to the young and young at heart.

Laf n Lunch



Bring a picnic lunch, gather with friends and enjoy free entertainment for kids of all ages. Laf n Lunch is planned for Wednesdays, July 6, 13, 20 and 27 from noon to 12:45 p.m. at Swaim Park Large Shelter located at 6900 Cooper Road, Montgomery. For more information or questions, please contact Recreation Specialist Sarah Fink at 792-8317 or by email at sfink@ci.montgomery.oh.us.

- July 6 – Cool Critters Animal Show
- July 13 – Science Show
- July 20 – Juggling Show
- July 27 – Magic and Illusions

Where in Montgomery is Terry?

Answer to June's question is
Pioneer Park – Weeping Willow



The City's June Bulletin featured City Arborist and Parks Supervisor Terry Willenbrink standing near a specific tree in one of the City's parks. Terry was located in the 21-acre park known as Pioneer Park. While large, this park is known for being one of the city's quietest parks. Pioneer Park is home to a fishing pond that is stocked once a year with bluegill, bass and catfish. This park also houses five butterfly gardens that are shaped like butterflies. Not only does Pioneer Park offers a serene atmosphere, it is also has a gazebo that can be reserved and is great for parties or picnics.

Terry is standing with a Weeping Willow. The Weeping Willow adds a light, graceful touch around ponds and streams. This tree is good for moist, wet places, making Pioneer Park its perfect home next to the lake. While this tree is whimsical, it tends to be a messy tree because of leaves, twigs and branches that are constantly dropping throughout the season.

In which Montgomery Park is Terry? What type of tree is he near?
Deadline: July 20

Clues

- This tree can grow as large as 100 to 150 feet tall.
- This park is located within Historic Downtown Montgomery.
- This tree ranges in color from green to blue to silver.



Each month in the Montgomery Bulletin you will see, "Where in Montgomery is Terry?" And what type of tree is he near? Submit your name and answers to the following two questions to whereisterry@ci.montgomery.oh.us by the 20th of the month prior. Answer both questions correctly and be automatically entered into a drawing to have a tree planted in your honor at one of the City of Montgomery parks, which will take place at the end of the contest. For an additional bonus entry, send a selfie of you with the correct tree in the correct park.

Then, in the following month's Bulletin, an article will reveal the correct park and type of tree and information. City Council members, City staff and Commission members are not eligible for the drawing. The contest is sponsored by the City of Montgomery Parks and Recreation Commission.



Montgomery Community Pool

Summer is time for fun and relaxation, and City of Montgomery pool is the perfect place to unwind and enjoy the season. The pool is a great way to stay cool, catch some rays, meet new friends and best of all; it's an activity that can be enjoyed by the whole family. Residents and returning members may sign up online at montgomeryohio.org. Memberships available for purchase at City Hall.

Group Swim Lessons

Kids can learn the lifelong skill and experience the joy of swimming. Group lessons consist of eight half-hour classes, Monday through Thursday during a two-week period. Pool member's fee is \$50 and non-members are \$65. Fees are nonrefundable. There is a minimum of two students per class required and a maximum of four students. Registration available online at montgomeryohio.org. For more information, please call 985-1640.

Midseason Pool Pass Available

There's still time to join the pool at a great rate. Enjoy and celebrate summer at the Montgomery Community Pool. Midseason pass is available starting July 17 through Labor Day and is 40 percent off a full season membership. For more information, visit montgomeryohio.org or call 891-2424.

Experience the newly-renovated Recreation Annex Building and new-group exercise equipment. Registration for the next session of fitness classes is open. For more information and to register, visit montgomeryohio.org or call City Hall at 891-2424.



June - September 2016 Fitness Classes Schedule

Beginner Level Yoga

These yoga classes take place on Wednesdays, July 20-Sept. 14, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. (no class on July 27). There will be eight classes at the Recreation Annex Building. This beginner-level 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 or meditation. (Min. 5/ Max. 25) Cost is \$40 for residents and \$45 for non-residents.

Mixed Level Yoga

These yoga classes will be held on Mondays, July 18-Sept. 12, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. (no class on Sept. 5). There will be eight classes at the Recreation Annex Building. In this mixed-level yoga class, participants will 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 or meditation. (Min. 5/ Max. 25) Cost is \$40 for residents and \$45 for non-residents.

Tai Chi

There are two eight-week sessions at the Recreation Annex Building.

- The morning session runs Tuesdays, July 5-Aug. 23, from 10:20 to 11:20 a.m.
- The new evening session runs Wednesdays, July 20-Sept. 7, from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

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. (Min. 12/Max. 25). Each session cost is \$80 for residents and \$90 for nonresidents.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
9:00 am		20/20/20 June 28 - August 16		20/20/20 June 28 - August 18
9:30 am	Mixed Level Yoga July 18 - September 12	9:00 - 10:00	Beginner Level Yoga July 20 - September 14	9:00 - 10:00
10:00 am	9:30 - 10:30		9:30 - 10:30	
10:30 am		Tai Chi July 5 - August 23		
11:00 am		10:20 - 11:20		
6:00 pm		Pilates June 28 - August 16		Pilates June 30 - August 18
6:30 pm	Step July 11 - August 29	6:00 - 7:00	Tai Chi July 20 - September 7	6:00 - 7:00
7:00 pm	6:15 - 7:15		6:15 - 7:15	

20/20/20

This class is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 28-Aug. 18, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. There will be 16 classes at the Recreation Annex Building. Designed to meet the needs of Baby Boomers, this class offers light cardiovascular exercises, light strength training and light stretching for 20 minutes each. The instructor has experience teaching people older than 50 and will teach to individual's fitness levels, taking into account common physical concerns and the value of gaining and maintaining muscle strength. Some equipment is provided. (Min. 12/Max. 25). Cost is \$70 for residents and \$75 for non-residents.

Pilates

Pilates classes take place Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 28-Aug. 18 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. There will be 16 classes in the Recreation Annex Building. This innovative Pilates class is geared toward 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. (Min. 16/Max. 25). Cost is \$70 for resident and \$75 for nonresidents.

Step



Step class take place Mondays, July 11-Aug. 29 from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. A new Step class will launch to inject a little fun and new inspiration into exercise routines. Step aerobics is a form of aerobic exercise distinguished from other types of aerobic exercise by its use of an elevated platform (the step). The height of the step can also be tailored to individual needs by inserting risers under

the step or, by having no risers at all. 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. This low impact class uses cardio work to produce an easy-to-learn and effective workout. There will be eight classes in the Recreation Annex Building (Min. 8/Max. 12). Cost is \$40 for resident and \$45 for nonresidents.

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July Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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July is National Parks & Recreation Month						
3 BAMSO Independence Day Concert- Montgomery Park, 7:30 p.m.	4 July 4th City offices closed; trash pick-up as usual Parade begins at 10:00 a.m. Festival Montgomery Park, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Splashtacular-Montgomery Community Pool, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.	5	6 Laf-N-Lunch, Swaim Park, large picnic shelter, noon to 12:45 p.m. Council Business Session, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	7	8	9
10	11 Beautification and Tree Commission, Public Works, 9:00 a.m. Arts Commission, City Hall, 5:00 p.m. Planning Commission, City Hall, 7:30 p.m.	12 Environmental Advisory Commission, City Hall, 5:00 p.m.	13 Laf-N-Lunch, Swaim Park, large picnic shelter, noon to 12:45 p.m. Landmarks Commission, City Hall - 7:00 p.m.	14 Parks and Recreation Commission, Pioneer Park, 6:30 p.m.	15	16 Bastille Day Celebration Downtown Montgomery, noon to 11:00 p.m. Cardboard Recycling, 7315 Cornell Road, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
17	18	19 Sister Cities Commission, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	20 Laf-N-Lunch, Swaim Park, large picnic shelter, noon to 12:45 p.m. City Council work session- City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Planning Commission, City Hall, 7:30 p.m.		Board of Zoning Appeals, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	Laf-N-Lunch, Swaim Park, large picnic shelter, noon to 12:45 p.m.			