

# Montgomery Bulletin

CITY OF MONTGOMERY



## Smoke alarms save lives

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The Montgomery Fire Department has partnered with the American Red Cross to install battery-operated smoke detectors free to Montgomery homeowners.

According to the American Red Cross, it has “committed to reducing deaths and injuries from home fires by 25 percent over the next five years.”

To meet this goal the Red Cross will install 5,000 free smoke alarms in homes throughout the greater Cincinnati region over the next five years.

Battery-operated smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years. The American Red Cross has launched a campaign to install photoelectric smoke detectors with a 10-year, long-life lithium battery that is sealed (non-removable) in the unit. These detectors will need to be replaced once the battery wears out.

The Red Cross does not have 110 volt with a battery backup (hardwired-interconnected required in newer homes) units available for replacement. Hardwired smoke alarms must be installed by a qualified electrician but can be easily replaced by the homeowner at the end of their life or if faulty. These units can be purchased at any hardware store. Be sure to read the box carefully for the type of power supply needed.

To set up an appointment for the Fire Department to install one of these free battery smoke detectors supplied by the American Red Cross, please call 985-1633.



## Additional shredding event planned for May 21

It's tax time, which means a great time to plan for the destruction of outdated and unneeded records. The City of Montgomery's Environmental Advisory Commission and Royal Document Destruction will host a free community document shredding event on **May 21** at the Montgomery Public Works facility, 7315 Cornell Road, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

To view the IRS guidelines for disposal of tax records, go to [irs.gov](http://irs.gov).

To serve everybody efficiently, there is a **maximum of three boxes** (copy paper size or similar) per person in line, and participants must be present. Volunteers will be available to assist.

Typical paper products to shred include: phone records, books, receipts, files, file folders, checks, medical claims, bank statements, old credit cards, invoices and any papers with personal information. Please remove paper from notebooks and binders. Paper clips and staples do not have to be removed.

Materials will be shredded onsite, and a certification of destruction will be available upon request. Approximately 100 percent of the paper is recycled.





## Surrounding Yourself with the Right People and Protecting the Future



By Ann Combs

As a huge Star Wars fan, I have a real appreciation for the themes of conflict, surrounding yourself with the right people and protecting the future.

“Always remember, your focus determines your reality.” While the Star Wars conflict is black and white, city conflict is most often a shade of grey. As a City Council member, I have a

responsibility to do what is good/right for the City of Montgomery, regardless of personal opinion and at times regardless of what my friends and neighbors may advocate. When it all falls in sync, it is easy and everyone is happy. When there is difference of opinion, the best resolution often leaves no one completely happy. Compromise can be a dirty word to people who feel passionate about an issue, but, compromise is frequently the word of the day. The decisions made are based upon a thorough review of the evidence, statements of interested parties and then consideration of what is best for Montgomery.

“Do or do not do, there is no try.” There are no better people working for the good of Montgomery. I am surrounded by people of like mind in protecting the City, improving the City and doing what is good/right for the City. These like-minded people come in the form of my fellow council members and mayor, city manager, city law director, department directors and quite frankly, all City

employees. Montgomery volunteers are a deeply appreciated, hard-working, necessary group of the “right people” who have an integral part in doing what is good/right for the City. The dedication of all is evidenced in the day-to-day operations of the City, the many awards and recognition received by the City, and the safety and security that we feel in our homes and work places.

“Always in motion the future is.” So, you may ask, how do we protect the future? Best answer, the recurring five year strategic plans for the City. These are goal-oriented, strategy-driven, implementation-based plans that are created with input from all of the above people. The 2016-2021 goals include: 1. delivering core services through innovation and partnerships consistent with our vision by assessing changes in customer demands, demographics and the environment, 2. a quality of life that makes Montgomery a premier community, 3. attracting and retaining businesses that contribute to the long-term stability of the City, while maintaining a small town historic feel, 4. retaining and attracting quality and diverse housing options while maintaining a small town feel and effectively managing the infrastructure impacts of redevelopment, and 5. maintaining a fiscal plan that supports the City operations consistent with policy, while managing risk to provide services in the most efficient and effective manner.

“May the Force be with you.”

## Join the team and plant color

Become part of an incredible volunteer team effort. Bring gardening gloves and a trowel and join other volunteers for a morning of flower planting in Montgomery’s medians and parks.

On Saturday, May 14 from 9:00 to 11:00 a. m., join with the Beautification and Tree Commission, friends, family members, church groups, youth groups, scout groups, school clubs, civic organizations, business or neighborhood associations and help plant the thousands of flowers that will grace these areas.

Volunteers will meet at 9:00 a. m. in the City Hall parking lot, 10101 Montgomery Road, for registration, supplies (a limited number of gloves and trowels will be available) and flower bed assignments.

Wear comfortable gardening attire. Bring a shovel, dig in and see what can happen with everyone’s help. For further information or to sign up, contact DeAnna Gross, at 792-8329 or [dgross@ci.montgomery.oh.us](mailto:dgross@ci.montgomery.oh.us).



Volunteers Dina and Audrey Schmid enjoy the opportunity to garden and beautify Montgomery.



# Council Corner

## April 20, 2016 Work Session

Montgomery City Council met in its regular monthly Work Session on April 20, 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 Establishing Schedules of Municipal Compensation (2nd Reading)

An Ordinance Modifying Section 30.03, Announcement of Public Meetings, of the Code of Ordinances (2nd Reading)

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 Establishing Compensation for the City Manager

A Resolution Declaring a Moratorium on the Collection of Building and Zoning Permit Fees for Solar Installations

A Resolution Recognizing the Month of May, 2016 as National Historic Preservation Month in the City of Montgomery

### RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

### Approved Legislation

#### April 6, 2016

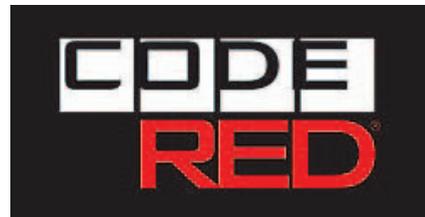
Resolution No 6 2016      A Resolution Reaffirming The City's Commitment To Non-Discrimination And Inclusion By Endorsing Guidelines Adopted By The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council Of Governments For Title VI Compliance (Passed 6-0; 1 council member was absent)

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

## Keep emergency contact information up to date

The City of Montgomery has the capability to instantly contact residents and business in the event of an emergency. The program, called CodeRed, is a secure Internet-based system that helps Montgomery's emergency personnel deliver time-sensitive information, including notification of:

- Missing children
- Boil water alerts
- Hazardous chemical spills
- Local criminal activity
- Homeland security issues
- Snow emergencies
- Events scheduled that impact traffic, parking or road closures



CodeRed has mapping capabilities for geographic targeting of calls, coupled with a high-speed telephone calling system capable of delivering customized pre-recorded emergency messages directly to homes and businesses, live individuals, answering machines and cell phones, at the rate of up to 60,000 calls per hour.

Montgomery residents or businesses should ensure contact information is correct by completing the form at [montgomeryohio.org/pages/codered-emergency-contact/](http://montgomeryohio.org/pages/codered-emergency-contact/). For more information, call the Montgomery Police Department at 985-1600.

# Know what to do during tornado season

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Tornadoes are one of nature's most violent storms and can cause death, injury and destruction within seconds. As part of being a WeThrive Community, the City is committed to making sure residents are informed on what to look for and how to prepare for a tornado.

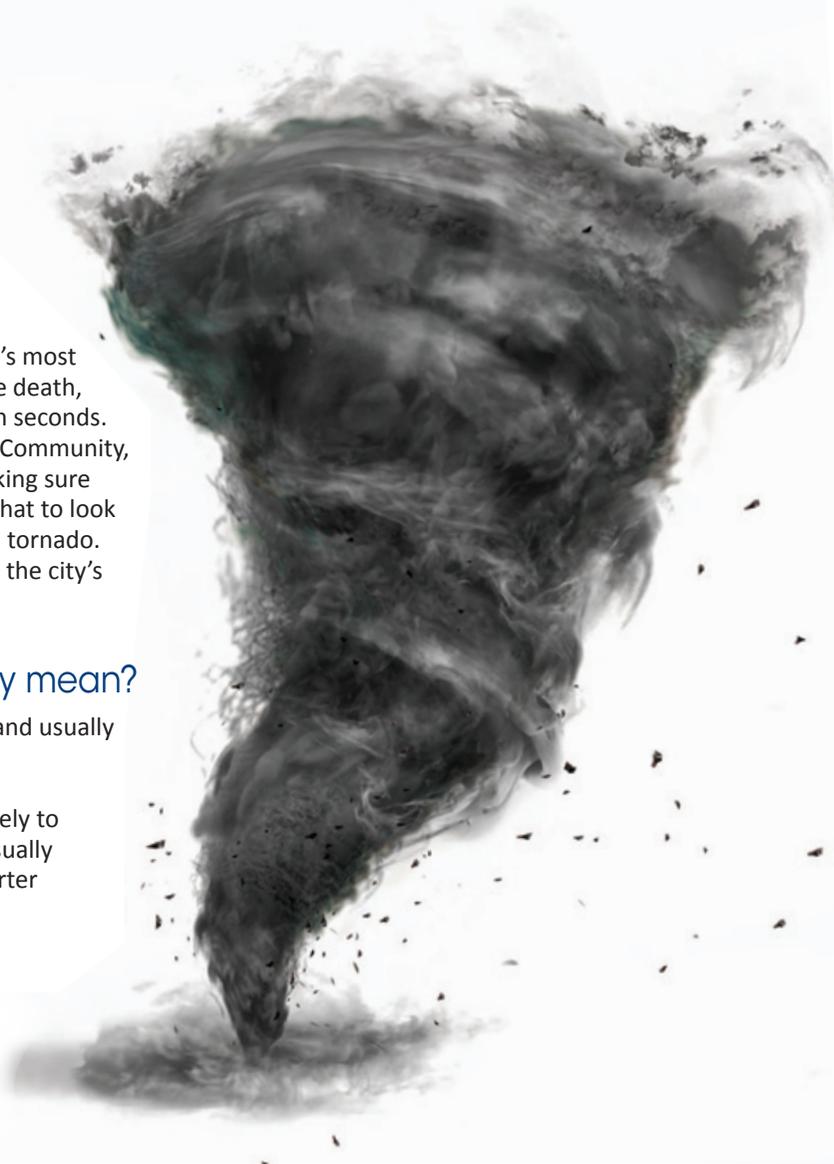
For more information on emergency preparedness, please visit the city's website at [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org).

## WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY: What do they mean?

**WATCH** essentially means a chance this condition will happen and usually covers a large geographical area for a lengthy time period.

**WARNING** means the said weather is already occurring or is likely to occur and to take proper protective measures. Warnings are usually issued for much smaller geographical areas and usually for shorter more definite time periods.

**ADVISORY** is sort of in between a WATCH and WARNING. The expected weather condition has a pretty good chance of occurring, even a likely chance of occurring, but typically an advisory is used for less severe types of weather conditions. A wind advisory might be issued or a freezing rain advisory issued instead of a high wind warning or an ice storm warning.



## Mailboxes can increase a home's curb appeal

Curb appeal starts with the humble mailbox that often creates the first impression of a home. To make sure this impression is a good one, check the mailbox for rust, broken parts, peeling paint or a tilting post.

If it's not in decent shape, give the mailbox a spring cleaning by washing it thoroughly to remove dirt and grime. Then make sure the post stands straight and the mailbox is well secured.

- A freshly painted or new mailbox updates a home's overall appeal. Paint the mailbox to complement the trim or shutter color of the home. Make sure to use outdoor paint, either paint for metal if it is a metal mailbox or for plastic if it is a plastic mailbox.
- When installing a new mailbox, use building material similar to the house to create unity within the landscape. The bottom of the mailbox should be at a vertical height between 41 to 45 inches from the road surface and setback 6 to 8 inches from the front face of the curb to the mailbox door. Residential mailbox standards can be found at [usps.com/manage/mailboxes](http://usps.com/manage/mailboxes).
- Clear out any surrounding weeds. Those who have a green thumb can plant some curb-tolerant plants and seasonal bulbs or fill a planter designed to fit over the mailbox post with colorful annuals. Even the plainest mailbox can look great with some added greenery.
- Clematis is a beautiful option to grow a vine over a mailbox. For interest year-round, use ornamental grasses, evergreen and deciduous shrubs.
- Be careful not to hinder traffic views by using plant material that will remain an appropriate size when mature. Avoid plants favored by bees or with thorns. The objective is to blend the mailbox into the landscape.
- It is important that the home's address is visible somewhere on the mailbox. Reflective address signs are available from the Montgomery Fire Department, [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org), or by calling 985-1633. Signs are \$10 each. If a post is needed, there is an additional \$5 charge. These fees include installation. Installation is normally made within seven to 10 days.



# Reduce energy consumption at home

Reducing energy consumption around the home is an important way to go green and it could save residents' money. Reduce utility costs by being more conscious of energy choices around the home.

Here are a few simple ways to reduce costs and energy:

## Unplug

Electronics like computers, TVs and cell phones will drain power even when they're turned off or fully charged. The U.S. Department of Energy says 75 percent of electricity used to power home electronics is consumed while products are turned off. Save energy by making sure to totally cut off power to gadgets when they're not in use. Either routinely unplug devices from the wall or purchase power cords that can be switched on and off to cut off multiple power sources at once.

## Wash wisely

A home's dishwasher and clothes washer and dryer are two huge sources of energy depletion. Wash wisely by using cold water whenever possible, and make sure to gather a full load of laundry or dishes before washing to maximize each usage. Don't forget to clean the lint filter after drying clothes. A clean filter improves air circulation. Minimize prewashing dishes. Scraping off food rather than rinsing is sufficient. Also let dishes air dry.

## Cook consciously

For those cooking for one or two, consider investing in smaller appliances, such as a toaster oven. A toaster oven can use one third to half as much energy as a full-sized oven, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Remember to keep range-top burners and reflectors clean. This will help reflect the heat more efficiently and will save you energy. Be sure to cover pots when boiling or heating liquids. Not only will it get the job done more quickly, but it will cut energy output.

## Do daylight

Daylighting is the use of windows and skylights to bring sunlight into the home. Incorporate daylighting to reduce the need for artificial lighting during daylight hours.

To learn more about energy reduction, visit the U.S. Department of Energy at [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov)



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## Montgomery police sergeant graduates from FBI National Academy



City of Montgomery Police Sergeant Greg Vonden Benken along with 230 other law enforcement officers graduated from the FBI National Academy Program at Quantico, Virginia, on Friday, March 18. The 263rd session of the National Academy consisted of men and women from 47 states. Included in the class are members of law enforcement agencies from the District of Columbia, 27 international countries, four military organizations and five federal civilian organizations.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy Program, held at the FBI Academy, offers 10 weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training for selected officers having proven records as professionals within their agencies. On average, these officers have 19 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions.

FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe was the principal speaker at the ceremony.

Training for the program is provided by the FBI Academy instructional staff, special agents and other staff members holding advanced degrees, many of whom are recognized internationally in their fields of expertise.

Since 1972, National Academy students have been able to earn undergraduate and graduate credits from the University of Virginia due to the accreditation by the university of the many courses offered.

"Sergeant Greg Vonden Benken exemplifies the qualities of a superior leader in the law enforcement profession," said Montgomery Police Chief Don Simpson. "The City of Montgomery is proud of Sergeant Vonden Benken and his accomplishment in graduating from the very prestigious FBI National Academy. We are equally proud to count Greg as a colleague."

Vonden Benken joins City of Montgomery Police Chief Don Simpson and Assistant Chief John Crowell as alumni of the FBI National Academy.

## Visit beautiful spaces during June 26 Garden Tour

Montgomery's Beautification & Tree Commission invites the community to the 2016 Garden Tour on June 26 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Participants will be welcomed into several unique and special private gardens throughout the City, while two premier public venues will be showcased with hosts available to show what is special.

Light refreshments and restroom facilities will be available at Swaim Park and Pioneer Park, and garden tour maps will be available at Swaim Park gazebo and Pioneer Park gazebo.

Invite friends to come and enjoy these special sneak peeks into some of Montgomery's most beautiful gardens.



The home and garden of Billy and Jolene Costello of Grand Oaks Lane were showcased during the 2015 Garden Tour.

## Leadership Academy wraps up, looks towards 2017

The Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy (MCLA) has completed another class, bringing the total number of graduates over the last nine years to more than 225. MCLA is a specialized program designed to help transform residents into more engaged citizens.



Mayor Chris Dobrozsi (right) congratulates MCLA Class of 2016 participant Kristy Felss on her graduation accomplishment.

After graduation, participants are challenged to fulfill the MCLA alumni slogan of "Learn & Do." Graduates are encouraged to become engaged in civic, cultural, philanthropic, faith-based and other organizations to make Montgomery and the world a better place.

Begun nine years ago, MCLA recruits residents who are eager to go beyond the surface and experience firsthand the innermost workings of community operations. Comprised of 10 workshop experiences conducted from January to March, participants are immersed in contemporary issues impacting today's community. Workshops go beyond the classroom and into the community to examine real-life scenarios.

One MCLA graduate said after attending MCLA, "With the knowledge I gained in MCLA, my neighborhood just got bigger."

Space is limited and applications are already being accepted for the Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy for 2017 – MCLA 10. To apply, go to [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org) or contact Ray Kingsbury, director of citizen engagement, at 792-8359.

## Hats off...

to the City's many "gardener" volunteers. Gloves were donned and more than 250 flowering baskets were loaded with beautiful blooms. These volunteers were working on the baskets that will grace the City's streetscapes later in the season.

Volunteers also bagged and tagged seedlings for distribution to elementary students in honor of Arbor Day.

Hats off to the volunteer who greeted and directed taxpayers the Saturday before the tax deadline and to the volunteer who assisted the tax office. Spring is in full swing and so are volunteers, helping to make Montgomery the great place it is.

# Connect Montgomery members plan spring events

The **Sycamore Athletic Boosters** will host their 2016 Jim Walter Memorial Golf Outing on Friday, May 6 at the Blue Ash Golf Course. The day includes lunch, dinner and raffle prizes. The fundraiser helps support athletics where school budgets fall short. The Sycamore Athletic Boosters' mission is to support excellence in athletics throughout the Sycamore Community Schools' athletic program.

The **Montgomery Farmers' Market** will kick off its seventh season on Saturday, May 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The market is located in the parking lot of Montgomery Elementary School.

The **Montgomery Woman's Club** presents the "Passport to Fashion, Destination Paris" fashion show on Saturday, May 14 at the Manor House, 7440 S. Mason-Montgomery Road in Mason. Fashions are by Chico's of the Kenwood Towne Center. Proceeds from the show benefit New Beginnings of the Assistance League of Cincinnati and other charities. Doors open at 10:30 a.m.

"American Gifts" will be the theme for this year's Memorial Day Concert. This **Blue Ash Montgomery Symphony Orchestra** concert will feature the works of Hector Berlioz, Aaron Copland, James Beckel and Cincinnati's own Frank Proto. The annual event will be at the Blue Ash Towne Square (rain site: Sycamore Junior High, 5757 Cooper Road) on Monday, May 30 at 6:00 p.m. The Cincinnati Youth Symphony Concert Orchestra, directed by Dale Swisher, will perform during the first half.

More information on all of these events may be found at [connectmontgomery.org](http://connectmontgomery.org).



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## Montgomery finalist in Healthiest Employer Awards



The City of Montgomery was recently named one of 28 finalists in the Cincinnati Business Courier's Healthiest Employers Awards. Montgomery qualified as a finalist in the category of 2-99 employees for the City's Wellness Program, which provides the means for employees to make lifestyle changes and to maintain those changes over time.

The program includes biometric screenings, exercise tracking, preventive programs and friendly competition among peers.

"The program provided the extra motivation I needed to be successful in losing weight," said one Montgomery employee.

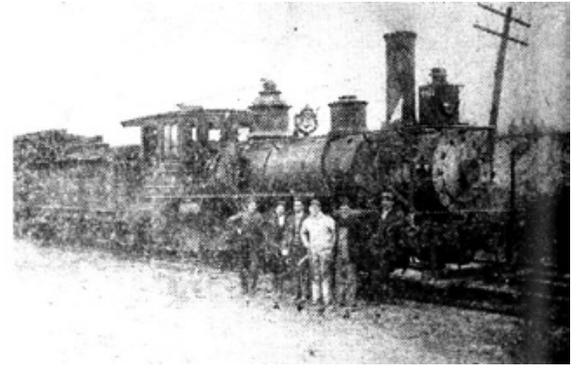
The City Wellness Program is one effort undertaken by the City to manage health care costs. The program has been in place for more than 10 years and has had a positive impact on health care costs and employee performance.

All finalists will be recognized and winners announced at a May 24 awards breakfast at the Cintas Center at Xavier University.

# Did you know?

From 1881 until 1926 Montgomery residents could ride the C.C. & L. railway commuter train into the city of Blue Ash and then to Cincinnati. The Montgomery station was located on Shelly Lane between Cooper Road and Ted Gregory Lane, and the train ran through what is today Swaim Park and Swaim Field subdivision.

There were five commuter trains that left the city, and round trip fare to Cincinnati was 60 cents in the early 1900s. The station was closed in 1926 due to a decline in use of trains as automobiles became more popular. The tracks were taken up in 1933 in order to construct Swaim Field Golf Course, which was in operation from 1933 until 1976.



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## Neighborhood Leaders Forum to address 'aging in place'

The percentage of those over the age of 65, living in the City of Montgomery, far exceeds regional, statewide and national averages. This fact has encouraged the City to look at this demographic rise more proactively.

- Are you, your neighbors or family prepared to “age in place”?
- What does that environment look like?
- How does Montgomery’s built environment, housing stock, lot sizes, safety, services, walkability, etc. play a role?
- How well known are the existing available resources for “aging in place?”
- As young people move out, will more families be moving older relatives into their homes in Montgomery?

Please join the Neighborhood Leaders Forum on Tuesday, May 10, at Terwilliger Lodge, 10530 Deerfield Road, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to discuss the challenges, opportunities and services available to those who want to stay in their home while growing more mature.

Speakers will be representatives of the Montgomery Fire and Community Development Departments, the Council on Aging and the Montgomery (Ohio) Chamber of Commerce. Limited space is available, so reservations are on a first-come basis.

RSVP to Faith Lynch at [flynch@ci.montgomery.oh.us](mailto:flynch@ci.montgomery.oh.us) or 792-8358 by Friday, May 6.

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## Volunteer opportunities

Planning is now under way for the events below. Join the fun as a volunteer.

### Beautification Day Planting

(Adults/teens/families/groups)

Saturday, May 14, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Rain date: Saturday, May 21

City Hall Parking Lot, 10101 Montgomery Road, for assignments

Help plant thousands of flowers in the medians and parks

### Safety Village Assistants

(Teens - 14 years of age and older by June 13, 2016)

Week of June 20-24

8:30 a.m. to noon & 12:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Swaim Park at the corner of Cooper and Zig Zag Roads.

Assist with the safety training of young children.

### July 4th Volunteers

Parade line-up assistants: 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. (adults)

Festival game booths: 10:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. (adults/teens)

Photographer: 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. (adults/teens)

### Bastille Day

Saturday, July 16th

Downtown Montgomery

More than 100 volunteers are needed to put on this event.

Volunteers are used in a multitude of areas:

8:30 to 11:30 a.m. – adults/ older teens to help with set up.

11:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. – various shifts, adults to sell tickets.

11:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. – various shifts, adults – beer/wine booth volunteers

11:30 a.m. to 8:15 p.m. – various shifts, adults to sell tickets for kids’ game booths.

11:30 a.m. to 8:15 p.m. – various shifts, teens/adults to manage kids’ game booths.

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).

# City of Montgomery Arts and Entertainment

## Arts Commission spotlights

### photo contest winners

Twenty local amateur photographers were recognized for artistic excellence at EXPOSURE: Montgomery, the City's 29th annual photography competition, on March 20. The competition was judged by Brian Sholis, curator of photography at the Cincinnati Art Museum, and Liz Dufour, a photo editor and photographer for the Cincinnati Enquirer.

A total of 267 photographs were entered into the competition, which included adult entries from the greater Cincinnati area and student entries representing 10 schools. Each award recipient, listed below, received a professional critique of his or her winning photograph and a \$100 prize.

Many of the winning entries were on exhibit through April 4 at the Christ Hospital Outpatient Center at 11140 Montgomery Road. Many photos are also on display on [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org).

The public was given the opportunity to see the photos prior to the awards event

at an informal reception on March 19 at the Universalist Church. Kevin Fox provided music, and Kroger, Scrumbles and Saxby's in Montgomery contributed refreshments to the event.

Two People's Choice Awards were presented this year to one adult and one student winner. Each winner received a \$25 gift card to Dodd Camera. Shannon O'Connor, "Under Warwick" won the People's Choice award in the adult category and Brianna Dooley, "Untitled," won in the student category.

"The members of the Arts Commission always look forward to viewing the amazing photographs entered in this competition, and this year was no exception," Arts Commission Chair Nancy Nolan said. "We are blessed to have so many talented artists in our community, and are extremely pleased to give the artists additional exposure with the Sneak Preview and the winners' exhibit at The Christ Hospital Outpatient Center."



Winter Bison by Fred Haaser

### 2016 photography competition winners

#### Student winners

Kira Danziger, Mason, "Headlights"  
Sydney Himeline, Sycamore, "Veiled Lady"  
Grace Anaple, Sycamore, "Fly Over"  
Lauren Questell, Indian Hill, "Obscurity"  
Alejandra Garcia, Sycamore, "Salt Mines"  
Allison Miller, Sycamore, "Windows of Light"  
Sam Smith, Loveland, "Reach of Uncertainty"  
Emma Cohen, Cincinnati-Country Day, "Sunset"  
Kira Nikolaidis, Mason, "Foothills"

#### Best of show

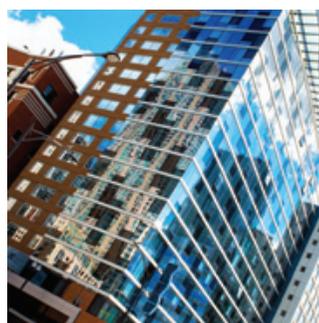
Anna Karnes, Cincinnati-Country Day, "Emerging into light"

#### Adult winners

Christopher F. Burke, "Spirit of the Rhine"  
Keith Neu, "Hummingbird"  
Rich Sears, "Solitude"  
Karen Ashcraft, "Architecture Reflections"  
Crystal Gurry, "Staircase"  
Tim Needham, "Yosemite National Park"  
Eric Hatch, "Snow Falling on Maple"  
Fred Haaser, "Winter Bison"  
Alan Loyd, "Setting Sail, Tall Ship, Caribbean"  
Best of show  
Van Newland, "Family Photo – Ohio State Fair"



Staircase by Crystal Gurry



Architecture Reflections by Karen Ashcraft



Emerging into light by Anna Karnes



Family Photo – Ohio State Fair by Van Newland

# City of Montgomery Recreation and Events

## Where in Montgomery is Terry?

Answer to March's question is Swaim Park – Limber Pine



The City's April 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 a 13-acre park known as Swaim Park. This park was originally a golf course. Currently, Swaim Park offers two ponds for fishing, which is stocked twice a year, a walking trail and an updated playground for various aged children. Swaim Park is the location of the annual Harvest Moon Fall Festival each October and the Laf-n-Lunch series in July.

Terry is standing with a Limber Pine Tree. He found this tree 15 years ago while walking through a nursery in Milford, Ohio. The Limber Pine Trees are native to the Rocky Mountains and seem to do better than most evergreens for this area. Their dark bluish green leaf color and slightly twisted needles make this a handsome specimen.

Anyone who guessed correctly earned an entry into the contest. Keep exploring Montgomery's parks and guessing to increase chances of winning.

In which Montgomery Park is Terry? What type of tree is he near?

Deadline: May 20

Clues

- This specimen of tree does very well when planted along streets and in the proper soil in neighborhood yards.
- This park might be small but adds a beautiful and calming aesthetic to one of the City's streets.
- These trees are well-adapted to wet conditions along riverbanks and swamps.



Each month in the Montgomery Bulletin will be "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](mailto: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.

## Readers' feedback valued

The City of Montgomery offers a variety of recreational opportunities within the Recreation Annex Building and the various Montgomery Parks. Recreation staff are currently assessing the opportunity to bring adult sports leagues to Montgomery. Whether one's interest is pickleball, tennis, sand volleyball, softball or other sports, staff would like to hear feedback.

Please take a moment a fill out the Adult Sports League survey. Everyone who gives feedback and completes the survey by May 31 will be entered into a drawing to win a 20-visit pass to the Montgomery Community Pool.

To access the survey or for more information, visit [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org), call Recreation Specialist Sarah Fink at 792-8317 or email at [sfink@ci.montgomery.oh.us](mailto:sfink@ci.montgomery.oh.us)

# Registration now open for all 2016 summer camps

With camp topics of instructional tennis, golf, multi-sports, science, technology, art and theater, there is sure to be a camp that will pique the interest of most children. Register online today at [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org).



## Tennis Camp

Wednesdays and Fridays June 1, 3, 8 and 10

*Ages 5-7 from 9:30-10:30 a.m.*

*Ages 8-15 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.*

**Weller Park**

Cost is \$20 per participant

## Art Camp

– Drawing and painting instruction included. Participants will go home with their own creations of canvas paintings and drawings.

June 6-10

*Ages 5-7 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.*

*Ages 8-12 from noon-2:00 p.m.*

**Terwilliger's Lodge, Dulle Park**

Cost is \$125 per participant

## Mini-Hawk

– Soccer, Baseball and Basketball

June 13-16

*Ages 5-8 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*

**Weller Park**

Cost is \$75 per participant

## Tiny-Hawk

– Soccer and Baseball

June 13-16

*Ages 3-4 from 9:00-10:00 a.m.*

**Weller Park**

Cost is \$55 per participant

## Paintball/Video Animation Camp

– Participants will decide on a story line and go on a one day trip to Paintball Country on June 21. While there, they will be outfitted with cameras to capture footage from the day. They will play paintball while playing out their story. The remaining portion of the week will be dedicated to editing and adding animation to the video footage that they captured to make a complete and finished video.

June 20-24

*Ages 10-14 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.*

**Terwilliger Lodge, Dulle Park**

Cost is \$275 per participant

(includes full week of camp, paintball day and pizza lunch while at paintball) – On Tuesday, a lunch and snack will be provided. All other days of the camp, participants are responsible for their own lunch and snack.

## Theater Camp

July 11-15 – Camp; July 16 – Performance at Bastille Day

*Ages 6-8 from 9:00 a.m.-noon*

*Ages 9-13 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.*

**Terwilliger's Lodge, Dulle Park (camp) downtown Montgomery (Performance at Bastille Day)**

Cost is \$120 per participant

## 3D Printing (Make a board game)

– Participants will be able to create their own board game. During this camp, they will also get to design and print their 3D game pieces.

July 18-22

*Ages 8-14 from 9:00 a.m.-noon*

**Terwilliger's Lodge, Dulle Park**

Cost is \$110 per participant

## Pre-K Golf

July 25-28

*Ages 3-4 from 9:00-10:00 a.m.*

**Weller Park**

Cost is \$55 per participant

## Beginning Golf

July 25-28

*Ages 5-8 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*

**Weller Park**

Cost is \$75 per participant

## Mobile Application Development

Participants will use their imagination and guidance from camp instructors to develop their own mobile application. Participants will also learn to be good digital citizens. During this camp participants will also have the opportunity to create their own Montgomery-themed Snapchat geofilter, which will be entered into our contest to find Montgomery's next Snapchat geofilter.

Aug. 1-5

*Ages 8-14 from 9:00 a.m.-noon*

**Terwilliger's Lodge, Dulle Park**

Cost is \$110 per participant





We, the people of Montgomery, Ohio  
Celebrate

*All American*

**2016**

# Independence Day Celebration



Symphony Concert  
July 3, 7:30 p.m.  
Montgomery Park



Parade, July 4, 10 a.m.



Festival,  
July 4, 11 a.m.  
Montgomery Park

# Planning underway 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. Business owners may want to consider having their business participate in sponsorship opportunities.

## Blue Ash Montgomery Symphony Concert

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



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.

Businesses and organizations – find out how to become a sponsor of this favorite annual event. Call Julie Machon at 792-8316.

## Independence Day Parade

July 4, 10 a.m.



Put on some marching shoes, design a float or create an entertaining entry in patriotic fashion for Montgomery's long time tradition – the annual Independence Day Parade.

Parade entries will assemble at designated

locations on Cooper Road at 9:00 a.m. with the official parade kick off at 10:00 a.m. Parade applications are available online at [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org).

For those who can't be in the parade but want to help out, find a niche as a festival game manager and/or a parade lot organization manager. For further information and to volunteer, contact DeAnna Gross at 792-8329 or at [dgross@ci.montgomery.oh.us](mailto:dgross@ci.montgomery.oh.us).

## Independence Day Festival

Montgomery Park

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



After the parade, this family-friendly festival will feature live music by Kevin Fox, vendors and civic organizations offering a variety of summer foods and drinks, carnival games, pony rides and fun.

## Bastille Day Event

Downtown Montgomery

July 16, noon to 11 p.m.



Join in the City's biggest event. Bastille Day has something for everyone. It is a fantastic day of family fun or a special night on the town. Two stages of entertainment are planned. The North Stage is featuring a kid's theater camp performance, a magic show, Waiter's Race, Cool Critters live animal show

and the soulful sounds of the Mistics. Music lovers will be treated to the Main Stage entertainment, which is featuring the Sycamore Community Band, the popular Tom Steele's Toast! group and Naked Karate Girls. The kid's area includes speed pitch, carnival games, pony rides, Snocones and face painting. New this year in the kid's area is a six-hole miniature golf game.

Food vendors, civic organizations, event sponsors, "Waiters Race" organizers and more than 140 volunteers are being recruited for this annual community event.

To volunteer during Bastille Day, contact DeAnna Gross at 792-8329. To sponsor the event, contact Julie Machon at 792-8316.

# Pool = summertime fun!

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](http://montgomeryohio.org). Memberships are also available for purchase at City Hall.

## Come for the fun!

### JUNE

**June 9** – Big Rig Gig, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., kids can explore a police car, fire truck, a backhoe and more.

**June 17** – Luau Party 6 p.m., Dive-in movie at dusk

**June 19** – Father's Day appreciation; free popcorn for pops

### JULY

**July 4** – Splashtacular event with games and prizes, 2 p.m.

### AUGUST

**Aug. 2** – Rootbeer float day at the pool, rootbeer floats and a float race, 3 p.m.

**Aug. 5** – Luau party, 6 p.m., Dive in movie at dusk

### SEPTEMBER

**Sept. 5** – Dog Fest and K-9 Kerplunk, 5-8 p.m.

## Fun Tuesdays

Kids' fun activity on Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. from June 7 – July 26. From the water balloon toss to the biggest splash contest, kids now know this day and time. Everyone who participates receives a fun prize.

## Variety of membership options offered

Options include: Standard = full-season, Weekend = Saturdays and Sundays, Evening = after 5 p.m. daily and Midseason = starting July 17.

Resident	Standard	Weekend	Evening	Midseason
single membership	\$135	\$98	\$85	\$85
couple (resident only)	\$210	\$156	\$138	\$138
family	\$255	\$182	\$157	\$157
family with sitter	\$350	\$248	\$214	\$214
senior single* (60 & over)	\$100	\$73	\$64	\$64
<b>Business*</b>				
single membership	\$155	\$112	\$97	\$97
family	\$305	\$217	\$187	\$187
family with sitter	\$400	\$283	\$244	\$244
senior single* (60 & over)	\$110	\$80	\$70	\$70

\*Business and all types of senior memberships must be purchased in person at City Hall only. Online purchase for these types is not available. To apply for a business pool membership, a current paystub verifying employment in Montgomery must be shown at the time of purchase.

## Popular referral program returns



Returning 2015 members can receive \$75 off a standard full-season membership for referring a new 2016 member who signs up for a standard full season membership. The new member must not have been a member in 2015. The new member will receive \$50 off his or her membership. Seek out others and get the discount. Details and other information coming soon online at [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org).

***"Your staff is absolutely out of this world! They are all very kind and helpful!"***

– Past pool member comment from annual survey

## Group Swim Lessons

Kids can learn the lifelong skill and experience the joy of swimming.

Days/times: Group lessons consist of eight half-hour classes Monday through Thursday during a two-week period.

Fee: Pool member's fee is \$50 and non-members are \$65. Fees are nonrefundable.

Class sizes: There is a minimum of two students per class required and a maximum of four students.

Instructors: SwimSafe Pool Management trained instructors  
To register: Registration begins May 6 for session A.  
Registration is available online at [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org).

Class starting Session B for those less than 4 years old: Frogs and Tadpoles interactive class for kids less than age 4 plus an adult. More information: Call 985-1640 during pool season or 891-2424 prior to pool season.

## Gazebo rental

Youth birthday parties and summer celebrations will be set apart in the landscaped gazebo with a private grill where summertime aromas of hamburgers sizzling will bring guests together after a cooling swim. Rates are \$30 for the first hour and \$10 for each additional hour. Groups that rent the shelter will be allowed to bring food into the pool area to be served and eaten under the shelter.

Group rate fee for non-members is \$3 per person (charged upon entering the facility on the date of the event). To reserve the gazebo, complete the request form that is located online at [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org) or at the front desk at the pool.



## Makos Swim Team

Kids can improve their swimming skills, be active, make great friends and be part of a team this summer. The team is open to ages 4 to 18 and practice starts weekdays during the week of May 31. Visit [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org) to register and for more information.

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](http://montgomeryohio.org) or call City Hall at 891-2424.



## Beginner Level Yoga

These yoga classes take place on Wednesdays, May 11 to July 6, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. (no class on June 29). 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, May 9 to July 11, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. (no classes on May 30 and July 4). 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, May 3 to June 28, from 10:20 to 11:20 a.m. (no class on June 7)
- The new evening session runs Wednesdays, May 18 to July 13, from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. (no class on June 8)

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.

## May - July 2016 Fitness Classes Schedule

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
9:00 am		20/20/20 May 3 - June 21		20/20/20 May 5 - June 23
9:30 am	Mixed Level Yoga May 9 - July 11 9:30 - 10:30	9:00 - 10:00	Beginner Level Yoga May 11 - July 6 9:30 - 10:30	9:00 - 10:00
10:00 am				
10:30 am		Tai Chi May 3 - June 28		
11:00 am		10:20 - 11:20		
6:00 pm		Pilates May 3 - June 21		Pilates May 5 - June 23
6:30 pm	Step May 2 - June 27	6:00 - 7:00	Tai Chi May 18 - July 13	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, May 3 to June 23, 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 takes place Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 3 - June 23 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 takes place Mondays, May 2 to June 27 from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. (no class on May 30). 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 8 classes in the Recreation Annex Building (Min. 8/ Max. 22). Cost is \$40 for resident and \$45 for nonresidents

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891-2424

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# May Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Spring Brush Collection for Residents with Thursday Trash Pickup 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.	3	4 Council Business Session, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	5	6 Registration for Session "A" Swim Lessons begins	7
8 Mother's Day	9 Spring Brush Collection for Residents with Friday Trash Pickup	10 Environmental Advisory Commission, City Hall, 4:30 p.m.	11 Landmarks Commission, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	12 Parks & Recreation Commission, Weller Park, 6:30 p.m.	13	14 Beautification Day Planting, City Hall 9:00-11:00 a.m.
15	16 Planning Commission, City Hall, 7:30 p.m.	17 Sister Cities Commission, City Hall 6:30 p.m.	18 City Council Work Session, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	19	20	21 Cardboard Recycling, 7315 Cornell Road 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Beautification Day Rain Date, City Hall 9:00-11:00 a.m.
22	23	24 Board of Zoning Appeals, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	25	26 Sycamore Community Schools Last Day of Classes	27	28 Montgomery Community Pool Opens 10:00 a.m.
29	30 Memorial Day-City Offices Closed, Trash Pickup as Usual BAMSO Memorial Day Concert Blue Ash Towne Square 6:00 p.m.	31				