

Montgomery Bulletin



Economic Development Projects Strengthen the City

Development progress at the Village Section of the Vintage Club of Montgomery, Twin Lakes Senior Living Community, Orchard Club Drive and the Gateway Redevelopment Area are expected to bring exciting new options for residential, office and commercial opportunities.

An updated General Development Plan for the Village Section of the Vintage Club of Montgomery was approved by the Planning Commission in May. The City originally approved the establishment of the Vintage Club Planned Development in 2006 for approximately 15 acres along Montgomery Road north of I-275 to allow the creation of a mixed-use village with residential and commercial uses.

The updated General Development Plan is a reflection of months of work by the developer in order to meet the expectations of the City and the residents of the Vintage Club while working with the current market conditions. The final product will be an attractive mixed-use development with retail, office, restaurants and condominiums that will complement the existing homes and The Christ Hospital Health Network medical office building.

Construction is anticipated to begin as early as October of 2016 on this exciting new project.

Twin Lakes Senior Living Community has also begun site work for an addition to the main campus at 9840 Montgomery Road. Twin Lakes will be expanding the main campus with the addition of 45 independent living apartments and a new club-like dining venue, which will be located adjacent to a new auditorium/ community room. A retail component along Montgomery Road will be added as a second phase, which could include a restaurant/retail along the Montgomery Road entrance to the Twin Lakes campus. Twin Lakes is hopeful that construction on the main campus expansion will be completed by fall of 2017.

Demolition of the former Montgomery Swim and Tennis Club on Orchard Club Drive has been completed, and Camden Homes has

begun construction on the Orchard Trail subdivision. This new 29-lot subdivision will feature high-end, empty nester-type housing with a pocket park and a walking trail.

On the southern end of the City, work continues on the planning of the Gateway Redevelopment Area (GRA). This mixed-use project will feature an urban-suburban lifestyle and will include professional office, boutique hotel, condominiums and an exciting restaurant row built around a new community green. Plans call for a potential interchange modification at the intersection of Montgomery Road and Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway that would have a safe and positive impact on traffic while opening up more land for redevelopment.

As the process moves forward, more details will be shared with the community in upcoming Montgomery Bulletins or on montgomeryohio.org. Future open house meetings will be scheduled for the public to review and provide comments regarding traffic alternatives and general site plans being considered for the GRA.

For information on any of these projects, contact Tracy Roblero, community development director, at troblera@ci.montgomery.oh.us or 792-8312.



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Some Questions I Have Heard Asked...



by Ken Suer

Why does it seem like nothing is happening with the Gateway Redevelopment Area at Ronald Reagan Highway and Montgomery Road?

Well, it does look that way but --- This is a very complex and important project for the City. A lot of preparation work has to be done before any physical activity can begin. City staffers are working hard with engineers, finance people, developers, Ohio Department of Transportation, Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments, Hamilton County, etc. to get this project teed up and ready to go. In due time, the progress will be shared with the community and we will get to the stage of actual site development and construction. Patience is required.

Why does the City force older residents to sell their 50's ranch houses to developers?

The City is not forcing anyone to sell their home. These are private transactions and the City is not involved with the decision to sell or the negotiation of the sale. Numerous owners have evidently decided that they were ready to make a deal and they did. If a person wanted to remodel their ranch style home or just do nothing at all, they can do so.

Why does there seem to be a lot of theft in the City?

The heroin epidemic no doubt has had an impact. Also, people in Montgomery have items of value to steal. Many people make it extremely easy for thieves by leaving items unattended, leaving garage doors open, not locking up the house, leaving cars unlocked with valuables in plain sight, etc.. The amount of theft could be significantly reduced if residents were more vigilant. Don't be a "soft target".

Why doesn't the City do something about the deer?

We absolutely cannot have people shooting at deer in the City with guns or bows --- the danger to humans is too great. The overpopulation of deer is a regional problem and a statewide problem. There are no easy solutions for Montgomery alone. Lots of deer arrive in MY YARD from Indian Hill for instance. They are undocumented, illegal aliens who once here then commit dastardly crimes like eating my hostas. Maybe we could build a wall and get Indian Hill to pay for it. (Just kidding!)

Why aren't the people who speed through our neighborhoods caught and prosecuted?

Many are --- Mayor's Court is a busy place. A lot of the offenders are Montgomery residents who live in the neighborhoods --- maybe some of your neighbors. Maybe even you! We all need to SLOW DOWN and obey all laws, including those involving texting and other forms of distracted driving.

Why some Council meetings are called "Work Sessions" and some called "Business Sessions"?

Usually at the Work Session, legislation (ordinances and resolutions), are explained and discussed. At the Business Session we vote on them. We actually "work" at both meetings every month.

Why do our City Council Members always seem to get along with each other?

Well, we like to operate differently than those places you hear about in the media where back-stabbing, grandstanding, feuding and fighting are the norm. It's a radical approach but our City Council values civil behavior and working together for the benefit of the City. And, we are going to keep doing it!

Community Wide Garage Sale planned for Sept. 10

Bargain-hunters and those who enjoy finding a curbside deal are the target customers for the City of Montgomery Community-Wide Garage Sale set for Saturday, Sept. 10 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. This grassroots public awareness campaign is to promote reuse, repair and resale opportunities in the City of Montgomery.

A Garage Sale Treasure Map, with a complete listing of locations, will be available at Montgomery City Hall, 10101 Montgomery Road, starting on Thursday, Sept. 8, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., to help shoppers prepare for the sales and map out deal-finding strategies. Treasure maps will also be handed out at City Hall on the Saturday morning of the sales, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Registration is open for those households who are interested in participating. Households can sign up on the City's website, montgomeryohio.org, or by calling 891-2424. There is no fee to participate. The deadline to register is Tuesday, Sept. 6.





Council Corner

August 24, 2016 Work Session

Montgomery City Council met in its regular monthly Work Session on August 24, 2016 at City Hall. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m., with public comment welcomed on each item before City Council.

Pending Legislation

There is no pending legislation at this time

New Legislation

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Humana Health Plan of Ohio to Provide Medical Coverage and Life Insurance for Full-Time Employees

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into A Contract with Dental Care Plus, to Provide Dental Insurance Coverage for Full-Time Employees

A Resolution Authorizing Internet Auction of Surplus Personal Property Through Govdeals.Com

A Resolution Accepting Annexation Plat to Annexed Property from Symmes Township into the City of Montgomery, Ohio

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into A Labor Agreement with The Fraternal Order of Police Ohio Labor Council, Inc. For Wages and Benefits from July 1, 2016 Through June 30, 2019

A Resolution Establishing City Contributions for Health Care Benefits

RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

Approved Legislation

August 3, 2016

- Resolution No. 18 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with The Sycamore Community School District Board of Education to Assign a School Resource Officer
- Resolution No. 19 A Resolution to Adopt the Recommendation of the Montgomery Tax Incentive Review Council with Respect to the Compliance of All Tax Increment Financing Districts within the City of Montgomery
- Resolution No. 20 A Resolution Establishing City Contributions for Health Care Benefits
- Resolution No. 21 A Resolution Extending City Contributions for Health Care Benefits

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

Chamber of Commerce plans free hot dog event

The Montgomery Chamber of Commerce and MED+ Urgent Care & Occupational Health Services, in partnership with the City of Montgomery, will be grilling hot dogs on Thursday, Sept. 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the Neuilly-Plaisance Plaza in the heart of the Heritage District.

This event is free and open to all residents, business owners and employees of Montgomery businesses. The Montgomery Chamber of Commerce, MED+ Urgent Care & Occupational Health Services and the City of Montgomery wish to thank patrons with a free hot dog lunch for their continued support of local businesses in the City of Montgomery.



Hats off ...

To Anne Michel, Darla Hall and Darla's son, Marshall, for maintaining the Butterfly Garden Beds in Pioneer Park this year. These volunteers have spent the growing season pulling weeds in these gardens despite the summer heat and humidity. They may work behind the scenes, but their efforts are there for all of us to enjoy.

A big hats off for all of their efforts!

City's web-based annual report has interactive features

The 2015 City of Montgomery Annual Report is on the City's website, montgomeryohio.org. This report was done in a web-based format again this year, the same as the 2014 report, and will continue to be prepared in this format. The web-based report has many features, including interactive charts, making it a much more engaging tool for web visitors.

Those who would prefer a paper copy of the report may call the Montgomery City Hall at (513) 891-2424 to request one.

Walkers, drivers are both responsible for traffic safety

With schools back in session, pedestrian traffic safety becomes an even greater concern. Montgomery is fortunate to have many well-marked crosswalks, but before walkers head out for a stroll, walk or run, they should familiarize themselves with the laws concerning crosswalks and their proper use.

It's important to understand driver and pedestrian duties and responsibilities as they relate to pedestrian laws. Both the Ohio Revised Code and Montgomery City Ordinances address crosswalks and their proper usage.

For pedestrians:

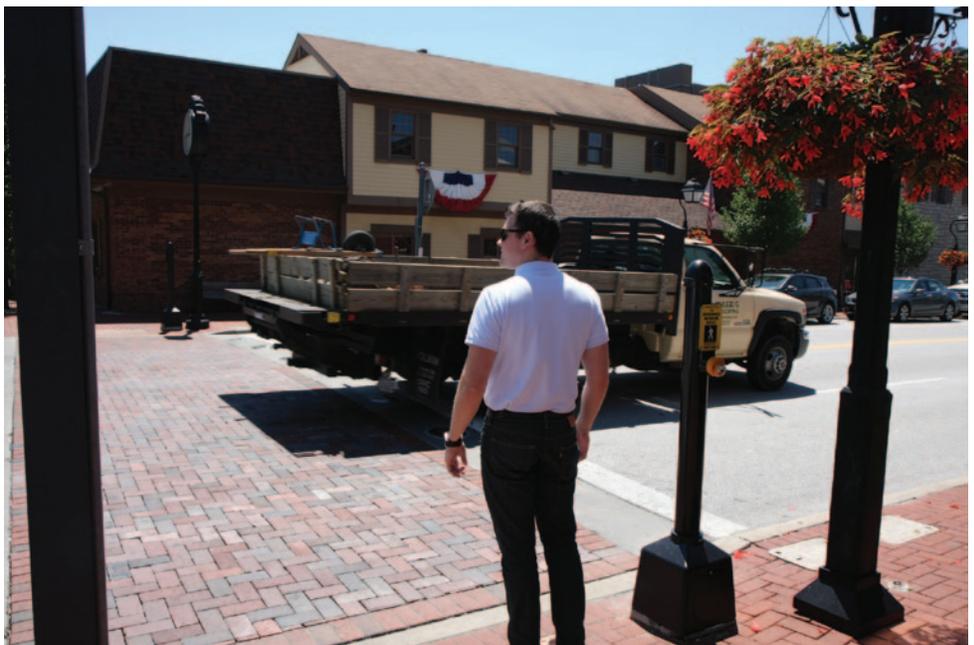
No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk into the path of a vehicle that is so close as to be an immediate hazard. Contrary to popular belief, **a pedestrian waiting to enter a crosswalk must yield to vehicles traveling on the roadway.**

- Pedestrians shall move, whenever practical, upon the right half of crosswalks.
- Where a sidewalk is provided, it shall be unlawful for a pedestrian to walk along the roadway.
- Where a sidewalk is not available, any pedestrian walking along a road shall walk only on a shoulder as far as practical from the roadway.
- Where neither a sidewalk nor a shoulder is available, any pedestrian walking along a road shall walk as near as practical to an outside edge of the roadway, and, if on a two-way roadway, shall walk only on the left side of the roadway.
- Between adjacent intersections at which traffic control signals are in operation, pedestrians shall not cross in any place except a marked crosswalk.
- No pedestrian shall cross a roadway intersection diagonally.

For drivers:

The driver of a vehicle emerging from an alley, building, private road or driveway shall stop the vehicle immediately prior to driving on a sidewalk.

- The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian on a sidewalk.
- The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way; slowing down or stopping if need be to yield to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling, or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger.
- Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any unmarked crosswalk, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.
- Drivers must obey all speed limits and refrain from using cell phones while driving.



Slow down and focus on driving

Everything nowadays is geared to be quick and convenient. Between emails, text messages and phone calls, people are rushing to get things done faster and easier. When it comes to driving, it's never been more important to just slow down and pay attention to surroundings.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, speeding is one of the most prevalent causes of car accidents today. Speeding contributes to a third of all car accidents in America. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates the economic impact for speeding-related crashes is a staggering \$40.4 billion a year. That costs \$76,865 per minute or \$1,281 every second.

Speeding in residential areas:

- make citizens fear for children's safety;
- make pedestrians and bicyclists fear for their safety;
- increases the risk of vehicle crashes;
- increases the seriousness of injuries; and
- increases noise from engine acceleration and tire friction.

"I frequently hear from residents who express genuine concern over speeding vehicles in their neighborhoods," said Montgomery Police Chief Don Simpson. "As I talk with my peers who serve as police chiefs in other jurisdictions it is readily apparent the issue is widespread."

What can be done about it? Strict enforcement by the police, education of the motoring public, engineering of the roadways and additional signage are all used to curb the problem. Digital speed boards to remind drivers to be aware of their speed can be seen in many communities not just Montgomery. The issue is societal and the answer lies with everyone:

- Talk with friends, neighbors, co-workers and teenagers or young adults about slowing down.
- Leave for destinations a little earlier.
- Put down cell phones and realize that driving a vehicle and not paying attention is a serious matter. Please slow down!

Distracted driving is also dangerous. Drivers who use a hand-held device are four times more likely to get into a car accident than drivers who pay attention to the road ahead. Individuals who text message while driving are 30 times more likely to get into an accident.

Distracted driving continues to be the No. 1 leading cause of car accidents. Talking on the phone, texting, eating, reading and grooming are just some of the ways drivers get distracted behind the wheel.

When it comes to driving, it's never been more important to **just slow down and pay attention**.



Help promote the Arts

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

Arts Commission

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

For further information and/or to apply for the above position, contact DeAnna Gross at 792-8329 or dgross@ci.montgomery.oh.us.

Community members encouraged to come to International Reception



All community members are invited to attend the City of Montgomery's International Reception sponsored by the Sister Cities Commission. The Sister Cities Commission motto is "Bringing the World Together One Friendship at a Time," and this eagerly anticipated yearly event encourages the connection of all Montgomery residents' one friendship at a time. Children and non-Montgomery residents are also encouraged to attend.

The social event is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 9, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Terwilliger Lodge in Dulle Park (10530 Deerfield Road).

Participants should bring a favorite covered dish, appetizer or dessert to share at the international buffet table. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided by the Sister Cities Commission. Ethnic attire and/or entertainment shared by the guests (musical instruments, dancing, etc.) are always welcome and encouraged.

To make a reservation to attend this event, please contact City Hall at 891-2424 or register on-line at montgomeryohio.org by Sept. 30. Don't delay; this free event is limited to the first 100 reservations.

City waives solar building permit fees

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

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

The Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance also has a program called "Solarize Cincinnati," which makes purchasing solar panels even easier and more affordable by providing free solar assessments and using the power of bulk purchasing to drive down the costs to 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. For additional information about the City's solar incentive, contact Tracy Roblero, community development director, at troblero@ci.montgomery.oh.us or 792-8312.



Peter Block returns to Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy



Sept.30 is the deadline for accepting applications for the Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy 2017 class. Limited to just 25 participants per year, MCLA is designed to build connections within the community between citizens, businesses and their local government. The Academy Alumni is now over 225 strong and looking for a few more residents to get involved. Past graduates have said: "A resident is a geographic term defining where a household is located. Being a citizen is a verb" and "I suddenly came to the startling realization that the THEY in government is ME!"

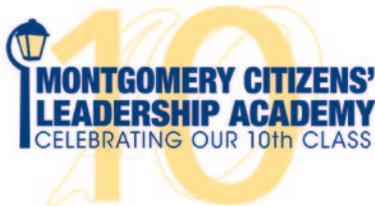
The hands-on learning environment of this unique citizens' academy allows for the strengths, talents and gifts within the class to be connected with opportunities and needs within the community, building networks that add positively to the "social fabric" that makes for a great community; a vibrant Montgomery.

Studies reveal that healthy communities are built on connections between residents combined with the presence of highly engaged citizens. The nationally recognized Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy is designed to help move residents into the role of involved citizens. Also, Peter Block, bestselling author, international lecturer and consultant is scheduled to facilitate the popular MCLA workshop, "Zen and the Art of Citizenship" on Jan. 19. Block will be sharing thoughts from his book, *"The Abundant Community... Awakening the Power of Families and Neighborhoods."*

Those interested in being a part of "the coolest community experience you'll ever have," should submit an MCLA application at montgomeryohio.org or call Ray Kingsbury, director of citizen

engagement, at 792-8359.

The 2017 class schedule is posted on the City website.



Recycle household items responsibly at free event

With all the focus on cleaning up the planet, the City of Montgomery Environmental Advisory Commission is encouraging residents to recycle more. On Saturday, Sept. 17 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., the Environmental Advisory Commission is sponsoring a One-Stop Drop for Responsible Recycling event at the Public Works facility, 7315 Cornell Road.

The free event will provide families an easy way to dispose of items that have been sitting around the house.

The following items will be accepted:

- Computers and related equipment
- Latex paint
- Textiles
- Household items
- Appliances.

Donations will benefit:

- Matthew 25 Ministries
- Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati Restore
- Goodwill Industries



To learn about this event, please visit montgomeryohio.org.

Share perennials with friends, neighbors



Members of the Beautification & Tree Commission will host the 18th annual Fall Plant Swap on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the City Hall parking lot. The free event provides an excellent opportunity for community members to share their divided perennials while selecting new garden varieties.

The Commission recommends that perennials be labeled with the plant name and its sun or shade preference. Participants should also bring their own bags or containers for transporting their "swapped" selections.

For more information, call Brian Riblet, public works director, at 792-8319.

City department recognized for loss control

For the year 2015, the City was recognized by the Miami Valley Risk Management Association (MVRMA) for its superior performance in risk management, where its Public Works/Recreation Department has achieved zero losses over the past 15 years. This department will receive a Safety Performance Award for its stellar record regarding safety.

MVRMA is a regional property/casualty insurance pool whose mission is to deliver high-quality risk-management services to its member municipalities in a manner that provides long-term financial stability, minimization of risks and protection of mutual interests. MVRMA consists of 20 municipalities in southwestern Ohio, of which Montgomery has been a member since 1990.

City to conduct limited curbside brush pick-up

The Montgomery Public Works Department will again be providing a curbside bulk brush collection of brush and limbs. The fall program is scheduled to begin on Sept. 12 and will be conducted over a five-week period. The brush pick-up week will be determined by the regular trash collection schedule.

Please have brush out at the curb no later than 8:00 a.m. Monday morning according to the following schedule:



If trash day is Monday, the pick-up week will be week of Sept. 12.

If trash day is Tuesday, the pick-up week will be week of Sept. 19.

If trash day is Wednesday the pick-up week will be week of Sept. 26.

If trash day is Thursday, the pick-up week will be week of Oct. 3.

If trash day is Friday, the pick-up week will be week of Oct. 10.

Guidelines

- Piles must be placed curbside prior to the start of each week's collection. Residents are urged to place brush curbside on the Sunday immediately prior to the scheduled collection week as material placed curbside after the chipper crew has passed will not be picked up.
- Brush containing nails, metal, stones or excessive dirt will not be picked up.
- Vines and branches with thorns will not be picked up.
- Limbs must be between 3 feet and 10 feet in length and between 1/2 inch and 8 inches in diameter. Shorter branches, twigs and clippings should be placed in yard waste bags and/or cans to be picked up by Rumpke on regular waste collection days.
- Brush and limbs must be placed at the edge of the road or along the curb with the "cut" ends of brush toward the street in small piles. Please do not create large stacks or interwoven piles with "cut" ends placed in different directions as this makes the material difficult for crews to separate for collection.
- Brush piles that are tied into bundles or are tangled will not be picked up.
- Stumps, root balls and logs are not to be placed curbside for brush collection but may be placed out for Rumpke waste collection on the regularly scheduled day. Each item must not weigh more than 60 pounds.

For additional information, please contact Montgomery City Hall at 891-2424. Dates for next spring's collection program have not yet been determined; however, that schedule will be announced in an upcoming Montgomery Bulletin.

Making a Difference Day is Oct. 22

Connect Montgomery's *Making a Difference Day* will be held on Saturday, Oct. 22. Plan now for a service project this day.



Once again, Connect Montgomery is leading a partnership of volunteer organizations to make a unified impact on the national "Make a Difference Day." Please start planning now to enrich the community by giving back. Some ways to make a difference include:

- Sorting clothes and other items at Matthew 25: Ministries with the Blue Ash Montgomery Rotary Club and City of Montgomery;
- Collecting third-grade-level books with St. Barnabas Episcopal Church for Assistance League of Greater Cincinnati to distribute to needy school districts in the area;
- Sorting school items at Crayon to Computers;
- Volunteering to raise awareness for social programs;
- Creating a new project to have fun and give back.

Churches, neighborhood associations, families or civic groups should start planning now to be a part of this special day.

To list a project on connectmontgomery.org, call Beth Mountjoy at 519-5829 or email at bethmountjoy@gmail.com with "Making A Difference Day" in the subject line and with specific project information.



Shred documents with personal information for free



In an effort to help reduce identity theft, promote recycling and provide a way for residents to dispose of sensitive documents, the City of Montgomery's Environmental Advisory Commission and Royal Document Destruction will be hosting a free community document shredding event on Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Montgomery Public Works facility at 7315 Cornell Road from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

To serve everybody efficiently, there will be a maximum of three boxes (copy paper size or similar) per person

in line, and the individual 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. Paper must be removed from binders; however, paper clips and staples do not have to be removed.

A certification of destruction will be available upon request. Materials will be shredded onsite, and 100 percent of the paper is recycled. For more information, call 891-2424.

Volunteer opportunities

Harvest Moon Festival

(Adults/teens/families/minimum age is 14)

Saturday, Oct. 8, 4:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Swaim Park (corner of Cooper & Zig Zag Roads)

Participate in this fun family event by assisting with old-fashioned games, children's crafts, a campfire and s'mores roasting.

For more specific information contact DeAnna Gross at 792-8329 or dgross@ci.montgomery.oh.us.



Create a sustainable yard, garden to support birds and insects

Changing human activity has eliminated wildlife habitats locally and worldwide, resulting in birds, butterflies and bees being pushed into ever-shrinking areas. Montgomery's seven parks provide diverse natural habitats in the form of ponds, streams, meadows and bushy or wooded areas that support these small creatures.

By planting a simple garden that provides natural habitat, birds, bees and butterflies may return finding a renewed food source. By including water sources, nesting boxes and other habitat features, the natural habitat further enhances the value of a garden to wildlife. Maintaining a garden through natural gardening practices in a sustainable, environmentally friendly way ensures that the soil, air and water that native wildlife (and people) rely upon stay clean, healthy and safe.

To get started, think about:

Food

Native plants form the foundation of the food chain in the natural world and should do the same in a wildlife-friendly landscape. Consider planting spring and summer flowers that provide pollen, nectar, and leafy host plants, and then consider planting berry-producing shrubs and trees that provide food from fall into winter.

Delay deadheading seeded stalks for a continued food source, and place fallen branches and logs in the back of garden beds or behind shrubs to encourage grubs and insects on which birds and other insects rely. Of course, bird feeders can also supplement natural food sources and are especially helpful in winter months.

Water

Provide a water component in a variety of ways, from a simple birdbath or shallow dish of water to a water garden or pond.

Sustainable practices

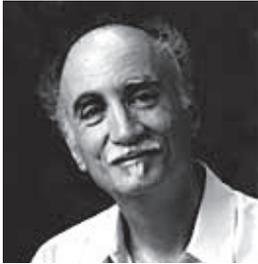
Management of a garden will have an impact on the health of the soil, air, water and habitat for small native wildlife as well as the human community. This includes soil and water conservation, controlling exotic species and organic lawn and garden practices.

Imagine your garden teeming with singing songbirds, colorful butterflies, flitting hummingbirds, and bees.



City of Montgomery Arts and Entertainment

Live at the Uni! concerts returning to Montgomery



Frank Proto



Mandy Gaines



Tim Berens



Presented by

Montgomery's popular concert series, **Live at the Uni!**, returns to the Universalist Church this fall for its seventh season.

Kicking off the year and making their *Live at the Uni* debut, *No Promises Vocal Band* features exhilarating vocals and breathtaking harmonies. Cincinnati's professional a cappella male octet are sure to thrill audiences on opening night, Monday, Oct. 10 at 7:00 p.m. with a program of jazz, Motown, classical and adult contemporary hits. **(This show is currently sold out).**

This year's presenting sponsor is Twin Lakes Senior Living Community. Post-concert receptions continue across the street at Montgomery Inn where participants can express their appreciation to the performers and meet with fellow music lovers to enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.



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

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

Seats are filling quickly. Online or phone reservations for these concerts are highly recommended and will be available until all seats are filled. The City and the Montgomery Arts Commission once again offer these concerts to the public free of charge. Call 891-2424 or go to montgomeryohio.org to reserve your seat.

Concerts are held at 7:00 p.m. in downtown Montgomery's historic Universalist Church event space, located at the corner of Montgomery and Remington Roads.

Shows last about an hour, and seating is by general admission. Goodwill donations by cash or check are collected at the door to help defray the expenses associated with the organization of this highly popular, community-wide event.



No Promises Vocal Band

Last chance to submit art to holiday card contest



Those who want to share their artistic side with the community and beyond should 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. The ideal design will have a "Winter in Montgomery" theme.

Deadline for submission will be Friday, Sept. 16. Check the City's website, montgomeryohio.org, or call Recreation Coordinator Julie Machon at 891-2424 for more information.

City of Montgomery Recreation and Events



The Almighty Bruce, Montgomery's Top Dog

Residents of all ages submitted their information and dog pictures to the Top Dog contest this past summer, letting us know how much their pooch means to them and why they should be named Top Dog! The Dogfest Team fell in love with the Almighty Bruce and the entry that the Sidi family submitted. The contest is purely for fun and we thought the Sidi's entry for The Top Dog was just "dog-gone" cute. Michelle Sidi and her family will be at the Dogfest event to lead the parade. Later, Michelle will be on stage to show and talk about the Almighty Bruce.

Dogfest & K-9 Kerplunk

Labor Day, Monday, Sept 5 • 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Montgomery Community Pool \$3 per dog, free to pool members

Sponsored by:



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PetPeople

Families and their canine companions can finish the summer with a dip in the pool.

***Bring a non-perishable pet food item to donate**

Dogfest schedule of activities - Mark your calendar and get your K9 ready!

5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Visit vendors, swim

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Fun activities in the pool

6:00 p.m. Everyone join in the parade of dogs and then on stage everyone can join for:

Most Talented, Best Looking Male, Best Looking Female, Best Costume and Waggiest Tail contests.

Anyone can enter their pooch into the contests. Get them ready and sign up at the event near the big stage.



Please visit the vendors at the event. Professional Pet Grooming by Kathie, Cincinnati Hills Animal Clinic, Kimberly Billings (Animal Communicator), Petwants, Pawjoggers, Kayla's Posh Pets, Circle Tails, Meals on Wheels for Pets*

*** Bring a non-perishable pet food item to donate to Meals on Wheels for Pets and be entered into a drawing.**

All breeds and sizes of dogs are invited. Dogs must be people-friendly, non-aggressive toward other dogs and under control. The diving well, slide and diving boards will be closed for this event. Dogs must be on a leash when out of the water.

Free for pets of members, \$3 per dog for non-members. For more information, call 891-2424.

School's Out Paintball Trip!

Oct. 28 (register by Oct. 21; signed waiver required), 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Ages 10-14



Participants will meet and return to the Swaim Park small shelter, located at the Swaim Park upper level parking lot at 7650 Cooper Road. Participants will travel by bus to Paintball Country located in Hamilton. Kids can experience the thrill of paintball with team paintball games in the morning from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., break for a pizza lunch followed by more paintball. There will also be a variety of other activities at Paintball Country, if time allows. Cost covers all paintball equipment, other activities and a pizza lunch. (Min 15/Max 40) Cost is \$56. For more information and to register, please visit montgomeryohio.org or call City Hall at 891-2424.

Car Show Cruises into Montgomery



Montgomery Car Show

Saturday, September 17

Montgomery Square Plaza

Food, beer, live music from the Four Hubcaps, raffle, awards!

Registration 2:00—4:00 p.m., Show 4:00—7:00 p.m.

Awards at 6:30 p.m. Entry \$10

Dash plaques to the first 100 who arrive

For more information, please call 891-2424 or visit montgomeryohio.org.

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Harvest Moon Family Festival

Saturday, Oct. 8 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Swaim Park

Don't miss a great fall fun for the family to enjoy. Roast s'mores on the fire and enjoy a hayride around the park. Kids can make a free craft, enjoy a pony ride* get their faces painted*, see a juggling show, participate in sack races and archery games. Kids can also explore a smokehouse and a firetruck. New this year, Pit to Plate will be a food vendor at the event and will serve coney, mac and cheese and their chicken and pork barbeque. *There is a fee for pony rides and facepainting. Come and celebrate the autumn season at the beautiful Swaim Park!



Way to go Makos Swim Team!

The Montgomery Makos finished their winning season (5-2) with a great showing at the 38th Annual Tri-County Swim League Championships. 67 Swimmers represented the Montgomery Community Pool along with coaches Steven, Ted, Chris and Kelly. This was our largest championship team in years.

Thanks to all the swimmers and parents for a great season. Below is a list of our top finishers at championships!



Pictured: Alex Nixon, Arjun Velayutham, John Knapschaefer, Ciaran Skinner. These 8 and under boys placed first in both the free and medley relay. They also captured the team records in both events.

1st Place Finishers:

- 13-14 **50 FLY** – Madison Humphrey
- 13-14 **50 Back** – Madison Humphrey
- 9-10 **50 Free** – Richard Vlady
- 8 & U **Medley Relay** – Natalia Korte, Riley Kleinfelder, Maddie Nixon, Adeline Murphy – Team Record
- 8 & U **Medley Relay** – John Knapschaefer, Arjun Velayutham, Alex Nixon, Ciaran Skinner -Team Record
- 6 & U **25 Free** – Sam Broxterman
- 7-8 **100 IM** – Arjun Velayutham
- 7-8 **25 FLY** – Natalia Korte
- 7-8 **25 FLY** – Alex Nixon
- 7-8 **25 Back** – Natalia Korte
- 7-8 **Free Relay** – Arjun Velayutham, Ciaran Skinner, John Knapschaefer, Alex Nixon – Team Record

2nd Place finishers:

- 13-14 **Med Relay** – George Vlady, Liam Skinner, Declan Skinner, Brandon Stuart – Team Record
- 13-14 **100 IM** – George Vlady
- 15-18 **100 IM** – Ted Vlady
- 13-14 **50 FLY** – Declan Skinner
- 13-14 **50 Breast** – George Vlady
- 9-10 **100 IM** – Richard Vlady
- 7-8 **25 Free** – Natalia Korte
- 7-8 **25 Free** – Alex Nixon
- 6 & U **25 Back** – Gabby Mahoney
- 7-8 **25 Back** – John Knapschaefer
- 7-8 **Free Relay** – Maddie Nixon, Meredith Zeph, Adeline Murphy, Natalia Korte – Team Record



3rd place finishers:

- 13-14 **50 Free** – George Vlady
- 15-18 **50 Free** – Ted Vlady
- 15-18 **50 FLY** – Ted Vlady
- 13-14 **50 Back** – Jozy Allen
- 13-14 **Free Relay** – Declan Skinner, Will Rinehart, Liam Skinner, George Vlady -Team Record
- 9-10 **Med Relay** – Maddie Griga, Grace Humphrey, Kylie Allen, Ava McFall
- 9-10 **Med Relay** – Ben McCarthy, Scott Humphrey, Richard Vlady, Jack Rinehart
- 9-10 **50 Breast** – Richard Vlady
- 7-8 **100 IM** – Maddie Nixon
- 6 & U **25 Back** – Naomi Broxterman
- 7-8 **25 Back** – Alex Nixon
- 7-8 **25 Fly** – Arjun Velayutham
- 6 & U **25 Back** – Sam Broxterman

Where in Montgomery is Terry?

Answer to July's question is
Johnson Nature Preserve – Paw Paw



The City's August 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 Johnson Nature Preserve. This Montgomery park is located in the northwest portion of the City and provides the best chance of experiencing nature. This park provides a half mile gravel trail that winds along ridges and a stream through a deep wooded area. The Johnson Nature Preserve was 95 percent destroyed in the tornado of 1999. An interesting observance of this park was, after the 1999 tornado, the White Oak trees were some of the few trees to withstand the F4 tornado (207-260 mph winds).

Terry is standing with the tree that is known as a Paw Paw. This native tree is known for growing in the eastern United States. This type of tree does very well in full sun or shade. The Paw Paw tree produces fruits that have a sweet, banana like flavor and are enjoyed by both man and animal.

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

Deadline: August 20

Clues

- This park is considered Montgomery's sports park.
- This tree can grow 50 to 70 feet tall and can have a trunk diameter of up to 13 feet.
- This 20-acre park also features a playground and a 0.75-mile walking trail.



This is the last month for the contest. The winner will be announced in October.

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.

FITNESS

Kids Yoga and Fitness Program

For children in kindergarten through fourth grade, this class will teach students about the benefits of yoga and general fitness. Children will be learning bodyweight exercises and yoga postures that promote strength, flexibility and postural awareness. They will also learn breathing exercises, relaxation and meditation techniques to help students learn to manage stress and develop a deeper awareness of self and others. The class promises to be fun.

Class will run on Wednesdays for four weeks. All equipment is provided for this program. Cost is \$40 residents and \$45 non-residents per session.

- Wednesdays, Sept. 28 – Oct. 19 (from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.)
- Wednesdays, Oct. 26 – Nov. 16 (from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.)

NOTE: Class is scheduled from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Don't worry about difficulty getting students there promptly at 4:00 after Sycamore Community Schools dismiss at 3:45p.m. The class will start with some simple warm-ups from 4:00 to 4:15 p.m. while waiting for everyone to arrive. Please consider carpooling with other students from school or neighborhood.

For more information and to register, please visit montgomeryohio.org or call City Hall at 891-2424.

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



Fitness Class Schedule

Day	Class Name	Dates of Session	No Class	Session Length	Time of Class	Resident	Non-Resident
Monday	Mixed Level Yoga	9/19-11/14	7-Nov	8 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Monday	Meditation	9/19-11/14	7-Nov	8 classes	10:35-11:00 a.m.	\$20	\$25
Monday	Chair Yoga	9/19-11/14	7-Nov	8 classes	11:15 a.m. -12:15 p.m.	\$40	\$45
Monday	Step	9/12-11/14	31-Oct and 7-Nov	8 classes	6:15-7:15 p.m.	\$40	\$45
Tuesday	20/20/20	8/23-10/11		8 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Tuesday	Tai Chi	8/30-10/18		8 classes	10:20-11:20 a.m.	\$80	\$90
Tuesday	Pilates	8/23-10/11		8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45
Wednesday	Beginner Level Yoga	9/21-11/16	9-Nov	8 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Wednesday	Meditation	9/21-11/16	9-Nov	8 classes	10:35-11:00 a.m.	\$20	\$25
Wednesday	Tai Chi	9/14-11/2		8 classes	6:15-7:15 p.m.	\$80	\$90
Thursday	20/20/20	9/1-10/20		8 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Thursday	Pilates	9/1-10/20		8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45

Description of Classes

20/20/20 - Designed to meet the needs of Baby Boomers, this class offers light to moderate cardiovascular exercises, light strength training and light stretching for 20 minutes each.

Pilates - 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.

Step - Using 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.

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

Mixed Level Yoga - 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 levels of yoga enthusiasts are welcome, but some prior yoga experience is recommended. Class will begin with a brief centering and end with savasana.

Meditation - Scientific studies continue to confirm the amazing health benefits of meditation. In this class, we will be learning the basics of mediation, including posture, breathing exercises and various meditation techniques. Ideally, our time together will support you in beginning your own daily meditation practice at home. Each class will include a brief introduction followed by at least 10-20 minutes of silent seated meditation.

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

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Montgomery Bulletin September Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	Labor Day, City offices closed, trash pick-up as usual Community Pool closes for season Dogfest and K-9 Kerplunk, Montgomery Community Pool, 5:00-8:00 p.m. BAMSO Labor Day Concert-Blue Ash Towne Square, 6:00 p.m.	5	6	7	8	9
			City Council Business Session, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission, Swaim Park, 6:30 p.m.		Community Wide Garage Sale, 9:00 to 1:00 p.m.
11	Beautification and Tree Commission, Public Works, 7315 Cornell Road, 9:00 a.m. Arts Commission, City Hall, 5:00 p.m. Planning Commission, City Hall, 7:30 p.m. Fall brush collection with Monday trash pickup begins	12	13	14	15	16
		Environmental Advisory Commission, City Hall, 5:00 p.m.	Landmarks Commission, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	3rd Quarter 2016 City taxes due		One Stop Drop Recycling Event, 7315 Cornell Road, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Car Show, Montgomery Square Shopping Plaza, 4:00-7:00 pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Fall brush collection for Tuesday trash pickup	Sister Cities Commission, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	City Council Work Session, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.			Fall Plant Swap, City Hall parking lot, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Planning Commission, City Hall, 7:30 p.m. Fall brush collection for Wednesday trash pickup		Board of Zoning Appeals City Hall, 7:00 p.m.			2017 Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy application deadline	