

Montgomery Bulletin



Combs resigns

City Council seat



Ann Combs

After serving for three years, Ann Combs submitted her resignation on Dec. 1, 2016, from the Montgomery City Council. Citing personal reasons, Combs plans to complete her term at the Jan. 4, 2017, City Council Business Session.

“I have truly enjoyed the opportunity to serve the citizens of the City of Montgomery. It has been a unique pleasure to work with the other members of City Council and the fantastic staff of the City of Montgomery. Montgomery is a wonderful place to live,” noted Mrs. Combs.

Combs, and her husband, Mark, have been members of the Montgomery community for more than 30 years. While her children attended Sycamore Community Schools, she was active in coaching and the Athletic Boosters. She has served on the Sycamore Schools Planning Commission as well as leadership positions in her church. While on Council, she chaired the Law and Safety Committee. Combs also worked in partnership with her City Council peers in helping to shape the City’s five-year Strategic Plan, which will carry the City into 2021.

Since her retirement in 2014, Combs has been Of Counsel at the law firm of Kohlen & Patton. Her practice at the firm was in personal injury/medical malpractice litigation and mediation. Prior to practicing law, she was a registered nurse with experience in obstetrics, pediatrics and intensive care.

“Ann, and Mark, have served our city well over their years on City Council and as neighbors in The Winds. We have been extremely fortunate to have their leadership and contributions,” said Mayor Chris Dobrozsi. “So, to Ann and the Combs family, we say thanks for your service, graciousness, professionalism and leadership. You will be missed.”

Help shape the future as a Council member

A civic-minded Montgomery resident is being sought to fill the unexpired term of Council member Ann Combs, whose term ends Dec. 6, 2017.

Montgomery’s Mayor and City Council are currently accepting letters of interest from Montgomery residents until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 10. Applicants should include a letter outlining their reason for wanting to be appointed to City Council, a list of current and/or prior community service experience, and a resume. To be eligible, applicants must have resided in Montgomery for at least one year prior to taking office and must be a qualified elector throughout the term of office.

Interested and qualified parties should submit the required information to:

Mayor Chris Dobrozsi & Montgomery City Council
Attn: City Council Vacancy
City of Montgomery
10101 Montgomery Road
Montgomery OH 45242

Questions about the position should be directed to Clerk of Council Connie Gaylor at 792-8314. To learn more about recent City Council agendas and actions, visit montgomeryohio.org.



One of the many duties of a City Council member is to participate in the July 4 parade.



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City project has multiple benefits



By Mike Cappel

It is not too often that a single project can result in multiple benefits both financially and environmentally. Our Public Works staff is currently completing a project that has exceeded expectations in both areas.

In late 2015, Montgomery Public Works staff submitted a grant application to the Hamilton County Storm Water District (HCSWD) for the installation of a rain harvest

system and conversion of a detention basin to a retention pond at our Public Works facility on Cornell Road. The City of Montgomery received a \$69,184 grant from HCSWD in early 2016 which represents 80% of the total construction costs for both projects.

The rain harvest system includes the installation of a 5,000 gallon water tank that captures rain water runoff from approximately 5,700 square feet of roof area and will be used during the winter months to make salt brine for winter operations and during the summer months to water the plethora of annual flowers and hanging baskets throughout the City. The rain harvest system will also eliminate the current rain water runoff that would normally be routed to a detention basin near the front of the facility resulting in a positive impact to the drainage system as it moves downstream.

The conversion of the detention basin to a retention pond includes excavation of approximately 2,400 cubic yards of earth material to convert the existing basin to a pond. The existing outlet structure will be removed and replaced with a multi-stage structure that will allow for a permanent pond of water to be maintained and provide a controlled storm water release during rain events and reduce the amount and volume of storm water runoff to the downstream tributary. The new retention pond will also provide substantial water quality improvements by reducing

the amount of pollution and sediments being introduced into the downstream drainage system. Native wetland vegetation will be planted around the perimeter of the retention pond to reduce erosion and further enhance water quality benefits.

Finally, Public Works staff coordinated efforts with the private developer selected to complete the Vintage Club North – Public Improvements to transport the approximate 2400 cubic yards of earth material excavated for the retention pond to the development site. This action will result in an approximate savings of \$24,000 for the development project as it reduces the amount of imported earth material required for the development.

Kudos are warranted to our staff who are always in pursuit of value for everyone in the community, including taxpayers and all of us who use our natural resources.



Public Works staff installs a pipe system to redirect rain water from the roof into a 5,000 gallon rain barrel.



Help with decorations

take down would be appreciated

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

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

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



Council Corner

December 21, 2016 Work Session

Montgomery City Council met in its regular monthly Work Session on Dec. 21 at City Hall. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. with public comment welcomed on each item before City Council.

Pending Legislation

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

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

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

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

New Legislation

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with CT Consultants Inc. for Professional Services Related to General Engineering and Architectural Services for Calendar Year 2017

An Ordinance to Amend Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the City of Montgomery, State of Ohio, during the Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31, 2016

RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

Approved Legislation

December 7, 2016

Ordinance No 7, 2016	An Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the City of Montgomery, State of Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31, 2017
Resolution No 35, 2016	A Resolution Authorizing a Grant in the Amount of \$12,500 to the Center for Addiction Treatment
Resolution No 36, 2016	A Resolution Adopting a Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for the City of Montgomery
Resolution No 37, 2016	A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with The Sycamore Community School District Board of Education to Assign a School Resource Officer for School Year 2016-2017 for the Sycamore Junior High School
Resolution No 38, 2016	A Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Current Contract with Donnellon, Donnellon and Miller for Legal Services to the City of Montgomery

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

Hats off...

to all the Holiday in the Village volunteers who helped ensure that attendees at this event had a festive and engaging time. Teen volunteers **Saketh Balakumar, Maya Berry, Zoe Brown, Julie Ertle, Caleb Geiger, Danielle Hershenson, Brad Hornback, Sarah Schrantz, Kathryn Willis** and **Atara Zmora**, adult **Judy Karas** and City employees **Cindy Abner** and **Sharon Savitt** assisted Mrs. Claus at the North Pole Workshop with crafts. Parks and Recreation member **Pete Teitelman** and his wife, **Kathy**, served refreshments.

A grateful thank you to all of these volunteers for helping to make this holiday event festive and enjoyable for one and all.



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

Business notes

Academic Tutoring has moved to 9200 Montgomery Road, Building E, 18A. The business, previously located at 7800 Cooper Road, provides academic tutoring services for pre-K through 12th grade students. All educators are licensed and certified. For more information, visit atutoring.net.

This January marks the TriHealth Fitness and Health Pavilion's 20th anniversary. When established, the TriHealth Fitness and Health Pavilion was the nation's first certified medical fitness center and is Greater Cincinnati's only certified medical fitness center recognized by the Medical Fitness Association.

Congratulations to TriHealth Fitness and Health Pavilion on this milestone. For more information, visit TriHealth.com/FitnessPavilion.



The TriHealth Fitness and Health Pavilion is located at 6200 Pfeiffer Road.

Local businesses

named Best of the North



Congratulations to these Montgomery businesses for being named winners in the Best of the North competition by Cincy Magazine. Aglamesis Bro's was named Best Chocolatier. They are located at 9899 Montgomery Road. Montgomery Jewelers were

named Best Jewelers. They are at 9400 Montgomery Road. Cincinnati School of Music, 9631 Montgomery Road, was named Best Music Instruction.

These local Montgomery businesses were named finalists in the yearly competition: The Original Pancake House, Montgomery Farmers' Market, Carlo & Johnny, Walker Bros. Ice Cream, Kanak Indian Restaurant, Brooklyn Pizza & Pasta, Montgomery Cyclery, Elemental OM, Rudino's Sports Bar, The Silver Diva, The Village Tavern, Woodhouse Day Spa, Sacksteder's Interiors and Meadowbrook Care Center.

Montgomery's Bastille Day was also named a finalist in the Best Festival category.

Downtown Montgomery Landmark now home to Matter Creative Group



Attracted to the charm of downtown Montgomery, Matter Creative Group recently settled into the historic Snider-Crain House located at 9466 Montgomery Road.

"Steeped in such rich history, our new home inspires creativity and challenges us to push the envelope," said Joel Warneke, Executive Creative Director. Warneke added,

"Each day when I come to our new studio, I'm reminded that our clients' branding and marketing efforts should be timeless and not flavor of the month." No stranger to Montgomery, Chuck Tabri, VP Sales and Marketing, grew up in the area and

sees the move as a sign of support for what Montgomery's impressive past and thriving future offers the Cincinnati business community.

About Matter Creative Group

A creative branding agency, Matter Creative Group uncovers fresh and compelling ways to market and promote your brand. Their core capabilities include brand strategy and design, integrated marketing communications programs as well as digital marketing solutions. Matter partners with both business to business and direct to consumer clients including Cintas, Johnson & Johnson, Mercy Health Foundation and Procter & Gamble. To view their portfolio or for additional information, please visit mattercreativegroup.com.



Duke Energy

to replace natural gas lines for homes

To replace aging natural gas service lines, Duke Energy has contacted the City of Montgomery and indicated that it plans to implement a replacement program for metallic gas service lines in 2017. The metallic lines will be replaced with plastic material.

These service lines are connected to the gas meters found on homes. In order to replace the line, contractors with Duke Energy will need to disconnect the gas service to the home. After the lines are replaced, contractors will need to access the inside of the home and inspect the pilot light in order to restore gas service.

Twenty-four Montgomery streets will be impacted by this replacement program. A list of streets impacted may be found on montgomeryohio.org. The contractor will have from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2017 to complete the project; however, it is anticipated they could begin in Montgomery early in 2017.

This work will be done by Duke Energy contractors, and they will need to schedule a convenient time with the homeowners or residents to complete the replacement work. First, contractors will come to the home to schedule the work. If the homeowners or residents are unavailable, they will leave a door hanger with information on how they can be contacted to schedule the repair and reconnection.

Keep in mind that all Duke Energy contractors must:

- Wear a visible contractor picture ID that identifies them as a Duke Energy contractor;
- Have a contact phone number that the homeowner may call to verify the contractor's identity and purpose;
- Drive a vehicle having a visible contractor logo.

The City of Montgomery will continue to work with Duke Energy and provide updates in the Montgomery Bulletin and on montgomeryohio.org regarding the gas service line replacement program. More information may also be found on duke-energy.com/home/natural-gas/gas-main-replacement. Residents may call (866) 317-7822 with any questions.



Unlimited yard waste continues; holiday greenery pick up begins

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

Rumpke will pick it up on one of the following three Saturday dates:

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

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

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



Catch basin labeling project continues

The City of Montgomery Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) held its second Catch Basin Labeling day on Saturday, Nov. 5. John Nelson, public relations specialist with the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District, began with an informative presentation explaining stormwater runoff and possible pollution sources that threaten the creeks and ultimately the Little Miami River.

This educational presentation gave the volunteers a better understanding of why posting the labels was important to the prevention of the dumping of hazardous materials into the stormwater drains. The 32 volunteers and staff replaced more than 200 catch basin labels in the southern part of the City, completing the neighborhoods of The Winds, Camelot, Huntersknoll, Montgomery Heights, Swaim Fields, Village Green, Timberknoll, and also in the Heritage District.

The City of Montgomery and the EAC would like to thank the following volunteers for their time and efforts:

Melanie Atkinson	Mia Divenere	Christy Eulberg	Emma Helphenstine	Brent Heist
Eric Heist	Ethan Heist	Kaia Heitkamp	Julia Koenig	Daniel Leong
Wai Hoong Leong	Leah Levy	Andrew Messerle	Hayden Moeller	Janey Moeller
Will Motley	Michaela Mullikin	Leslie Nordman	Jean Phillips	Sammy Schwartz
Adam Spendakes	Lisa Thomas	Mara Thomas	Mara Thomas	Jim Whiteside

In addition, thank you to City Council Member Mike Cappel and to EAC members: Laith Alfaqih, Mark Laskovics, Carol Suer and Donna Schwartz for their dedication to this project.

The EAC will set another labeling date in order to continue the project and will post in a future bulletin. If you are interested in participating in this project, please call staff liaisons Connie Gaylor or Gary Heitkamp at 891-2424.



City Council approves 2017 budget

At its December business meeting, Montgomery City Council approved the City's 2017 Operating and Capital Budget with a Four Year Forecast and the 2017-2021 Capital Improvement Program. The budgeting process began in July with department heads and City administration forecasting expenditures and revenues before being formally reviewed with City Council during an in-depth meeting on Sept. 14.

By performing this process annually, the City is able to recognize trends with revenues and expenditures while creating a financial plan for the City's future. It also provides a framework consistent with the City's vision and values and resources to support the City's goal of continuing to be a higher performing organization.

In the 2017 budget, staff is proposing a continuation budget from 2016 maintaining the same level of personnel. Total City budget revenues for 2017 are forecasted at \$26,785,646, compared to the forecast of \$18,257,758 for 2016, a difference of \$8,527,888 or 47.0 percent. Most of the increase is attributable to the \$6.5 million for the Vintage Club development. Total City expenditures are projected at \$28,199,651, which is an increase of \$7,643,951. The major contributing factor reflects Vintage Club development costs.

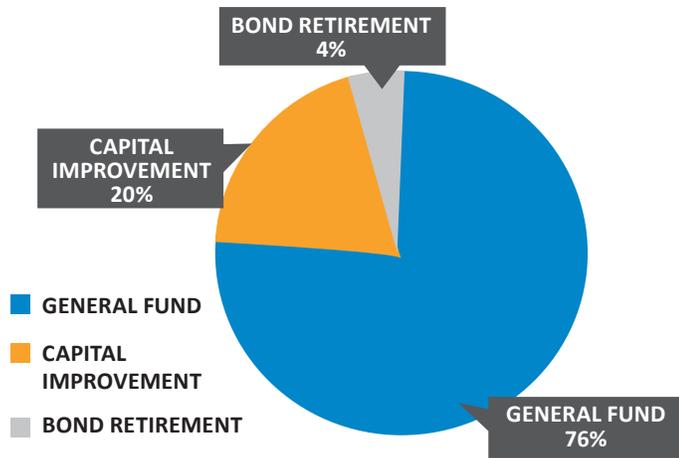
A full copy of the 2017 Budget in Brief can be viewed on the City site, montgomeryohio.org.

Reminders for filing 2016 City tax returns, 2017 estimates

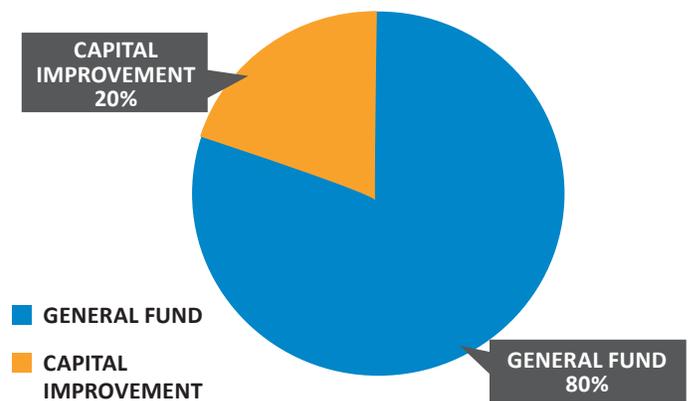
As a reminder, before filing a 2016 Montgomery return and paying 2017 estimates:

- The due date for filing a 2016 return is April 18, 2017. Effective this year, the late filing penalty will be \$25 per month, up to a maximum of \$150.
- Filing due dates for the first through fourth quarter estimates are April 18, June 15, Sept. 15 and Dec. 15, respectively.
- Quarterly estimated payments are now required for any taxpayer who expects a tax liability of more than \$200 after credits.
- The Montgomery Tax Ordinance requires taxpayers to submit copies of all W-2 forms, along with the front page of the Federal 1040 form when filing. Federal schedules for any income shown on Lines 12, 17, 18 and 21 of the 1040 form should be submitted as well.

2016 Earning Tax Allocation



2017 Earnings Tax Re-Allocation Estimate - effective 2/1/2017



The first pie chart depicts the current Earnings Tax allocation as follows: General Fund – 76%, Capital Improvement – 20% and Bond Retirement – 4%. Over the last several years with this current allocation, the City has been able to pay down the debt. Therefore, for the 2017 Earnings Tax Budget, the new allocation will be 80% for the General Fund and 20% to Capital Improvement Fund as indicated in the second pie chart. It will be effective Feb. 1, 2017.

Board and Commission Openings

Start new year off with a new commitment

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



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

Beautification and Tree Commission

The Beautification and Tree Commission annually develops and updates a plan for the care of trees, shrubs and flowers in all public areas. It advises the administration and the City Council on the prudent and productive use of financial resources for the purposes within its charge. The Commission proposes programs,

submits an annual budget, supervises such undertakings as are authorized by City Council and reports its progress annually on projects and activities within its responsibility.

Commission activities include Beautification Week flower planting, Garden Tour, Arbor Day celebrations, Tree City USA recognition, plant swaps, downtown holiday decorating and hanging basket planting and tree workshops. *Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m.*

Parks & Recreation Commission

The Parks and Recreation Commission seeks to improve the quality of life of Montgomery citizens by promoting an integrated parks and recreation program. The Commission provides advice and assistance to the administration regarding the development and operation of the parks, playgrounds and recreation facilities and programs for the City. Members focus on current safety standards for the City's parks by conducting park "walk-throughs," helping to assess the recreational needs of residents and assisting with a variety of special events.

In order to promote familiarity with each of the seven parks, the commission's meetings are held at various City parks and lodges. *Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.*

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

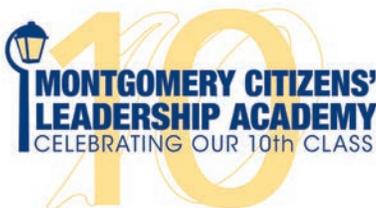
Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy

to kick off 2017

The Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy (MCLA) will begin its new season with a session entitled "We are Montgomery!" on Jan. 12. Boasting a full class for the tenth year in a row, the 2017 academy has an enrollment of 29 enthusiastic participants. This year's MCLA will again include residents and business and community group representatives located in the City of Montgomery.

Based upon participant evaluations over the last several years, MCLA has been redesigned to enable more time for group and one-on-one interaction. However, the purpose of the academy remains the same, to encourage residents to go beyond the surface and experience firsthand the innermost workings of

community operations. MCLA provides residents with the opportunity to realize a dimension few will ever see. Participation in the academy is designed to help transform residents into actively engaged citizens.



Anyone interested in learning more about the Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy should contact Ray Kingsbury, director of citizen engagement, at 792-8359 or rkingsbury@ci.montgomery.oh.us. More information may also be found at montgomeryohio.org.

Traffic safety a priority throughout the City

Each year, AAA recognizes area communities for their efforts in traffic safety. On Nov. 30 at its annual awards ceremony, the Montgomery Police Department was presented with the Platinum Award for Community Traffic Safety. It was presented as a national award for the City's efforts in enhancing traffic safety throughout Montgomery. This is the highest honor presented by AAA.

The Police Department has utilized the use of speed boards throughout the community to bring awareness to drivers passing through, and to residents alike, on safe operational speeds while operating their vehicles. The speed boards provide data to assist police with enforcement efforts and to assist with raising awareness of motorists' speeds.

The department has three speed boards in use at this time and is planning on purchasing an



Montgomery Assistant Police Chief John Crowell (right) accepts the AAA Platinum Traffic Safety Award on behalf of the department from Tom Wiedemann, President and COO of AAA.

additional three units for 2017. Residential feedback on the use of these speed boards has been overwhelmingly positive, and they are having the desired effect on the motoring public.

Other areas of traffic safety throughout the community include upgrading the infrastructure of the traffic signals, including the use of traffic cameras that will allow remote signal management for areas experiencing high traffic volumes and making the needed adjustments at any given time throughout the day. High visibility crosswalks, increased enforcement efforts and educational awareness, such as this article and programs like Safety Village and the partnership with Sycamore Community Schools are also included in citywide efforts to continually improve traffic safety for the community.

Montgomery Fire Department recognized for smoke alarm installation program

The American Red Cross recently awarded the City of Montgomery Fire Department with a certificate of appreciation for the exceptional work done on the smoke alarm installation program.

While the Red Cross supplies the smoke detectors to the communities, area fire departments promote the program and install the devices. To date, the fire department has installed 155 smoke detectors in homes throughout the Montgomery community. In addition to the City of Montgomery, Colerain Township and Goshen Township were also recognized.

The Fire Department continues to partner with the American Red Cross to install battery-operated smoke detectors, free to Montgomery homeowners. According to the American Red Cross, they have "committed to reducing deaths and injuries from home fires by 25 percent over the next five years." To meet this goal, they have committed to installing 8,000 free smoke alarms in homes throughout the Greater Cincinnati region for fiscal year 2016-2017.

It is recommended that battery operated smoke detectors be replaced every 10 years.

The American Red Cross campaign is making every effort 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 before purchasing.

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



Assistant Fire Chief Ben Shapiro received the certificate of appreciation from the American Red Cross on behalf of the City of Montgomery Fire Department.

A close-up photograph showing a hand holding a lit matchstick, lighting a white candle. The candle is held steady by another hand. The background is a plain, light color.

Protect homes, loved ones

with careful candle use

Candles are often ignited in homes to create ambiance for parties and social occasions or even to enjoy a warm and cozy night at home during the cold, winter months. Although candles are fashionable and can even reduce stress, they are also quite dangerous.

The increased popularity of candles has sparked a trend of fires and fire deaths. Those who use candles are urged to practice candle safety year-round. Follow these safety tips:

- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn.
- Ensure candles are in sturdy, noncombustible holders that will not tip over and are big enough to collect dripping wax.
- Think about using flame-less candles at home. They look and smell like real candles.
- Light candles carefully. Keep hair and any loose clothing away from flame.
- Do not burn a candle all the way down. Put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container.
- Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home.
- Extinguish all candles when leaving the room or going to sleep and keep candles – and all open flames – away from flammable liquids.
- Do not place lit candles in windows where blinds or curtains can inadvertently close over them, and do not use them in places where children or pets could knock them over.
- Never leave a child unattended in a room with a lit candle and do not leave candles lit in a room in which a child is sleeping. Keep all matches and lighters up high, out of sight and reach of children, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- During a power outage, flashlights and other battery-powered lights are much safer light sources than candles.
- Always extinguish all candles when leaving the house or going to bed.

The winter season, especially around the holidays, is a peak time of year for home candle fires.

City of Montgomery Arts and Entertainment



Improv at the Uni is back

Join in a night of laughter and surprises as the Montgomery Arts Commission presents the fifth annual Improv at the Uni, performed by the Improv Aves group from Sycamore High School. This night of hilarity takes place on Friday, Jan. 13, at the Universalist Church in downtown Montgomery.

The show will feature approximately 10 student actors experienced in the art of improvisation and who perform skits in a spontaneous manner (similar to the show "Whose Line Is It Anyway") using random suggestions from the audience. Since this is a school-approved and school-sponsored group, the performance will be appropriate for all ages.

The show begins at 7:00 p.m. and will last approximately an hour and 15 minutes with no intermission and is free and open to the public. Reservations, however, are required since seating in the church is limited.

The Universalist Church is located at the corner of Montgomery and Remington Roads. Call Montgomery City Hall at 891-2424, or go online at montgomeryohio.org to reserve a seat.

Paint brushes up, phones down

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

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



January Volunteer Opportunity

Holiday Decorating Takedown (Adults)

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

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

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

For more specific information about short-term projects, contact DeAnna Gross at 792-8329 or dgross@ci.montgomery.oh.us.

City of Montgomery Recreation and Events

“Rustic Winter” captures Best in the Village

A “Rustic Winter” tree caught the eye of the Festival of Trees judge and won the Best in the Village prize for the Festival of Trees contest. Jill Wetenkamp from Twin Lakes created a unique tree with cork reindeer, cardboard with glittery snow houses and an owl as the tree topper. Thanks to Montgomery Arts Commission member Rosie Ritchie for judging all the trees and selecting the Best in the Village award winner.

In addition to the Best in the Village award, the tree with the highest votes from each of the four locations each won a prize. These popular vote winners included:

- Universalist Church, “Like a Sunflower, always turn towards the Light!! In memory of our little angel Clare!” created by the DiBlasi family and friends;
- Bethesda North Hospital, “Stink, Stank, Stunk” created by the Bethesda Foundation;
- Twin Lakes Senior Living Community, “Walking in a Winter Wonderland” created by Ashley Baumer; and
- Ohio National Financial Services, “Big Santa” created by Grace and Ava Mirande.

Winners were selected by attendees who placed votes for their favorite tree at the City of Montgomery’s annual Holiday in the Village event on Dec. 3. These four locations, including Ohio National Financial Services, the historic Universalist Church, Twin Lakes Senior Living Community and Bethesda North Hospital, displayed a total of 10 trees submitted by community members. The trees added to the holiday festivities of the annual Holiday in the Village event.

Many of the trees exploded with creative twists on this traditional holiday icon. Thanks to the following entries.

- Sarah Wilder, “Holly Jolly Christmas”
- Grace and Ava Mirande, “Big Santa”
- Ashley Baumer, “Walking in a Winter Wonderland”
- Jill Wetenkamp, “Rustic Winter”
- Colleen Kuderer and Stephanie Leung, “This is Us”
- The DiBlasi Family and Friends, “Like a Sunflower always turn towards the Light! In memory of our little angel Clare!”
- Sydney Skinner, “A Christmas Carol Tree”
- Girl Scout Troop 48471, leader Cindy Hansel “Full Spectrum Christmas”
- Abby Machon, “Troll Tree – I will get back up again”
- The Bethesda Foundation, “Stink, Stank, Stunk”



Jill Wetenkamp, “Rustic Winter” Best in the Village 2016



Grace and Ava Mirande, “Big Santa” Popular vote winner at Ohio National Financial Services



The Bethesda Foundation, “Stink, Stank, Stunk” Popular vote winner at Bethesda North Hospital



The DiBlasi Family and Friends, “Like a Sunflower always turn towards the Light!” Popular vote winner at Universalist Church



Ashley Baumer, “Walking in a Winter Wonderland” Popular vote winner at Twin Lakes

Annual Coloring Contest

winners announced

Approximately 175 wildly creative and artistic entries were received in the City's annual winter coloring contest and were displayed at the Holiday in the Village event. Some of the entries were adorned with glitter, cotton, greenery and bows. Thank you to all those who entered the contest.

Mayor Chris Dobrozsi, Santa and generous sponsor, I.C.I Studio, awarded the prizes to all of the winners at the tree-lighting ceremony during the Holiday in the Village event. Eva Wallace was selected as the grand prize winner. She flipped the switch to light the Christmas tree and the streetscape along Montgomery Road.

After the ceremony, winners rode with Santa in a horse-drawn carriage to the North Pole Workshop at Universalist Church. It was a great night to share the spirit of the holiday season together in Montgomery.



Coloring Contest Winners

	Most Creative	Best Use of Color	Overall Skill
Ages 2-4	Jackson Setzekorn	Elise Mikolajweski	Audrey Gould
Ages 5-6	Claire Johnson	Maya Karthikeyan	Radhika Kulkarni
Ages 7-8	Maya Zilch	Eva Wallace*	Carson Namaky
Ages 9-10	Elise Moeller	Jenna O'Driscoll	Sophie Daly
Ages 11-14	Lamia Shehata	Cora Henry	Julia Zinnbauer

*Eva Wallace was also named the Grand Prize Winner



Snow tubing trip at Perfect North Slopes planned

President's Day, Monday, Feb. 20, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., minimum of 16 needed by Monday, Feb. 13/maximum of 28, ages 10-14, Perfect North Slopes. Cost is \$85 per child. Registration available beginning Jan. 3 at montgomeryohio.org.

Join on a trip to Perfect North Slopes for a day of snow tubing fun. Two recreation staff members and two police officers will be chaperones on the trip.

Schedule:

- 8:50 a.m.**..... Check in at Swaim Park, upper level parking lot
- 9:00 a.m.** Leave on a bus and travel to Lawrenceburg, Indiana
- 10:00 a.m.-noon** Arrive, go over rules, snow tubing fun
- Noon-12:45/1:00 p.m.**.... Pizza lunch
- 1:00-3:00 p.m.** Snow tubing
- 3:45/4:00 p.m.** Arrive back at Swaim Park, upper level parking lot

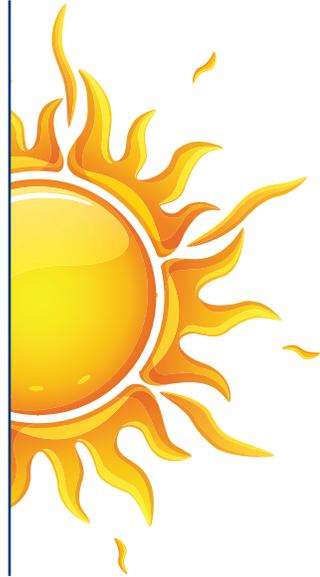
Think warm thoughts by planning for fun this summer



Summer is a time for fun and relaxation, and the Montgomery Community Pool offers the perfect place to unwind and enjoy the season. Kids can have a blast with their friends. The pool is a great way to stay active in the summer heat and an activity that can be enjoyed by the whole family.

Pool luau parties, dive-in movies, Tuesday kids' fun activity, July 4 Splashtacular games, basketball, tetherball, sliding down the water slide and cannonballs off the diving board are all fun activities that friends and families can enjoy at the pool.

Membership signups begin at 7:30 a.m. on March 8 at City Hall or on montgomeryohio.org.



3 ways to exercise at night more safely

For those who like to run, bike or walk outdoors, it's important to take extra safety precautions in the winter. Darkness increases the likelihood of accident or injury while working out. People are less visible to others, and vision is restricted.

Here are three tips to help maximize safety and minimize risk of injury while exercising in the dark.

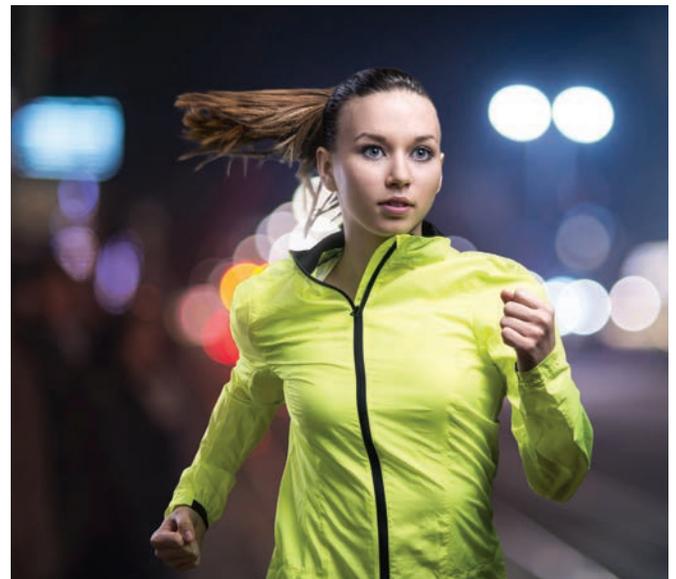
Move in the right direction Bike with traffic and run against traffic. This rule of thumb applies for all times of the day. Running against the flow of traffic allows people to watch everything coming their way – cars, buses, bikes, etc. Runners with their back to an oncoming swerving vehicle don't have a chance to react.

Unlike running, bike speeds of 10 mph and faster create a dangerously short reaction time for drivers headed in the opposite direction. So, riding with the flow of traffic is the safe bet.

Be reflective Reflective clothing and gear helps cyclists, runners and walkers stand out.

Brighten the day Keep clothing bright and in contrast to the surrounding environment to ensure high visibility.

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First Aid/CPR certification class offered in February

The Montgomery Fire Department is offering an American Heart Association HeartSaver First Aid/CPR certification class on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There is a nominal fee of \$20 to cover the cost of materials.

For more information or to sign up, please call 985-1633.

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 All equipment needed for classes is provided.



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

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

Description of Classes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

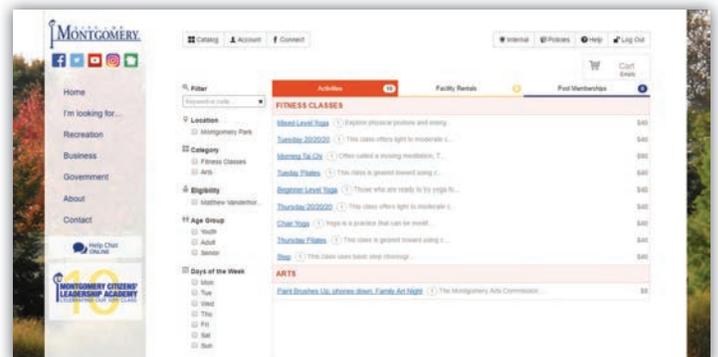
New online registration program coming for recreation, facility rentals with new software



Starting Jan. 3, the City of Montgomery transitioned online registration for recreation classes, pool memberships and lodge reservations to REC1.

Everything will be available through one central portal, which will be linked from the City of Montgomery website at montgomeryohio.org.

For more information, contact Montgomery City Hall at (513) 891-2424.



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Montgomery Bulletin December Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	2 City offices closed; trash pickup as usual	3	4 Holiday decorating takedown, Annex Building, 10:00 a.m. Council Business Session, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	5 Sycamore Community Schools reopen Holiday decorating takedown, Annex Building, 10:00 a.m. (rain date)	6	7 Christmas tree/wreath pickup, unlimited yard waste pickup. No stickers required; remove all tinsel and other decorations
8 Beautification & Tree Commission, Public Works, 9:00 a.m. Arts Commission, City Hall, 5:00 p.m. Planning Commission, City Hall, 7:30 p.m.	9	10 Environmental Advisory Commission, City Hall, 5:00 p.m.	11 Landmarks Commission, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	12 Parks and Recreation Commission, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	13 Improv Show, Universalist Church, 7:00-8:15 p.m.	14 Christmas tree/wreath pickup, unlimited yard waste pickup, No stickers required; remove all tinsel and other decorations
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day City offices closed; trash pickup as usual, Sycamore Community Schools closed	17 Sister Cities Commission, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	18 City Council Work Session, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	19	20	21 Christmas tree/wreath pickup, unlimited yard waste pickup. No stickers required; remove all tinsel and other decorations Cardboard recycling 7315 Cornell Road, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
22	23 Planning Commission, City Hall, 7:30 p.m.	24 Board of Zoning Appeals, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	25	26	27	28
29	30					