

Montgomery Bulletin

CITY OF MONTGOMERY



Reserve seats now for the fall Live at the Uni concert series

The Montgomery Arts Commission presents Live at the Uni, a concert series providing Montgomery citizens and guests an outstanding musical experience in the warm setting of the Universalist Church in Montgomery's historic district. Twin Lakes returns as the presenting sponsor of the Live at the Uni series.

The series opens with Cincy Jazz Train on Oct. 7, playing a large collection of jazz standards echoing the sounds of Miles Davis, Kenny Dorhan, Bill Strayhorn and Sonny Rollins.

On Oct. 21, the series welcomes bass baritone Thomas Hammons, who has been heralded throughout the United States, Canada and across Europe, for the depth and richness of his portrayals and the strength and beauty of his singing. His performance will include classical and contemporary selections.

On Nov. 4, the series is thrilled to welcome back by popular demand, University of Cincinnati CCM senior vocalist Madeleine Rosenthal performing selections from Broadway and beyond.

The Live at the Uni concert series takes place in Montgomery's historic Universalist Church, located at the corner of Montgomery and Remington Roads. All concerts start at 7:00 p.m. and last about an hour.

Post-concert receptions are held and hosted by the Montgomery Inn, across the street from the church, giving concertgoers an opportunity to meet the performers and to socialize with each other over food and drink. There is no charge for admission to the concerts, but the Arts Commission suggests a donation of \$5 per adult at the door to help defray the cost of the events.

Sponsored by:



Reservations are required, as seating in the church is limited. For more information or to reserve a seat for this event, please visit montgomeryohio.org. Limit four seats per registration. Seats go fast!



Thomas Hammons



Cincy Jazz Train



Madeleine Rosenthal



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City of Montgomery is a Top Workplace



by Lee Ann Bissmeyer

On June 5, the City of Montgomery was awarded the designation of a Top Workplace, 2019 by the Cincinnati Enquirer, in partnership with Energage. Energage has been helping businesses, non-profits and municipalities improve operations since 2006. Out of the many recipients of this award for the Cincinnati area, the City of Montgomery was the only municipality selected.

The process entails employees taking a third-party survey, administered by Energage, with anonymity which encourages employees to share freely. Upon receiving the award, the City was notified that not only did it score very well on the standard questions, but the employees also had an unusually high rate of completing optional comment areas to elaborate on their work conditions. City staff went out of their way to report how happy, valued, and heard they feel.

It was a great honor to be chosen, however, it shouldn't be a surprise to those of us who live and work in Montgomery. We



know what a special place Montgomery is. As residents, we can see the employee satisfaction in how well we are served when we call City Hall or attend City events.

I am so pleased that our City staff is getting recognized for the hard work they provide to us!

This validates that our leadership is on track and continuously encourages the traits of a High-Performance Organization.

Peter Drucker quipped: 'Culture eats strategy for breakfast'. Here in Montgomery, we take our Strategic Plan very seriously, but without the right culture, it would never get executed well.

When we have employees who are happy to work here, they are three times more engaged and stay twice as long as average employees. As you can see from the statistics, it is a win for both our staff as well as our residents.



HATS OFF . . .

To Anne Michel, who has maintained the Butterfly Garden Beds in Pioneer Park this year. Anne has spent the growing season pulling weeds and deadheading these gardens despite the summer heat and humidity. She may work behind the scenes, but her efforts are there for all of us to enjoy. **A big summer sun Hats Off for all of Anne's efforts!**





Council Corner

August 21, 2019 Work Session

Montgomery City Council met in its regular monthly Work Session on August 21, 2019 at City Hall. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m., with public comment welcomed on each item before City Council.

Pending Legislation

An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement Between the City of Montgomery And The Board Of Hamilton County Commissioners Relative To The Improvement Of Montgomery Road (3rd Reading)

An Ordinance Accepting Publicly Dedicated Easement Rights for Stormwater Improvements From Various Property Owners On Jolain Drive (2nd Reading)

New Legislation

Resolution Establishing City Contributions for Health Care Benefits

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into A Contract with Humana Health Plan of Ohio, Inc. To Provide Medical Coverage for Full-Time Employees (Resolution No 19, 2018 approved Humana Health Plan for one-year commencing October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019)

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into A Contract with Dental Care Plus, Inc. to provide dental insurance coverage for Full-Time Employees (Resolution No. 29, 2017 approved Dental Care Plus for 24 months commencing October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2019)

A Resolution Authorizing An Agreement with The Ohio Department Of Transportation For Bridge Inspection Services

A Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Patented Acquisition Corporation D/B/A/ Think Patented for Design and Production Services

An Ordinance To Amend Appropriations For Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Montgomery, State Of Ohio, During The Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2019

A Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Strand Associates for the Deerfield Road/Pfeiffer Road Intersection Modification Design Services

A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With The Sycamore Community School District Board Of Education To Assign Two School Resource Officers

RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

Approved Legislation: August 21, 2019

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| Ordinance No 7 2019 | An Ordinance Declaring Improvements To Parcels Of Real Property Located In The City Of Montgomery, Ohio (Montgomery Quarter Commercial TIF), To Be A Public Purpose Under Section 5709.40(B) Of The Ohio Revised Code, Exempting Such Improvements From Real Property Taxation, Authorizing The Execution Of A Tax Incentive Agreement And A Service Agreement And Such Other Documents As May Be Necessary, Establishing A Tax Increment Equivalent Fund |
| Ordinance No 8 2019 | An Ordinance Declaring Improvements To Parcels Of Real Property Located In The City Of Montgomery, Ohio (Montgomery Quarter TIF Incentive District Phase I), To Be A Public Purpose Under Section 5709.40(C) Of The Ohio Revised Code, Exempting Such Improvements From Real Property Taxation, Authorizing The Execution Of A Tax Incentive Agreement And A Service Agreement And Such Other Documents As May Be Necessary, Establishing A Tax Increment Equivalent Fund |
| Ordinance No 9 2019 | An Ordinance Declaring Improvements To Parcels Of Real Property Located In The City Of Montgomery, Ohio (Montgomery Quarter TIF Incentive District Phase II), To Be A Public Purpose Under Section 5709.40(C) Of The Ohio Revised Code, Exempting Such Improvements From Real Property Taxation, Authorizing The Execution Of A Tax Incentive Agreement And A Service Agreement And Such Other Documents As May Be Necessary, Establishing A Tax Increment Equivalent Fund |
| Resolution No 19, 2019 | A Resolution Authorizing an Assessment for The Cutting of Noxious Weeds and Removal of Debris/Trash |
| Ordinance No 10 2019 | An Ordinance Levying Assessments for Stormwater Improvements In The 7800 Block Of Jolain Drive |
| Resolution No 20, 2019 | A Resolution Authorizing Internet Auction of Surplus Personal Property Through Govdeals.com |
| Resolution No 21, 2019 | A Resolution Establishing City Contributions to Employee Health Savings Account and Health Reimbursement Accounts |
| Resolution No 22, 2019 | A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into A Federal Local Let Project Agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the Project Known as the HAM.CR284-1.33 Pfeiffer Road and Deerfield Road Intersection Modification Project, PID #107130 |
| Resolution No 23, 2019 | A Resolution Accepting a Bid and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Strawser Construction, Inc. for the 2019 Crack Seal Program through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract #101L-20 |

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



It's Your Business, Montgomery

Good News About Montgomery Businesses

Apex Eye relocates to Montgomery

Apex Eye recently relocated their Madeira office to 10615 Montgomery Road, Suite 202. While the 40 years in Madeira served them well, they are very excited about their new Montgomery office space. This new and larger space allows for better patient experience, utilization of the latest technology, and most advanced testing, as well as the addition of new services.

Apex Eye offers the complete range of vision care with comprehensive ophthalmology and specialists for conditions like glaucoma, macular degeneration, and cornea. The doctors that practice at the Montgomery location are Dr. Robert Benza, Dr. Radhika Kumar, Dr. Daniel Hammer, and Dr. Haroon Chaudhry.

In addition to an optical boutique with an extensive selection of

designer frames, contact lenses, and prescription lenses, they have added hearing services including a licensed audiologist.



The Apex Eye team of doctors and staff is devoted to the highest quality of patient care whether it's an eye exam, medical treatment of eye diseases, cataracts, LASIK, or other advanced surgery, prescription lenses or hearing evaluation.

Contact Apex Eye's Montgomery location at 513-561-5655, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or visit ApexEye.com.

Welcome Moji Fashion Design to Montgomery

Moji is a highly skilled and experienced fashion designer and entrepreneur. She has a solid background in fashion design, pattern drafting, pattern grading, fabric manipulation, and sewing. Moji is passionate about teaching and founded the Mozhd-ye-No Fashion Design School and taught sewing and pattern drafting to young women. With over 30 years of experience and after relocating to the United States, Moji has contributed as a pattern designer, prototype and sample maker,

production seamstress, and technical support for the DAPP program at the University of Cincinnati.

Moji Fashion Design offers classes in sewing, design and pattern making. She also provides personalized alterations and custom drapes, curtains, and pillows. Find Moji at 7791 Cooper Road, Suite D, in Montgomery. Call 513-791-4555 or email moji@mojifashions.com to learn more. Visit her website at mojifashionsdesign.com for more information.

Deals right at your fingertips

Did you ever wonder what happens to the old City of Montgomery vehicles and equipment? These items include police cruisers, fire trucks, pick-up trucks, dump trucks, computers, lawnmowers and other things that have passed their useful life.

These items are submitted for review during a Government Affairs Committee of City Council Committee meeting. Staff officially asks the committee to approve these items for disposal.

Once declared as surplus, the City of Montgomery uses an online auction service called GovDeals to dispose of items. Residents can bid on items from Montgomery and many other municipalities at www.govdeals.com. Auctions take place every day.

Tax payments due soon

As a reminder, Montgomery tax returns are due Oct. 15 for those who filed for an extension on their 2018 taxes. As always, free assistance is available in the tax office for anyone who needs help completing the Montgomery tax return.

You can expect third-quarter estimated tax statements to arrive in the mail the third week of August. These taxes will be due on Sept. 15. Remember, quarterly estimated tax payments are required by State law for anyone owing more than \$200.00 in taxes to the City of Montgomery.

For more information, please call the tax office at 513-792-8333.

City conducts limited curbside brush pick-up collection this fall

The Montgomery Public Works Department will again be providing a fall curbside bulk brush collection of brush and limbs. The fall program is scheduled to begin on Sept. 9 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 the week of Sept. 9
If trash day is **Tuesday**, the pick-up week will be the week of Sept. 16
If trash day is **Wednesday**, the pick-up week will be the week of Sept. 23
If trash day is **Thursday**, the pick-up week will be the week of Sept. 30
If trash day is **Friday**, the pick-up week will be the week of Oct. 7

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 Public Works Hotline at 513-792-8355. Dates for next spring's collection program have not yet been determined; however, that schedule will be announced in an upcoming Montgomery Bulletin and in the 2020 City Calendar.

Community-Wide Garage Sale offers great deals

Looking for a bargain? Come to the City of Montgomery Community-Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, Sept. 7, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. This grassroots public awareness campaign is designed 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. 5, 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 who are interested in participating until Friday, Aug. 30. Households can sign up on the City's website, montgomeryohio.org, or by calling 513-891-2424. There is no fee to participate.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities



Harvest Moon Festival

(Adults/Teens/Families/Minimum Age-14)

Saturday, October 12, 4:30 to 8:15 p.m.

Swaim Park (corner of Cooper & Zig Zag Roads)

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

For more specific information about this volunteer opportunity, contact DeAnna Gross, volunteer coordinator, at 513-792-8329 or dgross@montgomeryohio.org.

Free program offers recycling and document shredding one-stop drop

The City of Montgomery and the Environmental Advisory Commission encourages residents to recycle more and protect the planet. On Saturday, Sept. 21, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., is the One-Stop Drop for Responsible Recycling and Document Shredding event at the Public Works facility, 7315 Cornell Road. This free event provides families with an easy way to dispose of items that have been sitting around the house.

Donations will benefit:

- Matthew 25 Ministries
- Goodwill Industries
- Operation Give Back
- Habitat for Humanity Restore



In an effort to provide the most up-to-date information, the City has an easy to navigate webpage, onestop.montgomeryohio.org, devoted to this event, which lists all accepted and non-accepted items for each vendor.

For document shredding, there will be a maximum of three boxes (copy paper size or similar) allowable per person in line, in order to serve everybody efficiently. You must be present to participate. Thanks to Royal Document Destruction for their partnership on this event.

Please check this above webpage for more information or call City Hall at 513-891-2424 with any additional questions.

Leadership Academy application deadline is fast approaching

Time is running short to apply for The Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy (MCLA) Class of 2020. The application period ends Sept. 30. From its creation in 2008, MCLA has treated local government as a "subset" of the larger community. Neighborhoods, businesses, schools, religious institutions and others are all equally important. That is why MCLA calls on some of our community partners, such as Ohio National Financial Services, Sycamore Community Schools, Bethesda North Hospital and Twin Lakes Senior Living Community, to share their stories with the participants. The City, with these partners, seeks to provide a well-rounded experience for those wishing to "look behind the curtain" of our Montgomery community.

With MCLA now celebrating its thirteenth year in 2020, it is important that we, once again, recognize the critical role these partners play in the success of the Academy. Most leadership academies sponsored by cities across the country provide a lecture-style overview of local government services. A city staff member will stand up in front of a group of residents and share the importance and effectiveness of the services they provide. Many times, it is only designed to persuade the participants that local government is a value for their money.



"Healthcare: Montgomery's Signature Industry", participants tour Bethesda North Hospital and have the opportunity to go hands on with the DiVinci Surgical Robot. Application deadline for MCLA Class of 2020 is September 30.

The Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy (MCLA) received national recognition for being something different. At MCLA, we try to do things a little more creatively. Many journey into MCLA with the mistaken notion that local government has all the answers. The City views MCLA as an opportunity for two-way dialogue with residents, seeing residents as a valuable resource in refining services and planning for the future. MCLA participants are seen as partners in struggling with the tough questions facing the community. Workshops are designed to harvest the aggregate knowledge and experiences of Montgomery's most important stakeholders.

With over 300 graduates, one of your neighbors is probably an MCLA alumni. Ask them about "The best community experience you'll ever have." If you are interested in applying for MCLA, visit montgomeryohio.org or call Ray Kingsbury, director of citizen engagement at 513-792-8359.

Fire Lieutenant to retire

Stagge devoted over 44 years to the Montgomery community

A long-time public servant, Fire Lieutenant Mark Stagge is retiring from the fire department on Sept. 7. Stagge has served Montgomery and the surrounding communities for over 44 years.

He began his career as an emergency medical technician in 1975 with the Blue Ash – Montgomery Life Squad, which served Montgomery, Blue Ash, Sycamore Township, Glendale and a portion of Symmes Township. In 1976, he joined the Montgomery Community Fire Company as a firefighter. In 1977, he became one of greater Cincinnati's first paramedics after receiving training from the Kettering Medical Center.

Mark continued to work for the Blue Ash – Montgomery Life Squad until 1993 when he transitioned to a career firefighter/paramedic for the City of Montgomery when the City began operating the fire department in its current form. In 2007, Stagge was promoted to a fire lieutenant and had had the responsibility of overseeing fire inspections within the City of Montgomery. He handled community relations for the department and instructed thousands of people on CPR and First Aid with the many classes he taught over the years.

Stagge is the City's radio expert and has saved the community tens of thousands of dollars by repairing the many communication radios and systems used by emergency personnel. He has seen and handled many emergency scenes and disasters over his career and has many stories to tell. Some of the most notable incidents during Stagge's tenure was the 1982 FBI plane crash as well as the 1999 tornado.

Stagge plans to remain in the area after his retirement, enjoy his family, and spend time at his mountain retreat in Sevierville, Tennessee.

Mark, we will miss you and thank you for all you have done for the community. It has been a job well done, good and faithful servant!



Prepare now for the next emergency or disaster

National Preparedness Month is recognized each September to promote family and community disaster and emergency planning now and throughout the year.

Prepared, Not Scared. Be Ready for Disasters.

- Make an emergency plan, choose a safe place to meet and establish an out-of-town contact.
- Take a current photo of you and your pet together in case you get separated during a disaster.
- Get to know your neighbor and invite them to be a part of your emergency plan.
- Snap photos of important documents and save them in a secure place or online.
- Set up group text lists so you can communicate with friends and family during emergencies.
- Take a class in CPR and first aid. Call 513-985-1633 to register for the next session on Nov. 9.
- Keep and update emergency supplies; remember to include cash.
- Have back-up power sources available to charge devices in case of a power outage.
- Snap some pictures of your property for insurance purposes.
- Check your insurance coverage for disasters like floods, tornados, and earthquakes.
- Sign up for alerts and warnings. Download the FEMA app to get real-time alerts, safety tips, and locate open shelters.
- Save for a rainy day! Start and grow your emergency fund.
- Spend within your means. Use a personal budgeting worksheet to help plan for expenses and beyond.
- Build up your savings. Put a small amount in your account the first of every month.

Find more information on preparedness at [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov).



Sign up now for AlertHC, a state-of-the-art mass notification and warning system designed to warn residents about emergencies and other relevant information in Hamilton County. AlertHC can contact residents via text message, email, or home, cell or work phone and provide critical information directly to you as emergencies happen. Learn more at [alerthc.gov](https://www.alerthc.gov).

Commission selects summer Seasons of Beauty award winner

The City of Montgomery Beautification and Tree Commission has awarded the 2019 Summer Seasons of Beauty award to Tom and Judy Douglas.

As part of an ambitious renovation to a 1957 home, the Douglas landscape has been completely transformed. The family contacted a local landscape company to help make their landscape a unique reflection of their cheerful home's aesthetic. The Douglases and their designer created a low maintenance, deer resistant plant palette that sets off the brightly painted front door. The result is a vibrant front yard of color, unlike any other. Daises, Amsonia, Salvia, Nepeta, Lilac, Viburnum, Oakleaf Hydrangea, Boxwood, and Maidenhair Grasses create a full year of excitement and wildlife-friendly ecology.

Judy created a welcoming front porch with rocking chairs, an accent table, new lighting, and new house numbers. The transition of the checkerboard grey tiles on the porch to the lilac bluestone entry walkway sets the tone for natural elegance. With no detail left untouched, there is still room for the Douglas's beautiful dogs, Cooper and Maverick, to play.

The Seasons of Beauty award recognizes homes in Montgomery with unique front yards, window boxes, and planters that peak during specific seasons. The award also recognizes those homes with decorative features that celebrate the "season" or holiday.



Nominate your home or neighbor's house by emailing a photo and short description to aaronkellenberger@gmail.com. The fall award winner will be selected in October/November and will be announced in the December bulletin.

Meet Benny Miles, a Diversity and Inclusion Committee member



The City of Montgomery, like most American communities, is growing and diversifying. Presently, Sycamore Community Schools has a student population representing 54 nationalities and 41 spoken languages, making it one of the most culturally diverse systems in the State. Approximately 10 percent of Montgomery residents are cultural minorities. City Council and administration believe the infusion of various cultures, faiths, and customs enriches social and civic life and is a positive development for the community.

Benny Miles is the chairperson of the Montgomery Civil Service Commission and is one of the founding members of the Montgomery Diversity and Inclusion Committee. He and his wife, Montroue, are longtime residents of Montgomery. Two of their children, as well as their grandson, graduated from Sycamore High School.

Why is it important for you to participate in the Montgomery Diversity and Inclusion Committee?

When my family contemplated a move to Montgomery in 1985, we made several trips to the community, visiting shops, and restaurants, stopping by City Hall, and chatting with residents and prospective neighbors. We felt very welcomed. Our children were already attending great schools, so Montgomery's highly rated school system was not the deciding factor in our decision to relocate. It was the welcoming attitude of the entire community. I want to be a part of the continuing growth of that welcoming and embracing attitude.

Why are diversity and inclusion important to the community?

Diversity and inclusion can have a positive economic impact on our city. Retail shops and boutiques, restaurants, and businesses that offer a variety of services and wares, and are owned and staffed by personnel that are representative of the many different cultures of our residents, will attract many shoppers. People repeatedly visit establishments where they feel valued and welcomed. Residents who feel included may be more invested in our community and willing to participate in volunteer opportunities, thereby enhancing our city's quality of life. Engaging and including all of our citizens contributes to the growth and success of our city.

Summer may be ending, but your opportunity to volunteer is just beginning by joining a commission

The City is looking for individuals to commit to being more involved in the leadership of their 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.



Environmental Advisory Commission

Members provide education and information to the public and are a resource for the City on yard waste, recycling, stormwater management, water resources management, air pollution control, noise pollution control, soil and landscape protection and protection of flora and fauna. Commission members assist with Adopt-a-spot, Cardboard Recycling, City-wide garage sale, One-Stop-Drop, and educational programs. The commission meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

There are no special qualifications required to volunteer for any Montgomery board or commission.

For further information and to apply for one of the above positions, contact DeAnna Gross at 513-792-8329 or dgross@montgomeryohio.org.

For safety's sake, understand multi-lane roundabout signage

Understanding multi-lane roundabout signage as a motorist is vital for your safety and the safety of others.

When approaching the multi-lane roundabout going northbound, one will encounter this overhead sign cluster.



The signs are essential, as this is when you need to select the desired direction of travel. In this example, the right lane is for turning right or going straight. The middle lane is for going straight or turning left. The left lane is for turning left or doing a u-turn. These options are exactly like a traffic signal intersection; you get in the lane based upon the direction you want to go. Once you select your lane, you must proceed through the roundabout in the direction you have chosen, just like a traffic signal.

To see the other sign clusters for traveling southbound or eastbound, please go to montgomeryohio.org.

You must stay in your lane

Staying in your lane is most critical in the right lane, as you cannot go left or u-turn around the roundabout from the right lane. You must exit the roundabout by either turning right or going straight. The middle lane must exit the roundabout by either going straight or turning left. You cannot perform "laps" around a multi-lane roundabout like you can in a single-lane roundabout.



The "Yield" sign is another vital sign for roundabouts.

As you approach the roundabout, you must yield to all lanes to your left. Proceed into the roundabout only when it is clear to do so.



Lastly, another vital sign to pay attention to is the "Pedestrian Crossing" sign.

The roundabout consists of only one crosswalk, located on the "Montgomery Quarter Development" leg of the roundabout or the east side of the roundabout.

Drivers must stay alert for pedestrians and allow them to cross by yielding to them.

Construction of the roundabout is scheduled to begin during the spring of 2020. Visit montgomeryohio.org/montgomery-roundabout-information to get the most up-to-date information on this construction project.

The safety and overall success of multi-lane roundabouts depend upon you, the driver! Please stay alert and abide by the roundabout signage just as you do at traffic signalized intersections.

For additional information on this or other projects, please contact Gary Heitkamp, public works director, at 513-792-8321.

Heed this advice from your tree trustee

Get rid of honeysuckle

On occasion City Arborist Terry Willenbrink is asked how to get rid of invasive, non-native honeysuckle and when is the best time to remove it. He reports that a good time to remove it is any time of the year. Now especially may be a good time during the fall brush collection program, starting Sept. 9, to place the brush and debris at the curbside.

One way to control this invasive plant is to cut and remove the honeysuckle. Dig out the root ball, so it will not grow back. You may also cut the honeysuckle at ground level and apply any herbicide, purchased at a local hardware store, to the freshly cut root stem or root trunk.

According to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, "Amur Honeysuckle is a noxious woody shrub, introduced in southern Ohio in the late 1950s but is now rampant across the state and throughout much of the Eastern United States. A native of northeastern Asia, this vigorous, invasive shrub has displaced many native shrubs with its aggressive growth and ability to reseed itself in neighboring areas via bird-dispersed fruits."

Focus on spruce tree health

Rhizosphaera needle cast is the most common disease on spruce trees, including Colorado blue spruce, white spruce, Oriental spruce, and occasionally the Norway spruce and red spruce. Healthy spruce will retain its needles for five to seven years. Spruce infected with Rhizosphaera needle cast may only hold the current year's needles. Mild temperatures and prolonged wet weather encourage disease development. Needles on interior branches in the lower canopy are most commonly infected first, as airflow is limited, and shade is more prevalent.

When infected, needles on the tree turn purple to brown and begin to drop. When the disease becomes well established in the lower canopy of the tree, the infection will then spread upwards in successive years, killing off the branches.

When branches in the lower canopy decline or die, it is important to prune out the infected branches. Also, should a chemical control of the disease be required, an application should be made in the spring, as the disease infects newly emerging spruce needles.



Join City Arborist Terry Willenbrink on Friday, Oct. 25, in Pioneer Park at 10:00 a.m. for the annual Fall Tree Tour.

Come to the Fall Tree Tour

Mark your calendar for Friday, Oct. 25, at 10:00 a.m. for the Fall Tree Tour with City Arborist Terry Willenbrink. Willenbrink has over 33 years of experience with the City of Montgomery in landscape design, trees, and beautification.

Participants will meet at Pioneer Park, gathering at the Pioneer Park parking lot, and walk along with Willenbrink as he discusses any and everything about trees and shrubs. This year during the walk will be the actual planting of an Autumn Blaze Maple tree. Public Works staff will be on hand to install the tree donated by the Montgomery Beautification and Tree Commission.

The City of Montgomery has been a member of Tree City USA for 23 years. The City has met the standards established by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forestry Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

Bring your walking shoes and questions! This event is a free experience, and registration is not required. Call Terry Willenbrink at 513-792-8320 for more information.

Learn more about the health and safety of Montgomery



The public is invited to attend a presentation by Hamilton County Public Health on Thursday, Sept. 12 to hear the results of Montgomery's Community Health Assessment. This open forum will be held at Terwilliger Lodge beginning at 6:30 p.m. This review will include a city survey and data compiled by the health department staff, including health educators and epidemiologists.

This presentation will include data related to:

- Community demographics

- Mortality rates
- Injury data including pedestrian, bicycle and motor vehicle crashes
- Health conditions such as cancer, diabetes, and COPD
- Overall life expectancy
- Socio-Economic Health

Register at montgomeryohio.org by Monday, Sept. 9 to attend.

City of Montgomery Recreation and Events

Bea is Montgomery's Top Dog!

Residents of all ages submitted information and pictures of their dog to the Top Dog Contest this past summer. They let us know how much their pooch means to them and why they should be named Top Dog!

Our Dogfest Team selected Bea, a two-year-old service dog entered by Luke Burke, a 10-year-old Montgomery resident. Our contest is purely for fun and we thought the Burke family's entry for the Top Dog was just 'dog-gone' amazing!



According to Luke Burke, "Bea, my dog, should be the Montgomery top dog because she is caring, strong, and so intelligent. Did you know that she can find me by scent alone? This dog can do wonderful tricks like high five, play dead, and bark on command. I want you all to consider her because she is special and will be loved by all of Montgomery. Bea is my best friend and service dog. I want to share her with my neighborhood, so I am sharing Bea with you. I am very pleased to say she is my top dog no matter what."

Thank you Luke for sharing Bea with us and all of Montgomery at the annual Dogfest and K-9 Kerplunk on Sept. 2.

DOGFEST & K9 KERPLUNK

Labor Day, Monday, September 2
5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

\$3 per dog, free to pool members

Join the fun! Enjoy on stage contests, prizes and vendor booths at this event. Families and their canine companions can finish the summer with a dip in the pool. Dogs must be people friendly, non-aggressive towards other dogs, and under control. Bring nonperishable dog food and treats to donate!

For questions, please call 513-891-2424.

Sponsored By: **PetPeople**



Montgomery Community Pool
8075 Hopewell Road

CITY OF MONTGOMERY

CAR SHOW

SAT. SEPT 14

Car Registration
2-4 p.m.
\$10 per car



4-7 p.m.

Dash plaques to 1st 100 car entries

Free Admission

AT MONTGOMERY SQUARE PLAZA
9999 Montgomery Rd, less than 1/2 mile from the Original Montgomery Inn

FOOD - BEER - LIVE MUSIC by Blair Carman & the Belleview Boys

Awards to the TOP 20, plus Best of Show, People's Choice & Participants' Choice












www.montgomeryohio.org
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Shakespeare COMPANY

MAC
MONTGOMERY ARTS COMMISSION

FREE! Shakespeare IN THE PARK 2019

Macbeth
Saturday, Aug 31
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Montgomery Park

For more information, visit montgomeryohio.org

Lanterns and Landmarks

Historical Tour and Reception returns!

Sponsored by:



Join us for a walking tour and reception supporting the rich historical heritage of the City of Montgomery on Oct. 26.

Did you know the bricks used to build Universalist Church were made on site, and some of them have a key imprint? Did you know that for many years the church bell was the village fire alarm? Come and join us to learn about these facts and more! This tour is unique because of the educational and fun stories about the landmarks as well as the interesting stories about the people of Montgomery. After the walking tour, participants will have an opportunity to mingle and enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres and wine inside Universalist Church.

Saturday, October 26

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Starting and ending at Universalist Church

The Lanterns and Landmarks Tour will be offered jointly by the Landmarks Commission, Montgomery Historic Preservation Association and the recreation staff and Community Development Department.

Cost is \$20 per person, and the event is for ages 21 and over. Registration is required and available online at montgomeryohio.org beginning August 1. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, contact Julie at 792-8316 or at jmachon@montgomeryohio.org.

Submit art to holiday card contest

Artists of all ages are encouraged to share their artistic side with the community and beyond by submitting 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 Tuesday, October 1. Check montgomeryohio.org or call Recreation Coordinator Julie Machon at 513-891-2424 for more information. The Holiday Card Contest is presented by the Montgomery Arts Commission.



The 2018 Holiday Card was created by Gerry Houchell.

You are invited

#SamMontgomery Dinner Party



Saturday, Sept 21

6:00-8:30 p.m.
Swaim Park
Free
all ages welcome

Hosted by the Diversity & Inclusion Committee
For more information & to register visit montgomeryohio.org

FITNESS
in the park

Experience complete peace of mind in the great outdoors!

FREE Classes:
Saturday, September 14

- Adult Yoga (9:00-9:45 am)
- Parent/Child Yoga (10:00-10:45 am)
- Adult Tai Chi (11:00-11:45 am)

Located near the Pioneer Park Gazebo

For more information and to register visit our website www.montgomeryohio.org
For questions please contact Sarah Fink, recreation specialist, at sfink@montgomeryohio.org



Family Festival



Harvest Moon

Hayrides, ponyrides, crafts, facepainting, smokehouse, firetruck, dinner by Pit to Plate, gourmet funnel cakes by Funnel Vision, Sweet Maize kettlecorn, roast s'mores, tours of the Wilder-Swaim House, games and FUN!

Saturday FALL FUN
OCT 12, 5 - 8 p.m.
 Swaim Park, Montgomery

www.montgomeryohio.org



Kids Yoga
 Ages 5-8

Mondays 10/7 - 11/18
 No Class on 11/4
 4:15 - 5:00 pm
 Participants may arrive at 4:00 pm
 \$40 Residents
 \$45 Non-Residents

Classes will be held at the Recreation Annex Building located at 10115 Montgomery Rd. All equipment is provided for this class.




Registration available at www.montgomeryohio.org

For more information please contact Sarah Fink at sfink@montgomeryohio.org

Montgomery Tree Explorer



Enjoy the new Montgomery Tree Explorer program together with your child. This free program includes workbooks for ages 2 to 5 and ages 6 to 12. The workbooks provide participants with a variety of activities that will engage them in learning about local Montgomery trees in a fun and active way.

Workbooks are available online at montgomeryohio.org and at Montgomery City Hall, 10101 Montgomery Road. Turn in completed workbooks any time, Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

A member of the City recreation team will review the workbook and follow up with the participant.

For more information on this free program, contact Sarah Fink, recreation specialist, at sfink@montgomeryohio.org or 513-792-8317.



THANK YOU!

We hope you had a great Summer!

Planning is underway for the 2020 Summer Camp season. Please visit montgomeryohio.org in February for a detailed schedule and registration.

For questions please contact Sarah Fink, recreation specialist, at sfink@montgomeryohio.org



Montgomery Makos celebrate an award-winning season

The Montgomery Makos opened the season year with their biggest team ever. Over 230 local kids enjoyed strengthening their swimming skills along with their friends and neighbors. On July 26 and 27, the Makos participated in the 40th Annual Tri-County League Swimming Championships at Miami University. This meet always brings the best in local area talent. While we had many memorable swims over the season, below is a list of our top finishers at Championships.

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First Place Finishers			
Age	Event, in meters	Finisher	Team Record
9-10 Boys	100 Individual Medley	John Knapschaefer	Team Record
9-10 Boys	50 Free	John Knapschaefer	
9-10 Boys	50 Breast	John Knapschaefer	Team Record
9-10 Girls	50 Free	Riley Kleinfelder	
9-10 Girls	50 Breast	Margo Simon	
7-8 Boys	25 Free	Luke Knapschaefer	Team Record
7-8 Boys	25 Back	Luke Knapschaefer	Team Record
Second Place Finishers			
9-10 Boys	200 Medley Relay	Sam Broxterman, Quincy Whitfield, Ciaran Skinner & John Knapschaefer	Team Record
9-10 Boys	200 Free Relay	Sam Broxterman, Quincy Whitfield, Ciaran Skinner & John Knapschaefer	Team Record
Third Place Finishers			
11-12 Girls	200 Medley Relay A	Natalia Korte, Sophia Simon, Maddie Friend, Maddie Nixon	
11-12 Girls	50 Breast	Sophia Simon	Team Record
9-10 Boys	50 Fly	Ciaran Skinner	
7-8 Boys	25 Fly	Luke Knapschaefer	Team Record
7-8 Girls	25 Back	Sydney Price	



Thank you to our coaches, parents, swimmers and sponsors for a great year.



The 15-18 Women re-broke their own team record in the 200 Medley Relay at the Tri County League Championships held at Miami University by almost 4 seconds. Congrats Jozy, Madison, Olivia & Kate!

FITNESS

Experience updated group exercise equipment and classes. All equipment needed for classes is provided. Registration for **2019 - Session F** of fitness classes is open. For more information and to register, visit montgomeryohio.org



Fitness Class Schedule 2019 - Session F

Day	Class Name	Dates of Session	No Class	Session Length	Time of Class	Res.	Non-Res.
Mon	Mixed Level Yoga	10/21 - 12/16	11/4	8 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Mon	Chair Yoga	10/21 - 12/16	11/4	8 classes	11:15 am-12:15 p.m.	\$40	\$45
Tues	20/20/20	10/22 - 12/17	11/5	8 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Tues	Tai Chi	10/22 - 12/17	11/5	8 classes	10:20-11:20 a.m.	\$80	\$90
Tues	Pilates	10/22 - 12/17	11/5	8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45
Wed	Beginner Level Yoga	10/23 - 12/18	11/6	8 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Wed	Chair Yoga	10/23 - 12/18	11/6	8 classes	11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	\$40	\$45
Thurs	20/20/20	10/24 - 12/19	10/31, 11/4, 11/28	6 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$30*	\$35*
Thurs	Pilates	10/24 - 12/19	10/31, 11/4, 11/28	6 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$30*	\$35*

*Adjustment of prices is based on number of classes that are occurring within the session.

Description of Classes

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 makes yoga accessible to advancing seniors and to students with arthritis, injuries or other movement limitations. Each student will have a chair to assist with balance for simple standing poses. Students will also do many postures seated in the chair and will spend plenty of time on breathwork and guided relaxation.

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

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.

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.

Mixed Level Yoga In this class participants can explore physical posture and energetic alignment in traditional yoga poses. Participants can also build strength and flexibility through bodyweight exercises. Modifications will be offered to make sure everyone gets just what he or she needs. Prior yoga experience is recommended.

Pilates This class is geared towards using core body muscles to get effective results in the midsection. Participants will work on lengthening the spine, proper alignment and posture, and a strong center.

Learn Soaring Crane Qi Gong

Learn the five routines of Soaring Crane Qi Gong, one of the most popular qi gong forms in China, to practice on your own.

What: This weekend workshop will teach you to perform this sequence that powerfully restores and maintains health, allowing practitioners to feel positive changes in body, mind, and spirit quickly after beginning practice.

Who: Taught by Master Trainer Ralph Dehner for those interested in learning a coordinated system of movement exercises, controlled breathing, and mediation.

When: October 18-20, 2019

Where: The Recreation Annex, located at 10115 Montgomery Road.

Cost: Cost is \$225 per person.

How: Visit montgomeryohio.org for more details and to register.

Please note: This is a skill builder workshop that is intended to teach qi gong for self-care only and does not certify participants to teach.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 BAMSO Labor Day Concert, Blue Ash Towne Square, 7:00 p.m.	2 Labor Day City offices closed, trash pick up as usual Sycamore Community Schools closed Dogfest and K-9 Kerplunk Montgomery Community Pool, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Community Pool closes for the season at 8:00 p.m.	3	4 Council Business Session City Hall 7:00 p.m.	5	6 Night Sky Star Party Pioneer Park 8:00-10:00 p.m. Reservations Required	7 Community-Wide Garage Sale 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
8	9 Beautification and Tree Commission, Public Works 9:00 a.m. Planning Commission, City Hall 7:30 pm. Fall Brush Collection with Monday trash pick up begins	10 Environmental Advisory Commission City Hall 5:00 p.m.	11 Landmarks Commission City Hall 7:00 p.m.	12 Community Health Assessment Presentation Terwilliger Lodge 6:30 p.m. City and Chamber of Commerce FREE Hot Dog Lunch, Neully-Plaisance Plaza 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Parks and Recreation Commission Swaim Park 6:30 p.m.	13	14 Fitness in the Park Pioneer Park Gazebo 9:00 a.m. -noon Car Show, Montgomery Square Shopping Plaza 4:00-7:00 pm
15	16 Arts Commission, City Hall 5:00 p.m. 3rd Qtr. 2019 City Taxes Due Fall Brush Collection for Tuesday trash pick up	17 Sister Cities Commission City Hall 6:30 p.m.	18 City Council Work Session City Hall 7:00 pm	19	20	21 One Stop Drop Recycling Event/ Document Destruction, 7315 Cornell Road 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. #IamMontgomery Dinner Party, Swaim Park 6:00-8:30 p.m.
22	23 Planning Commission City Hall 7:30 p.m. Fall Brush Collection for Wednesday trash pick up	24 Board of Zoning Appeals City Hall 7:00 p.m.	25	26	27 Sycamore Community Schools closed	28 Fall Plant Swap at Montgomery Farmer's Market, Montgomery Elementary parking lot 9:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
29	30 2020 Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy Application Deadline Fall Brush Collection for Thursday trash pick up					