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MONTGOMERY A TOP WORKPLACE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW

Recently, the City of Montgomery was awarded the designation of a Top Workplace, 2020, by the Cincinnati Enquirer, in partnership with Energage, for the second year in a row.

Energage has been helping businesses, non-profits, and municipalities improve operations since 2006. The City of Montgomery was the only municipality selected from the many recipients honored in the Cincinnati area. The process entails employees taking a third-party survey, administered by Energage, with anonymity, which encourages employees to share freely.

“I am honored that our great organization was recognized as a Top Workplace again in 2020. I am privileged to work with a group of professionals who exhibit positive values and a constant desire to make Montgomery a great community,” said City Manager Brian Riblet.

“Montgomery City Council is proud of the tremendous work culture that has been created within our staff. It is the dedication of our outstanding public employees that keeps our city a place that we are proud to call home,” said Mayor Chris Dobrozsi.

When we have employees who are happy to work here, they are three times more engaged and stay twice as long as average employees. It is a win for both our staff as well as residents.

MONTGOMERY DEBUTS INSTRUCTIONAL ROUNDABOUT VIDEO

With the help of about 35 local residents under the age of nine, the City of Montgomery produced a five-minute video to educate the public on the safe use of roundabouts.



Our young partners rode their power wheel vehicles around the roundabout model located at Summit Park, demonstrating the rules of driving a roundabout safely.

Roundabout Rules

1. Slow Down
2. Observe Road Signs and Pavement Markings
3. Choose Your Lane
4. Yield to Traffic Before Entering the Roundabout
5. Stay in the Middle of Your Lane
6. Follow the Rules of the Road

We could not have produced this informative and amusing video without their assistance. We thank the families who joined us on one sweltering and muggy Saturday to help educate others on the safe use of roundabouts.

Look for the video on our YouTube Channel, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and the City website, montgomeryohio.org.

Construction of the roundabout at Montgomery Road and Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway has entered Phase 2, and Phase 2 should last approximately four to five months. We anticipate construction of the roundabout to conclude as early as Spring of 2021.

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THE WORLD COMES TO MONTGOMERY



Craig Margolis
City Council

It was a Saturday morning, 10 a.m., and I was preparing for a Council meeting. Yes, a Saturday morning Council meeting, and I found myself adjusting my cell phone to work with my headphones.

Our emergency meeting that morning was to vote on a resolution declaring a State of Emergency in the City of Montgomery to mirror what was happening in the State Capital. The President of the United States and the Ohio Governor each declared the State of Emergency because an invisible menace had invaded our neighborhoods. Our legislation was to bring the City operations in alignment with those of the State of Ohio. The resolution was comprised of nine sections outlining actions by our government.

This response did not take place in a vacuum. Concurrently, several local entities initiated actions to support and guide us. During this conference call, I reflected on an email the City administration distributed on March 2, alerting Council and staff about forming an internal committee to monitor the then-unknown COVID-19 virus. The team was to gather information from the Hamilton County Public Health, the Ohio Department of Health, and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

On March 23, our Mayor penned a letter focusing on the extraordinary actions of the City administration, which included closing City Hall and assigning staff to identify essential activities and how to continue them through shelter in place and social distance orders.

I began to wonder what are the public agencies that work behind-the-scenes to serve our communities during these tough times.

Hamilton County Public Health is the primary agency responsible for protecting the public's health in the event of a widespread public health emergency. They maintain an Emergency Plan Program that contains guidance and standard operating guides (SOGs) that include preparedness, mitigation, and response activities to plan and prepare for public health emergencies. They review what information to disseminate, update statistics, and clarify guidelines for use at the local level. This agency also manages the distribution and stockpiling of essential supplies.

The Hamilton County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency's (HCEMA) Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) addresses Hamilton County's planned response to extraordinary emergencies associated with hazards such as natural disasters, technological crises, and terrorist attacks. It is the principal guide for mitigating emergencies and disasters. Of its many responsibilities, this agency supports public health, by connecting with communities to build capacity, coordinate with communities for the distribution of vital products such as protective gear, acquiring vital products, and manage requests from stakeholders for this equipment. HCEMA issues almost daily reports of potential disruptions and community needs.

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners work with Hamilton County Public Health and HCEMA to coordinate efforts to manage the effects of the pandemic and the response for our residents. Of their various activities, they set up and notified the public of pop up testing sites for the COVID-19 virus, provided small business resources to enhance business sustainability, and coordinated the COVID-19 relief program. The Commissioners were there to clarify and update statistics, explain the impacts on our community, and potential remedies. They also shared guidance to promote the safety of our residents. Finally, they provided a consistent message needed at times like this.

Our City administration provided professional leadership for the execution of policies and the day-to-day management of the City of Montgomery. Their challenge during the shelter in place order was to provide essential services to our community while protecting the health of the employees and residents and preparation for some fiscal damage.

During the shelter in place order, the City of Montgomery was open for business. The City Hall staff was available by phone and email, thanks to today's technology. Our outstanding public works, fire, and police personnel continue to serve the community while still taking appropriate measures to protect themselves and their loved ones.

We are not alone in disaster response; our neighboring communities shared best practices, guidance, and reaction to updated events, with an attempt at consistency throughout the region. The discussions typically included: what is your community doing now, and what are you allowing to open?

Thank you to our first responders, essential workers, and administration in these uncertain times.



COUNCIL CORNER

Montgomery City Council met in its regular monthly Work Session on July 22, 2020 at City Council Chambers and via teleconference.

Pending Legislation

An Ordinance Creating Section 92.05 of The Code of Ordinances, entitled “Littering”, and Amending Section 92.99 Entitled “Penalty” (3rd reading)

New Legislation

A Resolution to Adopt Recommendation of the Montgomery Tax Incentive Review Council with Respect to The Compliance of All Tax Increment Financing Districts Within the City of Montgomery

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

A Resolution Establishing City Contributions to Employee Health Savings Account

A Resolution to Adopt Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with W. G. Stang LLC to Complete the HAM-US22-14.74 Montgomery Sidewalk Project, PID #104934

An Ordinance Accepting and Dedicating Schoolhouse Lane Extension and Declaring an Emergency

RECENT COUNCIL ACTION – Approved Legislation

July 1, 2020

ORDINANCE 11 2020

An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed \$23,000,000 Special Obligation Revenue Bonds Of The City Of Montgomery; Providing For The Pledge Of Revenues For The Payment Of Such Bonds; Authorizing A Trust Agreement Appropriate For The Protection And Disposition Of Such Revenues To Further Secure Such Bonds; Authorizing An Official Statement; Authorizing Other Necessary And Appropriate Documents; And Authorizing Other Actions In Connection With The Issuance Of Such Bonds **(passed 5-yes, 2-recused)**

RESOLUTION 19 2020

A Resolution Adopting A Tax Budget For 2021 **(passed 6-yes, 1-abstain)**

RESOLUTION 20 2020

A Resolution Accepting A Bid and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into A Contract with Strawser Construction, Inc., for the 2020 Crack Seal Program Through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract #101L-21 **(passed 7-yes)**

RESOLUTION 21 2020

A Resolution Approving the Process to Receive And Disburse Coronavirus Relief Funds **(passed 7-yes)**

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

CBD BUSINESS EXPANDS INTO MONTGOMERY

Ohio CBD Guy, Jason Friedman, recently announced his third brick and mortar CBD retail shop, located in Montgomery, his hometown, at 9520 Montgomery Road, next to CVS.

Ohio CBD Guy's mission is to educate others on this natural plant-based remedy, cannabidiol, also known as CBD. Some claim that CBD helps to eliminate prescription and over-the-counter medications for stress, anxiety, pain, inflammation, sleep and hyperactivity. Everything in the store is made from hemp, not marijuana. While hemp and marijuana are both Cannabis, the hemp products

sold at this store do not produce any intoxication effect.

At Ohio CBD Guy, they provide CBD education and a selection of CBD products. For more information, call 513-417-9806 or email ohiocbdguy@gmail.com. You can find Ohio CBD Guy at ohiocbdguy.com.



COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE OFFERS GREAT DEALS

Looking for a bargain? Come to the City of Montgomery Community-Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, August 8, 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, August 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 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, July 31. Households can sign up on the City's website, montgomeryohio.org, or by calling 513-891-2424. There is no fee to participate.

This event is subject to change or cancellation due to any future State of Ohio or local Board of Health orders.



SHARE YOUR PERENNIALS AT THE FALL PLANT SWAP



The City of Montgomery and the Beautification and Tree Commission will host its 22nd annual Fall Plant Swap on Saturday, Sept. 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Montgomery Farmers' Market in the Montgomery Elementary parking lot. The free event provides an excellent opportunity for community members to share their divided perennials while selecting new garden varieties.

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

For more information, call Terry Willenbrink, assistant public works director, at 513-792-8320.

This event is subject to change or cancellation depending on future orders from the State of Ohio or County Board of Health.

(Pictured from left to right) Shirley Freedman, Darla Hall, Jacquie Webb, and Jane Hohn and other members of the Montgomery Beautification and Tree Commission will be available to answer questions about the available perennials.

All event dates are subject to change or cancellation. Check our website and social media for the most up-to-date information.



Here are two examples of Rhizosphaera needle cast infection on a Colorado blue spruce tree.

FOCUS ON YOUR TREE'S HEALTH THIS SUMMER

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. A healthy spruce tree will retain its needles for five to seven years; however, a spruce tree infected with Rhizosphaera needle cast may only hold the current year's needles. Mild temperatures and prolonged exposure to moisture favor 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 FOR FREE FALL TREE TOUR

City Arborist Terry Willenbrink will give his annual Fall Tree Tour on Friday, Oct. 30, at 10:00 a.m. Willenbrink has over 34 years of experience with the City of Montgomery in landscape design, trees, and beautification.

Participants will meet at Weller Park, gathering at the large picnic shelter, and walk along with Willenbrink as he discusses any and everything about trees and shrubs. This year during the walk will be the planting of a Shingle Oak 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 24 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.

This event is subject to change or cancellation due to future State of Ohio or local Board of Health orders.



Join City Arborist Terry Willenbrink on Friday, Oct. 30, in Weller Park at 10:00 a.m. for the annual Fall Tree Tour.

POLICE K9 TEAM IN FULL STRIDE AFTER FIRST YEAR

Ricky and his handler Officer Alex Janszen, Montgomery's K9 team, have had quite a busy first year on the streets together. Ricky, a 3-year-old Belgian Malinois, became Montgomery's first-ever K9 officer in January of 2019 and has been a welcome addition to the police department and the community. Thanks to generous donations from the Matt Haverkamp Foundation, and our community partnership with TriHealth, we were able to welcome Ricky to Montgomery.

This K9 team has recovered and seized 12 illegally carried firearms from vehicles driving on Montgomery streets and made 25 drug-related arrests from vehicle searches. They assisted with a local DEA operation and successfully hit on what turned out to be more than 100 THC Vape Pods with a street value of over \$5000. Ricky and Officer Janszen helped a neighboring agency track two suspects wanted for a home invasion burglary where gunshots had been fired. Both suspects were located and taken into custody without incident. The K9 team also helped another nearby agency to track and find a missing juvenile. Once again, Ricky was up to the challenge and safely located the juvenile.

In addition to Officer Janszen and Ricky's duties in Montgomery, they are available to other agencies through what is called a mutual aid agreement. All agencies within Hamilton County participate in this program that helps share resources when needed for the overall benefit of Hamilton County residents. We received 22 mutual aid callouts for our K9 team on a wide variety of searches over the past year.



Ricky and Officer Janszen have a steady and rigorous training schedule. This training starts with a structured eight-hour training session every other week, followed by at least one training exercise per work shift. This training includes tracking, building searches, drug searches, article searches, and obedience training. Ricky has also helped with multiple school drug sweeps. Ricky and Officer Janszen even led the 2019 Independence Day Parade and were participants in the 2020 Independence Day "Reverse" Parade.

Our K9 team has also been active in the community by showing off their skills to various groups, including the Montgomery (Ohio) Chamber of Commerce and local youth groups.

BEAUTIFICATION AND TREE COMMISSION SELECTS SPRING SEASONS OF BEAUTY AWARD WINNER

The City of Montgomery Beautification and Tree Commission has awarded the 2020 Spring Seasons of Beauty award to James Free Jewelers.

The window boxes and surrounding landscape of this well-known Montgomery business were planted with Holland tulips in both red and yellow. With the whole country in battle with the coronavirus, a large sign with flags was erected in the front yard to show solidarity and strength for our country. James Free is the first business to receive the Seasons of Beauty award since its inception in the winter of 2018.

The Seasons of Beauty award recognizes homes and businesses in Montgomery with special front yards, window boxes, and planters that peak during certain seasons as well as those homes and businesses with decorative features that celebrate the "season" or holiday.

Nominate your home or neighbor's home by emailing a photo and short description to aaronkellenberger@gmail.com. The summer award winner will be selected in July/August and will be announced in the September Montgomery Bulletin.



MOVE OVER, IT'S THE LAW

Ohio's Move Over Law requires motorists to cautiously shift over one lane — or slow down if changing lanes is not possible — when passing any vehicle with flashing lights on the side of a road. Its purpose is to protect everyone who works on the streets and everyone who travels on them. The City of Montgomery's local ordinance mirrors the state law and is also in place to keep officers, medics, firefighters and roadway workers safe.

Please remember to slow down, move over, and pay attention (stay off devices) while in a work zone, such as the Montgomery roundabout construction project.

What is the Move Over Law?

Ohio's Move Over Law is designed to protect the lives of everyone who works on or uses our roadways. The law requires all drivers to move over one lane passing by any vehicle with flashing or rotating lights parked on the roadside.

The original law took effect in 1999 to reduce risk to law-enforcement officers and emergency responders. It was expanded in December 2013 to apply to every stationary vehicle with flashing lights, including road construction, maintenance, and utility crews.

What if I can't move over?

The law recognizes that sometimes it is not safe or possible to move over because of traffic or weather conditions or because a second lane does not exist. In those situations, slow down and proceed with caution. Watch for people or objects that could enter your travel lane and be prepared to stop.

How does the Move Over law differ from yielding the right of way to emergency vehicles?

Yielding the right of way to an emergency responder requires a driver to pull to the right-hand side of the



road and stop when a law-enforcement officer, fire truck, ambulance, or other emergency vehicle approaches using a siren, lights, or other warning devices. The driver must wait until the emergency responder(s) has passed by before resuming driving.

How serious is the problem?

Nationally, hundreds of people are killed or injured every year when struck by a vehicle after pulling over to the side of the road or highway. On average, these "struck-by" crashes kill one tow-truck driver every six days; 23 highway workers and one law-enforcement officer every month; and five firefighters every year. Tragically, stranded motorists are also struck and killed.

Can I be cited for failing to comply with the Move Over law?

Yes, and the issue is so severe that fines are doubled. Violators are fined 2 x \$150 for the first violation (a minor misdemeanor), 2 x \$250 for the same offense within a year of the first, and 2 x \$500 for more than two violations in a year.

Does this law apply to all roadways?

Ohio's Move Over law applies to all interstates and state highways. The law is enforced by any law-enforcement officer, including state highway patrol officers, local police, and county sheriff's deputies.

Source: Ohio Department of Transportation

PREPARE YOUR UNWANTED ITEMS FOR THE ONE-STOP DROP FOR RESPONSIBLE RECYCLING EVENT

Start sorting and cleaning out closets, basements, and garages now for the annual One-Stop Drop for Responsible Recycling event. On Sept. 26, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., the Environmental Advisory Commission encourages residents to bring unwanted items to the One-Stop Drop for Responsible Recycling event at the Public Works Facility, 7315 Cornell Road. This event gives families an easy way to get rid of items that may have been sitting around the house.

This event is free and makes it convenient for families to dispose of various unwanted items. To learn more about participating businesses and items being collected, please visit the City's website at montgomeryohio.org.



Volunteers and members of the Environmental Advisory Commission will be available to assist with unloading vehicles, while also practicing social distancing and other COVID-19 safety precautions.

All event dates are subject to change or cancellation. Check our website and social media for the most up-to-date information.



HOME SAFETY TIPS FOR SENIORS

These tips for seniors can help keep you and your loved ones safe. Approximately one-third of adults age 65 years or older fall in their homes each year, resulting in injury, long-term disability, and premature loss of independence.

General Home Safety

- Consider a medical alert system.
- Keep a fire extinguisher and smoke detector on every floor.
- Never smoke when alone or in bed.
- Always get up slowly after sitting or lying down. Take your time, and make sure you have your balance.
- Wear proper-fitting shoes with low heels.
- Use a correctly measured walking aid.
- Remove or tack down all scatter rugs.
- Remove electrical or telephone cords from traffic areas.
- Avoid using slippery finishes on floors.
- Wipe up spills promptly.
- Avoid standing on ladders or chairs.
- Have sturdy rails for all stairs inside and outside the house, or, if necessary, purchase a stairlift.
- Use only non-glare 100 watt or greater incandescent bulbs (or the LED equivalents.)
- Make sure that all staircases have good lighting with switches at the top and bottom.
- Make sure that staircase steps have a non-slip surface.

Bathroom Safety

- Leave a light on in your bathroom at night.
- Use recommended bath aids, securely installed on the walls of the bath/shower stall, and the sides of the toilet.
- Skid-proof the tub.
- Use door locks that can be opened from both sides.
- If possible, bathe only when help is available.

Kitchen Safety

- Keep floors clean and uncluttered.
- Illuminate work areas.
- Mark “on” and “off” positions on appliances clearly and with bright colors.
- Store sharp knives in a rack.
- Use a kettle with an automatic shut-off.
- Store heavier objects at waist level.
- Avoid wearing long, loose clothing when cooking over the stove.
- Make sure food is rotated regularly and check expiration dates.

Drug Safety

- Review your medicines frequently with your doctor or pharmacist.

- Make sure medicines are clearly labeled.
- Read medicine labels in good light to ensure you have the right medicine and always take the correct dose.
- Dispose of any old or un-used medicines.
- Never borrow prescription drugs from others.
- Check with your doctor or pharmacist before you mix alcohol and your drugs.

Basic Emergency Items for Seniors - Keep these items in a clearly labeled container so they can be easily found and used in case of an emergency.

- A battery-powered radio.
- Two battery-powered flashlights.
- Extra batteries for hearing aids, flashlights, and radios.
- A first-aid kit - make sure its contents are appropriate for the older adult.
- An extra pair of glasses.
- Extra equipment or medical supplies such as wheelchair batteries or oxygen.
- Medical alert wallet card or bracelet - something that identifies hidden medical conditions if an older person can't talk.
- A list of prescription medications and dosage amounts.
- A list of the names and phone numbers of physicians and emergency contacts.

Prevent Poisoning

- Make sure there is a carbon monoxide detector near all bedrooms.
- Keep all medications in their original containers.
- Ask your pharmacist to put large-print labels on your medications.
- Take your medications in a well-lit room so that you can see the labels.

Protect Against Abuse

- Keep your windows and doors locked at all times.
- Never let a stranger into your home when you are there alone.
- Talk over offers made by telephone salespeople with a friend or family member.
- Always ask for written information about any offers, prizes, or charities and wait to respond until you have reviewed the information thoroughly.
- Do not let yourself be pressured into making purchases, signing contracts, or making donations. It is never rude to wait and discuss the plans with a family member or friend.

Information provided by Age Safe America.

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY APPLICATIONS DUE SEPTEMBER 30

September 30 is the deadline for accepting applications for The Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy (MCLA) 2021 class. Limited to just 25 participants per year, MCLA is designed to build connections within the community between citizens, businesses, and their local government. The Academy Alumni is now over 340 strong and looking for a few more residents to get involved.

Past graduates have said, "a resident is a geographic term defining where a household is located. Being a citizen is a verb." and "I suddenly came to the startling realization that the THEY in government is ME!"

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

Studies reveal that healthy communities are built on connections between residents combined with the presence of highly engaged citizens. The nationally recognized Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy is designed to help move residents into the role of involved citizens.

If you are interested in being a part of "The Best Community Experience You'll Ever Have", submit your MCLA application today, found on montgomeryohio.org,

or call Faith Lynch, communications and engagement coordinator, at 513-792-8358 for more information.

Get to know 24 other great neighbors, your local government staff, area businesses and the local schools as partners. Do not wait to count yourself among the informed in the community. Register now for MCLA 2021!

Participant well being and safety are our top priorities. City staff is exploring options to hold MCLA in a safe and efficient manner. We will announce those measures as we approach the January 2021 start date.



Class of 2020 participant Amy Browns Taylor answered "What is Walking Trails" to the question, "A combined 2.95 miles of these are in our parks" from the Je-Parody game hosted by the Public Works Department.

USE BEST LAND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES TO PREVENT EROSION

Many articles have appeared in these pages about reducing stormwater runoff to protect our rivers and streams. If stormwater runoff washes chemical materials, such as lawn care products, into our streams, they become an environmental hazard.

Another material that should not be overlooked and prevented from mixing with stormwater runoff is dirt. It is the foundation on which our community is built. Whether the soil is topsoil or the clay foundation of our land features, it is our valuable friend.

When it becomes sediment, meaning dirt is washed away (erosion) by stormwater, it is an enemy of our storm sewers, streams, and rivers. Erosion destroys our land, and sediment clogs our sewers and waterways, creating maintenance issues, flooding potential, and harm to aquatic life.

Best land management practices offer many methods to prevent soil erosion during construction projects and the day-to-day maintenance of our land.

Soil is most vulnerable during construction activity. If ground cover vegetation is stripped from the earth, it is vital to preserve the underlying topsoil. Consider temporary ground cover (such as tarps) or collecting it and covering it for redistribution later. Sediment traps, such as straw bales, fencing, dandy-bags/filter socks around

storm grates, must be used to trap sediment before it moves away from the construction site and enters the storm sewer. Take a look around construction activity in Montgomery and see if you can identify the methods used to trap soil in runoff water.

Maintaining our yards and land is also essential to minimize erosion. Vegetation or any porous surface that allows water to soak into the ground protect ground coverings like bare soil. Preventing runoff at the source with rain barrels and splash blocks on roof downspouts, minimizing paved surfaces, and building rain gardens are all excellent ways to capture overflow and allow it to hydrate our property instead of moving down the drain.

For construction guidance, refer to the "Code of Ordinances, CHAPTER 154: WATER MANAGEMENT, SEDIMENT CONTROL, AND FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION". This chapter is very specific regarding requirements during construction.

The "Property Maintenance Code, section 302 Exterior Open Areas" is applicable to all existing residential and non-residential premises.

Both are available on the City's website montgomeryohio.org/pages/code-of-ordinances/.



CITY SAYS THANK YOU! TO ITS VOLUNTEERS

Even though the Volunteer Appreciation Days at the Pool event celebrating volunteers has been cancelled due to the coronavirus situation, the City is very much appreciative for all those who have volunteered from September 1, 2019, to July 31, 2020.

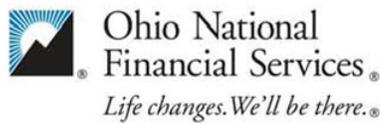
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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE BLUE ASH MONTGOMERY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA JULY 3 VIRTUAL CONCERT

Thank you to our sponsors for supporting the virtual Blue Ash Montgomery Symphony Orchestra Concert!

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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE INDEPENDENCE DAY "REVERSE" PARADE

- Thank you to:**
- Our community for coming out and supporting and celebrating!
 - Our parade units who came out to be featured in the parade!
 - Our sponsor Twin Lakes Senior Living Community for your support!

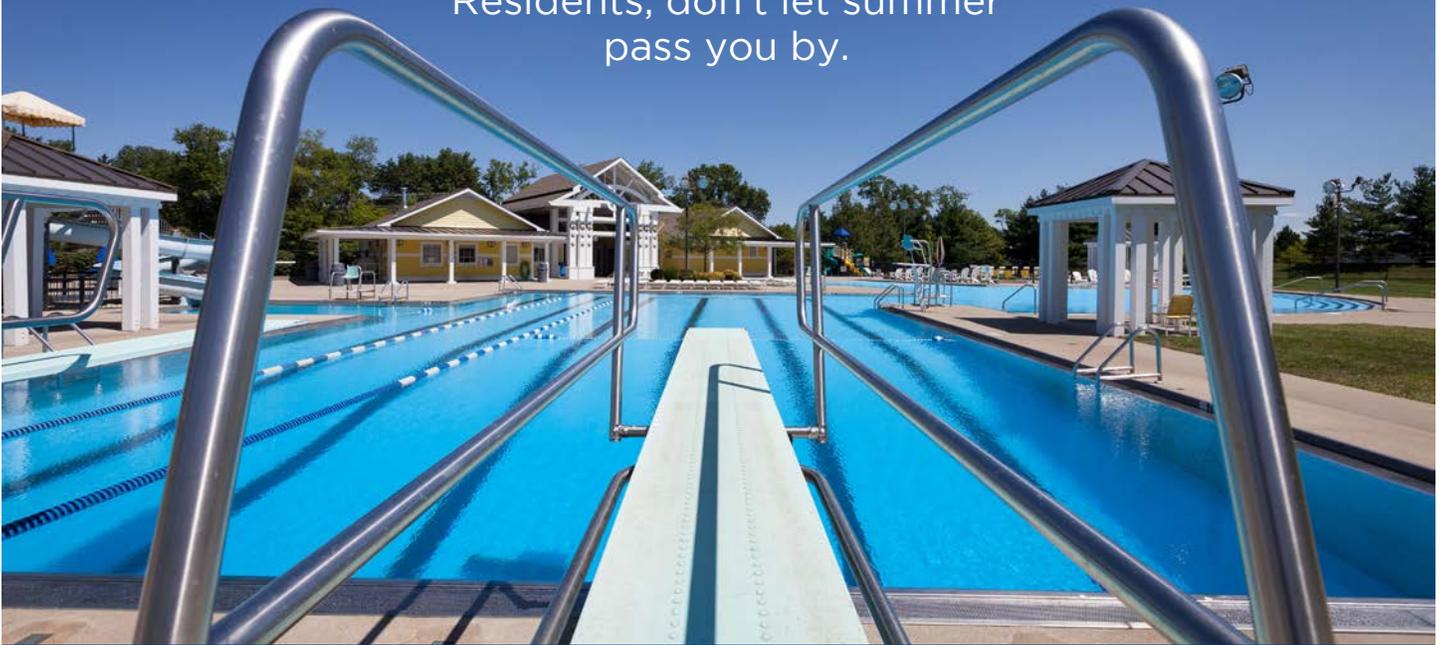


Thank you to all who attended and supported our first-ever "Reverse" Parade. Your enthusiasm for the day energized the parade participants and City Council and staff. Thank you for making this 2020 Parade one of the most memorable. We had a fantastic day of patriotic spirit and fun!



Soak in the Summer Sun!

Residents, don't let summer pass you by.



Sign up for a time to visit the pool at [MontgomeryOhio.org](https://montgomeryohio.org)

William Shakespeare's **Romeo & Juliet**



SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK

The City of Montgomery Arts Commission is pleased to present the classic "Romeo and Juliet" in Montgomery Park on Saturday, August 29, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The cast features six actors from Cincinnati Shakespeare Company's Resident Ensemble.

Admission is free, and an RSVP is required at montgomeryohio.org. Volunteers will check in each participant attending the event and physically distanced seating will be marked. We recommend arriving early for the best seating. Lawn chairs and blankets are also recommended. For questions regarding inclement weather, please visit the City's website at montgomeryohio.org.

All event dates are subject to change or cancellation. Check our website and social media for the most up-to-date information.

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Montgomery Community Pool
8075 Hopewell Road

Labor Day, Monday, September 7

Pre-registration is required!

**Registration opens 8/3 for Residents and
8/24 for Non Residents
\$2 per person**

Session A - 4:00-5:30 p.m. and Session B - 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Join in the fun! 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.



Please visit www.montgomeryohio.org for more information and to register. For questions please call City Hall at 513-891-2424



Please bring nonperishable dog food and treats to donate to Meals on Wheels for pets!

Montgomery Park Explorer

Montgomery Tree Explorer

Enjoy the Montgomery Park Explorer and the Montgomery Tree Explorer programs together as a family. These free programs include workbooks for ages 2 to 5 and ages 6 and up. The workbooks provide participants with a variety of activities that will engage them in learning about local Montgomery parks and trees in a fun and active way.

Pick up workbooks at City Hall or download at montgomeryohio.org

Once completed, participants can turn in the workbooks any time, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Montgomery City Hall, 10101 Montgomery Road.

A member of the City recreation team will review the workbook and follow up with the participant. Completed workbooks will be given back to the participant to keep along with a certificate and patch.

For more information on these free programs, contact Sarah Fink, recreation specialist, at 513-792-8317





FITNESS

Experience updated group exercise equipment and classes. All equipment needed for classes is provided.

Registration for 2020 - Session D of fitness classes is open. Please visit the fitness page at montgomeryohio.org for class descriptions, important information and registration.

Please contact Sarah Fink, recreation specialist, by emailing sfink@montgomeryohio.org or by calling 513-792-8317 with any questions you may have.

Fitness Class Schedule 2020 - Session D							
Day	Class Name	Dates of Session	No Classes	Session Length	Time of Class	Res.	Non-Res.
Mon.	Mixed Level Yoga	8/24 - 10/12	9/7	7 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$35	\$40
Tue.	Cardio Strength and Stretched *	8/25 - 10/13		8 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Tue.	Tai Chi	8/25 - 10/13		8 classes	10:20-11:20 a.m.	\$80	\$90
Tue.	Pilates	8/25 - 10/13		8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45
Wed.	Mixed Level Yoga	8/26 - 10/14		8 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Wed.	Beginner Level Yoga	8/26 - 10/14		8 classes	10:45-11:45 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Wed.	Chair Yoga	8/26 - 10/14		8 classes	12:00 -1:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45
Thur.	Cardio Strength and Stretched *	8/27 - 10/15		8 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Thur.	Pilates	8/27 - 10/15		8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45

* Cardio Strength and Stretched (formerly known as 20/20/20 - same great class, new name!)

NEW! GOLF INSTRUCTION PROGRAMMING

Have you been thinking about getting into golf? Are you looking to improve your skills?

Join us as we learn from the PGA Professionals at Sharon Woods Golf Course. All programs are \$110 per participant, and all equipment is provided.

Adult Beginner Golf

Would you like to have more fun and play better golf with your friends? Would you like to be able to compete in your league?

This five-week class is designed to improve your overall game. Topics include putting, chipping, pitching, iron play, hybrids, and woods. The classes are 90 minutes. Class size is limited and taught by PGA Professionals.

Saturdays, September 12- October 10, 10:30 a.m.

Adult Intermediate Golf

Would you like to lower your score consistently? Are you at the plateau stage and want to take your game to the next level?

Topics of this five-week class include putting a variety of short game shots and strategies, full swing evaluations, and course management skills. The classes are 90 minutes. Class size is limited and taught by PGA Professionals.

Wednesdays, September 9-October 7, 6:00 p.m.

For more information and to sign up, please visit montgomeryohio.org. For questions, please contact Sarah Fink at sfink@montgomeryohio.org.



Participant safety and well-being are our top priorities. Staff have been working to make necessary modifications to classes and are implementing updated health and safety protocols.



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AUGUST 2020 EVENTS

All event dates are subject to change or cancellation. Check the website and social media for the most up-to-date information.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3 Beautification & Tree Commission TBD 9:00 a.m. Planning Commission TBD 7:30 p.m.	4	5 Council Business Session, TBD 7:00 p.m.	6 Touch a Truck CANCELED	7 Dive-in Movie and Luau CANCELED	8 Community-Wide Garage Sale 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
9	10	11 Environmental Advisory Commission TBD 5:00 p.m.	12 Landmarks Commission TBD 7:00 p.m. Sycamore Community Schools First Day of Classes	13 Parks and Recreation Commission TBD 6:30 p.m.	14	15 Cardboard Recycling 7315 Cornell Road 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
16	17 Planning Commission TBD 7:30 p.m.	18 Sister Cities Commission TBD 6:30 p.m.	19 Council Work Session TBD 7:00 p.m.	20	21	22
23	24 Arts Commission TBD 5:00 p.m.	25 Board of Zoning Appeals TBD 7:00 p.m.	26	27	28	29 Shakespeare in the Park Montgomery Park 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. First Aid/CPR Certification Class CANCELED
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