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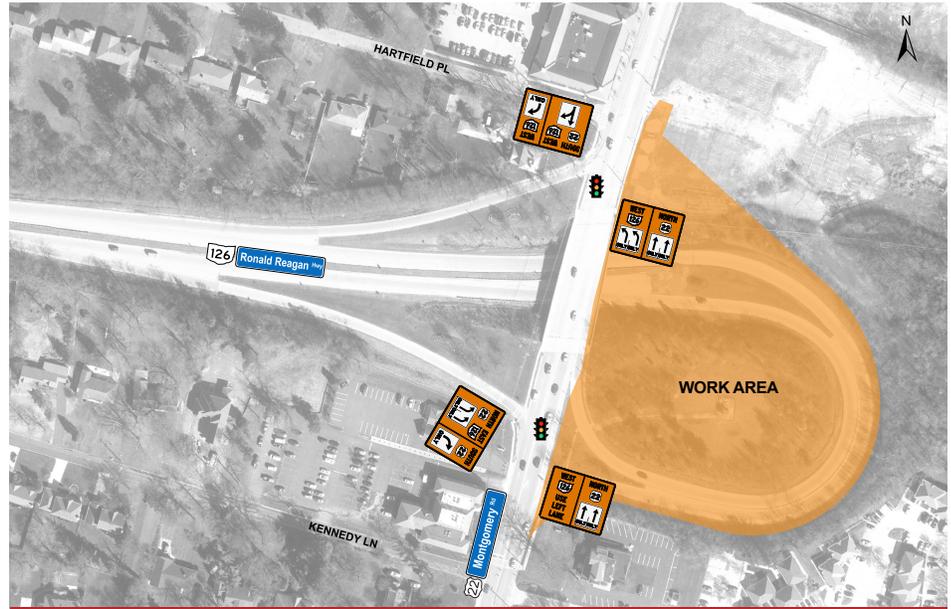
ROUNABOUT CONSTRUCTION COMING THIS SPRING!

Construction to begin in March

John R. Jurgensen will begin construction of the roundabout project at the intersection of Montgomery Road and Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway in March. The beginning work will include widening the pavement of the two Cross County Highway Ramps on the west side of Montgomery Road. This work should only take a week or two. After this work, "Phase 1" of construction will begin, which involves a significant change in existing traffic patterns.

- The Northbound Montgomery Road ramp onto Westbound Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway and the Eastbound Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway ramp onto Northbound Montgomery Road access points will close.
- Two temporary traffic signals will be installed on Montgomery Road at the ramps located north and south of the bridge.
- Modifications will be made to the traffic signage and pavement striping on Montgomery Road to arrange this new traffic pattern.

The temporary traffic signal on the north side of the bridge will be for all Montgomery Road traffic



Phase 1 Construction

approaching from the north and south to access Westbound Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway. The temporary traffic signal on the south side of the bridge will be for all Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway traffic approaching from the west to proceed either north or south on Montgomery Road. Anticipate "Phase 1" construction to last four to eight weeks.

Expect delays during construction. Please use an alternate route if

one is available. More details on the construction phasing and schedule will be provided on the City's website, montgomeryohio.org/montgomery-roundabout-information, and in future Montgomery Bulletins.

Regular construction updates will be provided on the City's website as work progresses. For additional information on this or other projects, please contact Gary Heitkamp, public works director, at 513-792-8321.

A CUP OF COFFEE AND A CONVERSATION



Mike Cappel
City Council

On November 17, 2019, one of my fellow UC students took his own life.

My heart broke at this horrible, unbelievable news, and my sadness grew deeper when I realized that his family, close friends, and others that knew him better experienced even deeper gut ripping pain than mine.

The University of Cincinnati, his professors, and other students handled the aftermath masterfully in spite of their grief. Our class started a memorial run for him, designed and ordered memory bracelets, organized a remembrance ceremony, filled the church at his family funeral, carried his casket to the hearse, and most importantly, came together more tightly than my own family would have. Everyone seemed far too experienced at this.

Personally, this student is the fifth friend that I lost this way. For some strange reason, I thought I was alone in this respect, but I'm not. Between my classmate's death and his funeral, I discovered that so many of my friends in the Montgomery/Blue Ash/Madeira area have lost a husband, child, coworker, friend, student, or neighbor to suicide --this health epidemic crawling through our community. The Cincinnati Enquirer recently cited an Ohio Department of Health annual state report on suicide. According to this report, they found that five people die by suicide every day in Ohio. This trend reflects a growing national public health crisis. More than 1,800 people died by suicide in Ohio in 2018.

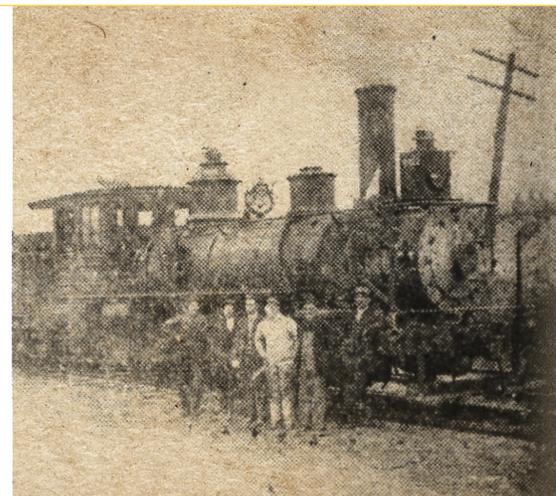
The stalker robs families in spite of all the awareness programs, counseling, parent training, and other programs that are readily available. Somehow, our small town has become so busy and impersonal. We turn to paid clinical professionals and volunteer strangers to help us with the emotional challenges of life. We no longer connect with our family and community for support.

According to the Center for Disease Control, suicide has grown into a public health crisis. One of the CDC recommended solutions is simply to promote connectedness.

The City of Montgomery creates many ways to connect with our neighbors, our community, and our staff. See your Montgomery calendar or check out our website for upcoming events. But, over the last few months, I have made a concerted effort to slow down and spend more time with family, friends, and even a few strangers. I believe sharing a cup of coffee, and a conversation can solve many of our problems. This is what a community is about, and connection with others is what our small town stands for. I encourage you to take the time to connect with another over a cup of coffee and conversation.

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

Field subdivision. Five commuter trains left the city and round trip fare to Cincinnati was 60 cents in the early 1900s. The station was closed in 1926 due to declining use of trains because of the increasing use of the automobile. The tracks were removed in 1933 to construct Swaim Field Golf Course, which was in operation from 1933 until 1976.



COUNCIL CORNER

Montgomery City Council met in its regular monthly Work Session on January 22, 2020 at City Hall. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m., with public comment welcomed on each item before City Council.

New Legislation

A Resolution Estimating the Probable Amount of Public Monies to be Deposited, Setting a Date for the Designation of Public Depositories and Authorizing Notice

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

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 151.30 of The Code of Ordinance To Enact New Regulations For The Heritage Overlay District

RECENT COUNCIL ACTION - Approved Legislation

December 18, 2019

ORDINANCE 19, 2019

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 **(passed 7-0)**

ORDINANCE 20, 2019

An Ordinance Revoking Any Rule, Regulation, Resolution, Practice or Other Action Enacted By The City Of Montgomery In Conflict With R.C. § 9.68 **(passed 7-0)**

January 8, 2020

RESOLUTION 1 2020

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager To Enter Into A Contract With Prime AE, Inc. For Professional Services Related to Construction Management Services For The Montgomery Road/Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway Intersection Modification Project **(passed 6-yes, 1-abstain)**

RESOLUTION 2 2020

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Reaffirm the City's Contract with National Inspection Corporation for Professional Services to Serve as Building Official and to Provide Plan Review and Field Inspection Authority and Services for the City's Building Department for the Calendar Year 2020 **(passed 7-0)**

RESOLUTION 3 2020

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 2020 **(passed 7-0)**

RESOLUTION 4 2020

A Resolution Amending and Extending Resolution No. 31, 2019 Authorizing A Continuing Reimbursement Agreement To Purchase Certain Design And Engineering Services For The Development Of The Montgomery Quarter Project **(passed 6-yes, 1-recusal)**

RESOLUTION 5 2020

A Resolution Approving A Cooperative Agreement Between The City Of Montgomery, Ohio, The Port Of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority, And Gateway Partners Montgomery, LLC **(passed 5-yes, 1- recusal, 1-abstain)**

RESOLUTION 6 2020

A Resolution Authorizing A Purchase Agreement with Traditions Development Group, LLC to Acquire Certain Real Property within the Vintage Club Development **(passed 6-yes, 1-recusal)**

ORDINANCE 1 2020

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 13, 2019 Authorizing A Development Agreement for The Development of The Montgomery Quarter Project **(passed 5-yes, 1- recusal, 1-abstain)**

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



The American Legion NE Post 630 was honored at the November 20 Council meeting for their efforts on the Hopewell Cemetery Veteran Identification Project.

AMERICAN LEGION POST INITIATES HOPEWELL CEMETERY VETERAN IDENTIFICATION PROJECT

In August 2019, Montgomery residents David and Patricia Buschmann and members of the American Legion NE Post 630 contacted City staff to propose placing flags on all the veteran's graves in Hopewell Cemetery. Little did they know that it would turn into a full-scale project of performing a complete inventory of all veteran's grave markers in Hopewell Cemetery.

The Buschmann's, along with 17 members of Post 630 and three civilians, dedicated over 152 hours and several weekends to canvass the cemetery and record every veteran marker, veteran name, and the era that each veteran served.

To complete their mission, 37 volunteers, including members of

Post 630, members of Girl Scout Troop 44282 of Madeira, and civilian volunteers, placed flags at the site of each veteran grave in time for Veterans Day on November 11. The volunteers then returned the following weekend to remove all flags to use again in subsequent years.

Post 630 consists of residents from Montgomery, Blue Ash, Madeira, Sycamore Township, Deer Park, Loveland, West Chester, and other local areas.

The City wishes to thank all the volunteers who selflessly spent many hours seeing this project to completion and for their commitment to honoring those veterans, both past and present. We thank all veterans for their dedication and service.

Post 630 was able to identify 371 veterans from the following eras:

- 12 in World War II
- 15 in the Korean War
- 82 in the Vietnam War
- 4 in the Cold War
- 6 in the Lebanon/Grenada Conflicts
- 1 in the Panama War
- 20 in the Gulf Wars on Terrorism

HATS OFF

HATS OFF . . .

. . . to all the Montgomery Woman's Club members, Beautification and Tree Commissioners and individual volunteers for all their work on the Holiday Decorating Project Takedown phase. These volunteers, along with the City Public Works staff members, spent a morning preparing all the decorations for storage. This is a tremendous project that is coordinated by the Montgomery Woman's Club's Community Service Downtown Decorating Program and the public works department. These two groups will soon be starting the process of getting the decorations ready for the winter of 2020. A great big winter cap Hats Off to the Montgomery Woman's Club members, Beautification and Tree Commissioners, Public Works staff members and individual volunteers for all their work on the last phase of this year-long project.



Darla Hall prepares holiday decorations for storage.

United States Census 2020

WANT TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY?

Participate in the 2020 Census. Jobs available. Apply now.

Every ten years, the U.S. Census Bureau is responsible for conducting the nationwide census, as outlined in Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution. In addition to the national count, the U.S. Census Bureau needs to know where you live so they can provide accurate population numbers to federal, state, and local governments, including the City of Montgomery. This information is also used to determine the number of seats each state is allocated in the U.S. House of Representatives and how funds are appropriated and spent on roads, schools, and hospitals.

The Census Bureau will mail the forms in March. As soon as you get the form in the mail, you may respond in three ways.

- mail-in form,
- online form, or
- call in your information

Learn more about the 2020 Census at 2020census.gov.

Respond by April 1.

From May through July, Census takers will be visiting homes that have not responded to the 2020 Census to make sure everyone is counted. If someone visits your home to collect information for the 2020 Census, check to make sure that they have a valid ID badge, with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and expiration date.

Census workers may also carry Census Bureau bags and other equipment with the Census Bureau logo. To complete this work, the Census Bureau is hiring now for thousands of temporary, flexible positions to assist with the count. Help the City of Montgomery, Hamilton County and the State of Ohio with an accurate count, while also providing you with extra income, weekly pay, flexible hours, and paid training. Apply now at 2020census.gov/jobs.

What you need to know.

1. U.S. Constitution mandates a count every ten years.
2. Everyone counts and is counted only once.
3. Census results are used to reapportion the House of Representatives and determine how many seats represent each state.
4. Based on census data, \$675 billion in federal funds, grants, and support is distributed to states, counties, and local communities.
5. Census data is also used to redraw state legislative districts based on population shifts.
6. By law, your responses cannot be used against you and can only be used to produce statistics.

For answers to all your census questions, learn more at 2020census.gov.

GROW YOUR CIVIC PRIDE - JOIN 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.

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

For further information and to apply for the position, contact DeAnna Gross, volunteer coordinator, at 513-792-8329 or dgross@montgomeryohio.org.

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. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m.



YARD WASTE COLLECTION TO RESUME MARCH 2

Beginning March 2, weekly yard waste collection will resume at no charge for all one and two-family residential homes.

The program limits collection to three bags, cans, or bundles at each residence (or one 90-gallon yard waste toter). Extra bags, cans or bundles require one \$3.00 Rumpke waste sticker per item. Additional 90-gallon toters will require three stickers each after the first toter. Stickers are available at Montgomery Kroger or Montgomery City Hall during regular business hours.

Loosely place yard waste in trash cans or in paper yard waste bags, which are commonly available at grocery or hardware stores. **Do not** place cans or bags in the curb lane on the street. If you place the material in a garbage can or toter, please label it as “yard waste,” so it is not inadvertently collected as trash. **Do not** dispose of plants in plastic planter tubs, separate plants for yard waste and plastic for recycling.

Place yard waste on the opposite side of the driveway from regular trash. Leave the lids off cans containing yard waste. Freezing conditions seal the lids, which does not allow for easy removal of yard waste. **No plastic bags will be accepted.**

Brush should be bundled in sizes up to 4 feet in length and 2 feet in diameter. Fasten the organic material with cotton twine (No wire or plastic ties, please).

Limbs need to be cut into 4-foot lengths and no larger than 6 inches in diameter.



MONTGOMERY ASKS FOR INPUT ON DIVERSITY PROGRAMMING

The City of Montgomery launched **Open Town Hall** at montgomeryohio.org in 2017. Open Town Hall is an online platform designed to engage citizens in a conversation about important Montgomery topics.

The next topic on Open Town Hall asks Montgomery residents about future diversity and inclusion programming. The Diversity and Inclusion Committee needs feedback on the City's Diversity and Inclusion efforts and seeks input on potential future Know Your Neighbor Series topics.

Participants can read what others

are saying about the topic and share their own opinions at montgomeryohio.org/pages/open-town-hall. The deadline for responses is February 28, 2020.



Montgomery officials have used the public input gathered from previous posts on communications, housing, recreation, and branding to help guide their decision-making processes.

The City of Montgomery aims to engage citizens by providing them information on each issue to enrich online comments and to provide more opportunities for citizen interaction and engagement.

PROTECT OUR RIVERS AND STREAMS

Have you ever heard of the North Branch of Sycamore Creek or Polk Run Creek? Montgomery residents unknowingly cross over these streams every day. These major streams, along with their tributaries, run through our backyards, parks, and neighborhoods functioning as the outfall of our public and private storm drainage systems.

These waters eventually make their way into the Little Miami and Ohio Rivers, which is the source of drinking water for millions of people! In addition to drinking water, these rivers and streams provide transportation, recreation, natural beauty, and habitat for many species of plants and animals.

Protecting these streams from pollutants that are harmful to our health and welfare is an essential part of sustaining the great quality of life we have in the city of Montgomery and for our downstream friends. It is illegal to dump waste into storm sewers and streams per the City's "Illicit Discharge Regulations" Ordinance adopted in 2013.

The most common connector to the streams is the stormwater grates found along the curbs or roadside ditches of our streets.

In Montgomery, most stormwater grates are marked with small "No Dumping" labels.



Report any dumping of waste into the storm drain to the Public Works hotline number, 513-792-8355.

Keep in mind how you can protect our rivers and streams.

- Do not dispose of paints and thinners, chemicals and cleaners, oil, radiator fluid, herbicides, pesticides, etc. into storm sewers. Read and follow the disposal instructions on containers.
- Do not dispose of the materials mentioned above onto land with subsequent drainage into the storm sewer system (such as oil onto gravel driveways)
- Do not dispose of sewage from RV/Bus holding tanks into storm sewers.
- Report spills (or evidence of them) on highways and into creeks and streams.
- Make sure septic systems are maintained and operating per code.
- Remember that roof gutters and yard/driveway drains run into storm sewers either directly, or indirectly. Be mindful of materials discharged to them, such as harmful cleaning chemicals.

Residents are encouraged to report violations of dumping as soon as possible to the City of Montgomery Public Works Department at 513-792-8355.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE SPONSORS NEXT "KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR" DISCUSSION



The next speakers in the City of Montgomery Diversity and Inclusion Committee's "Know Your Neighbor" series will be Jackie Congedo and Steve Coppel. Their presentation will focus on the persistence of Antisemitism and the upsurge in hate crimes.

The session will be held at Terwilliger Lodge on Tuesday, February 18, at 7:00 p.m. It is free and open to the public. The deadline to register is February 14. Register at montgomeryohio.org/know-your-neighbor.

Jackie Congedo is the Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council, the public affairs arm of the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, which works to ensure Jewish security by building a more just society for all people. Before her work in Cincinnati's Jewish community, Jackie spent eight years as a broadcast journalist, working for stations in Washington, D.C.; Lexington, Kentucky; and here in Cincinnati, Ohio. Jackie and her family are proud new Montgomery residents.

Steve Coppel and his family have lived in Montgomery for 32 years. He is retired from a 34-year career in manufacturing. Coppel is currently a volunteer with the Holocaust and Humanity Center and is a founding member of the Montgomery Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee's mission is to:

- Promote community awareness, cultural education, and appreciation of Montgomery's diverse cultures;
- Create positive intercultural relations among Montgomery residents; and,
- Provide a welcoming environment for all those who live, work, visit, and play in Montgomery.

The City of Montgomery Diversity and Inclusion Committee launched a community education series on the diverse cultures of Montgomery residents in 2019. The lecture and discussion series covers a range of timely human relations and cultural topics. More information about future events and educational opportunities promoting diversity and inclusivity in Montgomery are available on the City's website, montgomeryohio.org.

PARK SHELTER RESERVATIONS OPEN MARCH 2

Reservations of Montgomery park shelters will be available on Monday, March 2, through Saturday, Oct. 31. Park shelter reservations may be made online or in-person at City Hall. Reservations are not available over the phone.

Park shelter reservations are only available to Montgomery residents, businesses, and employees of Montgomery businesses. Nonresidents may use the shelters on a first-come, first-serve basis as long as there is no reservation. A reservation list is posted at each park shelter.

For further information, please call Montgomery City Hall at 513-891-2424. Reservations can be made online at montgomeryohio.org/pages/reserve-a-shelter/.



CITY SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY GRANT

The City of Montgomery is currently seeking applications for the Service to the Community Grant program. This grant program is open to all not-for-profit and local service organizations that have innovative ideas and the skills necessary to execute creative community projects benefiting or engaging the citizens of Montgomery.

Service to the community is defined as providing a beneficial service, project, or event that engages or improves the quality of life of Montgomery residents.

A maximum of \$2,500 may be awarded to any one applicant. In the past, Operation Give Back received a grant for their WeTHRIVE! Food Bundle packs. Packs contained fresh produce and healthy snacks along with healthy cooking recipe cards and health information fact



Former Operation Give Back Executive Director Elaine Hipps (left) and Clare Salter, volunteer pantry coordinator, celebrate a successful WeTHRIVE! bundle program.

Photo courtesy of Hamilton County Public Health and Hollis Bass.

sheets. They were made available to 35 Montgomery area families who were either seniors, those living with chronic diseases, or were food insecure. Learn more at watchusthrive.org.

Organizations are invited to attend a pre-application meeting on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 4:00 p.m., in the Montgomery City Hall Council Chambers to learn more about the grant program and the expected timeline. To review the grant application, please search "Service to the Community Grant" on montgomeryohio.org. Applications are due by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2020.

Please contact Faith Lynch, communications and engagement coordinator, at 513-792-8358 or flynch@montgomeryohio.org with any questions.

ESTIMATED QUARTERLY PAYMENTS REQUIRED FOR SOME TAXPAYERS

With the tax-filing season quickly approaching, the tax office would like to remind taxpayers that estimated quarterly payments are a requirement for those whose net tax liability exceeds \$200.00.

A declaration of tax must be included on applicable returns when filing. If you have requested an extension for filing, the declaration must be filed and accompany the first quarter payment by April 15, 2020. If no declaration is included on the return, one will be posted to your account based on the prior year's tax liability.

Payment vouchers are available on the City's website, montgomeryohio.org/pages/taxes/ Subsequent payments will be due on June 15, September 15, and January 15. Statements will be mailed several weeks before each due date.



RESOLVE TO LEARN HOW TO SAVE A LIFE IN THE NEW YEAR

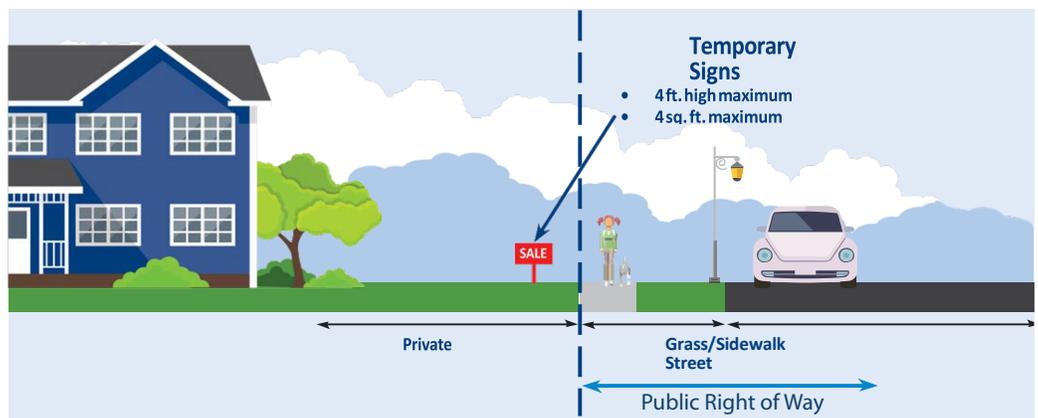
The Montgomery Fire Department is offering an American Heart Association HeartSaver First Aid/CPR certification class on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There is a nominal fee of \$25 to cover the cost of materials.

For more information or to sign up, please call 513-985-1633.

TEMPORARY SIGNS REGULATED FOR HEIGHT, DISTANCE

Montgomery residents are reminded that the City has zoning regulations in place that govern the size and location for which temporary signs may be displayed on residential lots.

Temporary signs such as garage sale signs, political signs and real estate signs are permitted individually up to four square feet in size and four feet in height and must be located behind the sidewalk or 13 feet behind the curb if there is not a sidewalk.



If you would like to find out more about temporary sign regulations, contact Melissa Hays, zoning and code compliance officer, at 513-792-8347.

WELCOME OFFICERS TOLLE AND MEACHAM

After a thorough selection process, the Montgomery Police Department recently welcomed two new officers to their ranks. These hires restore the police department to its full complement of officers after recent retirements. Make sure to welcome them when you see them driving down your streets!

Kathryn Tolle

Officer Tolle graduated from The Ohio State University and subsequently completed the police academy at Sinclair Community College. She worked as a police officer for the City of Blue Ash Police Department prior to joining the Montgomery Police Department. Before she entered the police academy, she worked as a personal trainer and ran her own personal training business. In her spare time, Katy enjoys spending time with her family, lifting weights, running and volunteering at animal shelters as well as spoiling her own dog and horse.



Rebecca Meacham

Officer Meacham moved to Cincinnati from Columbus, Ohio, to attend the University of Cincinnati where she studied Criminal Justice and Psychology. During her last semester at UC, she completed the police academy at Butler Tech and went directly to working Corrections at the Hamilton County Justice Center. She worked there for two and a half years before joining the Montgomery Police Department. In her free time, Becca enjoys hanging out with her friends, working out and being active. Professionally, she is interested in crisis intervention and one day, investigations.



LEADERSHIP ACADEMY ENJOYING ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

January saw the beginning of the thirteenth Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy (MCLA). This year motivated residents are again taking the journey from being a resident to becoming an actively engaged citizen. The first four sessions featured the following:

We Are Montgomery! – Our opening session was conducted at Terwilliger Lodge and provided an introduction to the Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy and what to expect over the following nine sessions. This session also serves as a platform to identify “who’s in the room?” and why it is important that Montgomery’s local elected officials not just govern for the people, but more importantly, with the people.

Zen and the Art of Connection – Based on the work of Peter Block, best-selling author, and international consultant, this workshop was held in the Davies Community Center at Twin Lakes Senior Living Community and covered topics such as the power of a small group, the importance of connection, the influence of place, building community, the essentials of citizen commitment and accountability, and much more. It also included a graphic recording of the conversations by Brandon Black of “Drawversation.”

Montgomery... Our Town, USA – City Council chambers was the site for this session that consists of an introduction to the structure of Montgomery city government, the City’s mission, strategic plan, and operating philosophy. Also, a mock City Council meeting was conducted where participants fill the roles of the city council, staff and concerned residents. A fictitious scenario was used to heighten the reality.

Taxes, TIF’s, and Our Town– Held at Ohio National Financial Services, this session was designed to explain the City’s finances, such as where the revenue comes from and how it is expended. Development financing techniques, such as Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and others, were simulated and how they have factored into Montgomery’s progress.



Scott Anderson and Kimberly Reyes discussed why it was important for them to be in the Class of 2020 of the Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy.

All of this year’s MCLA participants are greatly enjoying their look behind the scenes of our Montgomery community. If you are interested in joining us in 2021 for this highly interactive and nationally recognized program, visit montgomeryohio.org to apply or for more information. Contact Ray Kingsbury, director of citizen engagement, at 513-792-8359. Space is limited. Applications are available starting April 1.

CITY'S POPULAR PHOTO COMPETITION, EXPOSURE: MONTGOMERY, CELEBRATES 33RD YEAR

The Montgomery Arts Commission will host Exposure: Montgomery, the City's 33rd annual photo competition, on Sunday, April 5, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the historic Universalist Church, located on the corner of Montgomery and Remington Roads.

The competition, open to beginners and serious amateurs alike, is the longest-running photo contest in the region. Judging is based on photos that capture technical brilliance, originality, or a unique point of view and are chosen from both adult and student categories. Up to 10 winners in each category will be awarded \$100 each.



Montgomery resident Mark Bender, winner of the 2019 Best of Show in the adult category, holds "Get Us to Church on Time."

Winning photos will be publicly displayed at Christ Hospital after the competition. Photographers



may submit up to three photos from March 2 through March 27 to Montgomery City Hall from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Entry fee is \$10 per photo for adults, and \$5 per photo for students of high school age and below.

Entry requirements, including information on how to properly

mount photos for display, are found on the City website, montgomeryohio.org.

In addition to the exhibit and awards presentation, the public is invited to a "sneak peek" reception on Saturday, April 4, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Universalist Church. For more information, call 513-891-2424.

SPONSOR A COMMUNITY EVENT IN 2020

Want to feature your business on the City website or in the Montgomery Bulletin? Want to be a part of some of the hometown community events that make Montgomery truly unique? Want to support the Montgomery community with a sponsorship contribution?

The City of Montgomery's recreation team is planning the City's annual

special events for 2020. With the various events, including the July 3 Concert, July 4 Festival, Bastille Day, Car Show, and Dogfest and K-9 Kerplunk, there are many sponsorship opportunities available to organizations of any size. Businesses interested in discussing sponsorship opportunities should contact Julie Machon at 513-792-8316 or jmachon@montgomeryohio.org.





IMPROV AT THE UNI IS BACK

Join in a night of laughter and surprises as the Montgomery Arts Commission presents the eighth annual Improv at the Uni, performed by the Improv Aves group from Sycamore High School.

This night of hilarity takes place on Friday, Feb. 7, at the Universalist Church in downtown Montgomery. The show will feature approximately ten 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 to montgomeryohio.org to reserve a seat.



RSVP to Montgomery City Hall 891-2424 or online at montgomeryohio.org
Sponsored by the Montgomery Sister Cities Commission

“Bringing the World Together One Friendship at a Time.”

and Meal

BAMSO PRESENTS SPRING CONCERT

On Sunday, March 8 at 6:00 p.m., the Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra will feature winners of the Jack and Lucille Wonnell Memorial Young Artist Concerto Competition, with Suzanne Bona, heard on WGUC. The orchestra will also play additional works. The concert will take place at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 10345 Montgomery Road, in Montgomery.



2020 SUMMER CAMPS

Full Schedule and Registration available on February 14

Join in the FUN!

- NINJA WARRIOR - ART -
- LEGO ROBOTICS - eSPORTS -
- YOGA - & MORE -



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Information and registration
available at montgomeryohio.org

PRESIDENTS DAY NINJA WARRIOR CAMP

Ages 10-14



Monday, February 17 from 9am - 3pm

Register online at montgomeryohio.org

Cost is \$70 per child

Instructed by American Ninja Warrior contestant James Wilson at Nati Ninja Gym, this camp will help kids develop upper body strength, core stability, balance and most importantly the confidence to take on life's mental and physical challenges.

Space is limited to 40 students with a minimum of 20.



Pool season memberships go on sale at 8:00 a.m. on March 4 at montgomeryohio.org



All equipment is provided for these classes.

Kids Yoga Programs

Looking for a class where your child can release some energy and strengthen their bodies while also learning how to focus and feel calm using fun breathing and relaxation techniques?

Join us for kids' yoga where they will learn fun new poses, yoga games, relaxation stories and so much more!
All skill levels and abilities are welcome.

Parent / Child Yoga

Ages 3-6

Thursdays 3/26 - 4/16

10:30 - 11:00 am

\$30 Residents

\$35 Non-Residents

Kids Yoga

Ages 6-8

Mondays 3/23 - 4/27

4:00 - 4:45 pm

\$40 Residents

\$45 Non-Residents

Classes will be held at the Recreation Annex Building located at 10115 Montgomery Rd.

Registration available at montgomeryohio.org

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



FITNESS

Experience updated group exercise equipment and classes. All equipment needed for classes is provided. **Registration for 2020 - Session B 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 B						
Day	Class Name	Dates of Session	Session Length	Time of Class	Res.	Non-Res.
Mon.	Mixed Level Yoga	3/9 - 4/27	8 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Tue.	Cardio Strength and Stretched *	3/10 - 4/28	8 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Tue.	Tai Chi	3/10 - 4/28	8 classes	10:20-11:20 a.m.	\$80	\$90
Tue.	Pilates	3/10 - 4/28	8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45
Wed.	Mixed Level Yoga	3/11 - 4/29	8 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Wed.	Beginner Level Yoga	3/11 - 4/29	8 classes	10:45-11:45 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Wed.	Chair Yoga	3/11 - 4/29	8 classes	12:00 -1:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45
Thur.	Cardio Strength and Stretched *	3/12 - 4/30	8 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Thur.	Pilates	3/12 - 4/30	8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45

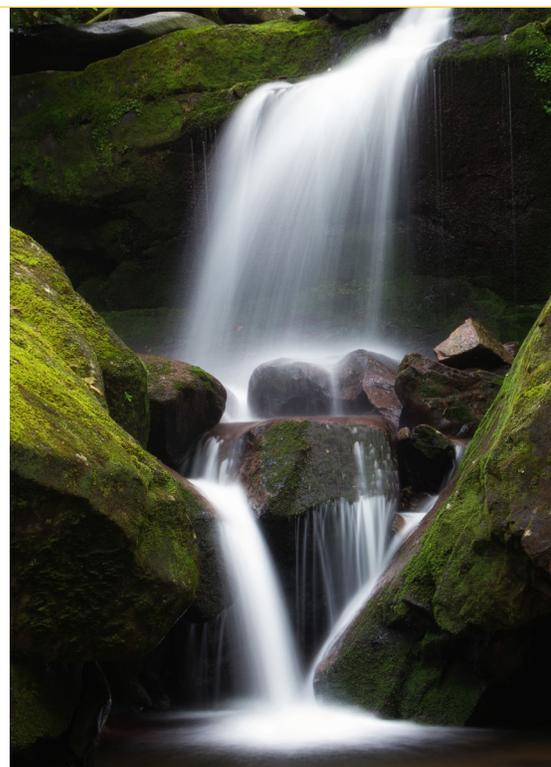
* Cardio Strength and Stretched (formerly known as 20/20/20 - same great class, new name!)

PENG ZU QI GONG WITH HONG YANG

Join us as we explore Peng Zu Qi Gong during a special weekend workshop. This ancient imperial qi gong set is a powerful way to gather energy and heal the body, leading to better health and a tranquil state of mind. It is easy to learn and perfect for tai chi participants wanting to improve their relaxation and skill. This workshop is open to beginners and more advanced practitioners. This workshop is led by Master Trainer Ralph Dehner and guest instructor Hong Yang. Hong Yang grew up in China in Yang Village and started her formal Tai Chi and Qi Gong training at the age of 5. Hong is a seven-time International champion in Tai Chi Forms, Sword and Push-Hands. She is also a Ph.D. candidate in Yi Ching Philosophy.

This workshop will be held at the Recreation Annex on March 20-22, 2020. The cost is \$250 per person. Please 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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FEBRUARY 2020 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3 Beautification & Tree Commission Public Works 9:00 a.m. Planning Commission City Hall 7:30 p.m.	4	5 Council Business Session City Hall 7:00 p.m.	6	7 Improv at the Uni Universalist Church 7:00 p.m.	8
9 Dinner Around the World Terwilliger Lodge 5:00 p.m.	10	11 Environmental Advisory Commission City Hall 5:00 p.m.	12 Landmarks Commission City Hall 7:00 p.m.	13 Parks & Recreation Commission City Hall 6:30 p.m.	14	15 Cardboard Recycling 7315 Cornell Road 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
16 Presidents' Day Ninja Warrior Camp Nati Ninja 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Planning Commission City Hall 7:30 p.m. Sycamore Community Schools Closed	17	18 Sister Cities Commission City Hall 6:30 p.m. Know your Neighbor series Terwilliger Lodge 7:00 p.m.	19 Council Work Session City Hall 7:00 p.m.	20	21	22 CPR/First Aid Certification Class Safety Center 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
23 Arts Commission City Hall 5:00 p.m.	24	25 Board of Zoning Appeals City Hall 7:00 p.m.	26	27	28	29