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## DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE HONORED FOR INNOVATION

The City of Montgomery Diversity and Inclusion Committee was recently honored with the Local Government Innovation Award on July 29 during the 2020 Alliance for Innovation Transforming Local Government Conference. The committee was recognized for its efforts to bring awareness of diversity and inclusion to the Montgomery community.

City Manager Brian Riblet, Matthew Vanderhorst, community and information services director, and Umama Alam, a Montgomery resident and member of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, presented a case study about the Montgomery Diversity and Inclusion Committee during the virtual conference. They shared the success and challenges of the committee with the conference attendees representing local government from across the county.

The Montgomery Diversity and Inclusion Committee was formed in January 2018. The committee is comprised of residents representing various faiths, nationalities, age groups, and life experiences.

Historically, residents have gotten along well. In recent years and mirroring the national trend, the population of Montgomery has begun to shift. This demographic shift has been a welcomed development. Montgomery's civic leaders have embraced this shift as a good thing, having witnessed how the addition of diverse residents has enriched and vitalized the community.

Wherever they reside, cultural diversity and social change can be uncomfortable for some. Cultural diversity may be uncomfortable for those who are unacquainted with persons who are different from them. Cultural diversity and social change may also be difficult for those whose social experiences have been narrow, insular, or simply lacking in opportunity. Persons in this situation can be less inclined to be welcoming, less accepting, and on



Diversity and Inclusion Committee members during 2020 Independence Day Reverse Parade. Photo courtesy of Fred Haaser.

occasion, even “un-neighborly.” It is well established that the most effective responses to intergroup suspicions and prejudices are cultural education, intercultural contact, and the creation of a climate of tolerance and respect as the community's civic norm.

Learn more about the Montgomery Diversity and Inclusion Committee by visiting [montgomeryohio.org/diversity-and-inclusion/](http://montgomeryohio.org/diversity-and-inclusion/).

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**Mike Cappel**  
City Council

As I write this, I'm isolated in our basement office/safe room for the sixteenth straight week, working from home in compliance with Governor DeWine's Safer at Home order. I am surrounded by sadness: I receive constant Malthusian updates on our future, 25 percent of my retirement savings have evaporated, and a store I shopped at for the past 48 years reopens next week for their going out of business sale. In our family, our oldest daughter has lost seven patients to the COVID-19 virus, and about 20 have been moved to hospice, my son is stuck in Amsterdam, and our youngest daughter's coworkers have all been laid off. I should be falling asleep in tears, but strangely, every day is full of more joy than I can ever remember. With sadness surrounding me, I feel guilty at my happiness.

For the past sixteen weeks, my wife and I have looked at each other every day and said how lucky we are to be here with each other. For both of us, the COVID-19 virus has given us the chance to revisit a world reminiscent of our youth. Part of that "luck" was our 1996 move eight miles north to Montgomery. The investment by past City administrations gives us great sidewalks, wonderful parks, safe streets, and the best neighbors. For most of these past few months, the weather has been so fresh that we can keep our windows open. What joyous sounds and sights creep in!

I don't remember ever listening to birds while working, the highway noise is gone, and even more delightful is hearing our grandkids play outside on the beautiful days. There is also the occasional thunk, thunk of a teenager dribbling a basketball on their way to a game of pick up with a friend.

Lunch on our patio feels like we are reliving our 25th anniversary in Bora Bora, but this time without mosquitos. As we eat, we watch a parade of remote workers enjoy the weather and their lunch break with a stroll down our street. Nearly every evening, we see kids, couples, and families riding their bikes together! One evening, while coming back from our stroll, we saw two sisters charge out of their house, grab their fishing poles, sprint to the street, look both ways, then jog down to the ponds in Swaim Park. By the time we got there, their lines were in the water, and they were giggling. I keep thinking this is a dream and that I am in Mayberry. But it's in color, and it's Montgomery!

## ELM-CRIS MOTEL

Did you know that the site occupied by the UC Physicians Building at 9275 Montgomery Road used to be the location of the Elm-Cris Motel? The Elm-Cris opened in 1954 and was built by the developer who also developed homes on Hartfield Place. The hotel was built to resemble a residential home and had several notable guests in the 50s and 60s. Celebrities, such as Doris Day, Dody Goodman, and Imogene Coco stayed at the Elm-Cris Motel while in town to perform at the Fox & Crow (present-day Carlo & Johnny's).

Today, there are no hotels located in the City of Montgomery; however, a boutique hotel is planned for the Montgomery Quarter.



## A NOTE ABOUT COVID-19 AND CITY OPERATIONS

Due to the restrictions placed on large gatherings, our opportunities to educate and engage in two-way dialogue with residents, business owners and employees, and civic organizations have been curtailed. We encourage all to turn to the Montgomery Bulletin, MontgomeryOhio.org, or our social media channels for the latest official City of Montgomery news to stay informed. We miss these opportunities to connect, and look forward to meeting again when it is safe to do so.

## COUNCIL CORNER

Montgomery City Council met in its regular monthly Work Session on August 19, 2020 at City Council Chambers and via teleconference.

### Pending Legislation

None

### New Legislation

**A Resolution** Establishing City Contributions for Health Care Benefit

**A Resolution** Authorizing The City Manager to Enter into A Contract With Humana Health Plan Of Ohio, Inc. To Provide Medical Insurance For Full-Time Employees

**A Resolution** Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract With Strand Associates, Inc. For Professional Services Related To Engineering Services For The Pfeiffer/Deerfield Road Intersection Modification Project

**A Resolution** Authorizing A Contract With Patented Acquisition Corporation D/B/A Think Patented For Design And Production Services

**A Resolution** Authorizing An Amendment To An Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City And The Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District

### RECENT COUNCIL ACTION - Approved Legislation

#### August 5, 2020

**ORDINANCE 12 2020** An Ordinance Creating Section 92.05 of The Code of Ordinances, entitled "Littering", and Amending Section 92.99 Entitled "Penalty" (**passed 6-yea, 1-absent**)

**ORDINANCE 13 2020** An Ordinance Accepting and Dedicating Schoolhouse Lane Extension and Declaring an Emergency (**passed 6-yea, 1-absent**)

**RESOLUTION 22 2020** 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 (**passed 6-yea, 1-absent**)

**RESOLUTION 23 2020** A Resolution Authorizing Internet Auction of Surplus Personal Property Through Govdeals.com (**passed 6-yea, 1-absent**)

**RESOLUTION 24 2020** A Resolution Establishing City Contributions to Employee Health Savings Account (**passed 6-yea, 1-absent**)

**RESOLUTION 25 2020** A Resolution 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 (**passed 6-yea, 1-absent**)

**RESOLUTION 26 2020** A Resolution Creating A Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area Within the Montgomery Quarter and Portions of Both the Old Montgomery/Heritage District and Montgomery Corridor (**passed 5-yea, 1-abstaine, 1-absent**)

These pieces of approved legislation can be reviewed on the City's website at [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org).



## 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!

## LEADERSHIP ACADEMY APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED

The Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy (MCLA) Class of 2021 is still accepting applications. The application deadline has been extended until November 6.

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. We call on some of our community partners 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.

The Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy (MCLA) is something different and 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. MCLA participants are 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.

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.

With over 340 graduates, one of your neighbors is probably an MCLA alumnus. Ask them about "The Best Community Experience You'll Ever Have."

If you are interested in applying for MCLA, visit [MontgomeryOhio.org](http://MontgomeryOhio.org) or call Faith Lynch, communications and engagement coordinator, at 513-792-8359, for more information. Don't delay this opportunity.



Participants are given the opportunity to explore downtown Montgomery from an historical perspective. Listen to former Mayor Gary Blomburg (left) as he recounts Montgomery's early historic preservation movement. Joining him on the 2020 tour included (left to right) Aurora Bennett, Jane Shea, Jacqueline Herman, Kimberly Reyes, Connie Banning, John DeVore, and Kumar Viswalingam (in back). Application deadline for MCLA Class of 2021 is Friday, Nov. 6.

## TRADE PERENNIALS AT THE FREE FALL PLANT SWAP



Coming soon - the City of Montgomery and the Beautification and Tree Commission's 22nd annual Fall Plant Swap:

- **Saturday, Sept. 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**
- Montgomery Farmers' Market in the Montgomery Elementary parking lot.
- FREE event provides an excellent opportunity for community members to share their divided perennials while selecting new garden varieties.

Please label perennials with the plant name and its sun or shade preference. Bring your own bags or containers for transporting "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.



## COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS APPROVED AT MONTGOMERY QUARTER

The Planning Commission recently approved plans for the commercial buildings in Phase 1 of the Montgomery Quarter, except for the proposed boutique hotel and a commercial building along Main Street. This approval also did not include approval of the proposed luxury, life-style apartments, which has been tabled by the Commission. Phase I of the project includes plans for a boutique hotel, office, retail and restaurant space, and luxury, life-style apartments. Site preparation is well underway. Gateway Partners Montgomery, LLC also announced that Fifth Third Private Bank has signed on to become the development's first office tenant.

Montgomery Quarter is comprised of approximately 21.5 acres on the east side of Montgomery Road at the terminus of Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway. The City has been working with a private development team, Gateway Partners Montgomery, LLC to create a new mixed-use neighborhood that complements the Heritage District and expands the City's tax base.

For more information on this project, contact Tracy Roblero, assistant city manager / acting community development director, at [troblero@montgomeryohio.org](mailto:troblero@montgomeryohio.org) or 513-792-8312.

## FREE PROGRAM OFFERS ONE-STOP DROP FOR RESPONSIBLE RECYCLING AND DOCUMENT SHREDDING

With renewed purpose in protecting the environment, the City of Montgomery Environmental Advisory Commission is encouraging residents to recycle more.

On **Saturday, Sept. 26, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.**, the Environmental Advisory Commission is sponsoring a **One-Stop Drop for Responsible Recycling and Document Shredding event** at the Public Works facility, 7315 Cornell Road. The free event will provide families an easy way to dispose of items that have been sitting around the house.

Donations will benefit

- Matthew 25 Ministries
- Goodwill Industries
- Habitat for Humanity
- Operation Giveback

\*\*This year the Commission will accept **alkaline batteries** as part of their collection.

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

For Document Shredding, to serve everybody efficiently there will be a maximum of 3 boxes (copy paper size or similar) per person in line, and you must be present.

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



## CITY COLLECTS LIMITED CURBSIDE BRUSH 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 September 14 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. 14

If trash day is **Tuesday**, the pick-up week will be the week of Sept. 21

If trash day is **Wednesday**, the pick-up week will be the week of Sept. 28

If trash day is **Thursday**, the pick-up week will be the week of Oct. 5

If trash day is **Friday**, the pick-up week will be the week of Oct. 12

### 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 the Public Works Department 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 2021 City Calendar.

## IMPROVING MONTGOMERY'S RESIDENTIAL-RECYCLE PROGRAM PERFORMANCE

Our Residential Recycle Program is the key venue for diverting materials from landfill. The Hamilton County incentive also represents an important income stream that supports our good environmental stewardship. The more we divert from landfills the more we are compensated from Hamilton County. In 2019, we diverted 38.7 percent, or 1,925 tons out of a total of 4,973 tons of waste generated. Our diversion rate is good, but there are five surrounding communities that are doing better, diverting between 44 percent and above 60 percent of their total waste. In this program, it's all about the percentage of waste diverted. So how can we improve?

### Yard Waste – Increase Diverted Tonnage

Analysis of our waste generation shows we can significantly improve our recycle of yard waste, a compostable material. Yard waste currently represents 19 percent of Montgomery's 38.7 percent total diverted. Surrounding communities diverting more than us have yard waste in the range of 28 percent to over 60 percent of their diverted material. The volume of yard waste can be high but it is especially easy to divert because it is picked up every trash day! Please ensure that yard waste

is not going into the landfill. If you don't already have one, consider getting a separate yard-waste container and then fill it by trash day to keep your home looking neat and tidy!

### Food Waste – Reduce Landfill Waste

Food waste represents around 20 percent of material going into landfills. Food can be removed from the landfill stream by improved food management, composting and, in some cases, disposal as yard waste. Hamilton County has extensive information and a virtual seminar on "Save the Food". More information can be obtained under "Preventing Food Waste" at [www.hamiltoncountyrecycles.org](http://www.hamiltoncountyrecycles.org). They also have an informative "Backyard Composting" seminar where corn husks and other food related items of this nature can be added to yard waste. Smart food management saves money. Attention to food waste increases our diversion rate in addition to creating nutritious compost for our gardens!

Thank you for all you do to conserve landfill space while protecting our environment!



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

## PLAN NOW TO ATTEND FALL TREE TOUR

City Arborist Terry Willenbrink will give his annual Fall Tree Tour this October.

- Friday, Oct. 30, at 10:00 a.m.
- Meet at Weller Park, gathering at the large picnic shelter.
- Free walk includes planting of Shingle Oak tree, donated by the Montgomery Beautification and Tre Commission.
- Bring your walking shoes and questions.
- Registration is not required.

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.

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 the local Board of Health orders.

## TAX REMINDERS

Third quarter estimated tax statements will be arriving in the mail with a due date of September 15, 2020. Remember, quarterly estimated tax payments are required by State law for anyone owing Montgomery tax of \$200.00 or higher.

As a reminder, Montgomery tax returns are due October 15, 2019 for those who filed for an extension. As always, free assistance is available for anyone who needs help completing the Montgomery tax return. Documents can be mailed, dropped off, or emailed through the secure portal on the Tax Office page found on [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org). Once the return has been prepared, you will be contacted so that we can arrange for copies to be sent and payment due, if any.

Please be sure to send copies of all W-2 forms, the front page of your Federal 1040 form, and - if applicable - Schedule 1, Schedule C, Schedule E. For questions, call the Montgomery tax office at 513-792-8333



## NEW SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER SELECTED

Officer Bob Otte, an 18-year veteran of the Montgomery Police Department has been selected as the next School Resource Officer (SRO) for Sycamore Junior High School. Bob has a wealth of knowledge, skills and experience that will be a true asset to the Sycamore Community Schools. Otte has been a narcotics investigator as part of the Drug Abuse Reduction Taskforce (DART), Hamilton County SWAT team asst. commander, and more recently, the coordinator of the Montgomery Safety Village program for young children. Over the years, Officer Otte has been assigned as a "Field Training Officer" and has taught and mentored many new officers. Otte has obtained his instructor skills certification and looks forward to teaching classes as part of his school responsibilities. Officer Otte will carry on the long partnership between Sycamore Community Schools and the Montgomery Police Department. Otte takes over for Officer James

Martin at the Junior High and will partner with longtime SRO Officer Paul Payne who is entering his 19th year at Sycamore High School.





## BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDERS

The new school year is here and with summer ending, and the start of school quickly approaching, the Montgomery Police Department is asking drivers to slow down and be on the alert for children walking to school. Back to school safety has been focused on the COVID-19 virus, but we should not forget traditional traffic safety issues. Here are some precautions and reminders:

- School bus laws require drivers to stop and wait for a stopped school bus loading or unloading from either direction and also wait until the bus moves again or the red flashing light is off, so as to protect school children boarding.
- Drivers are NOT required to stop for a school bus on any highway with four or more lanes (turn lanes included) when traveling in the opposite direction.
- Watch for children entering the street from behind buses or running to catch the bus.
- Slow down and especially be alert in the residential neighborhoods and school zones.
- Come to a full stop and check both ways at stop signs and red lights.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
- Drive slowly when approaching children walking or on bicycles.
- Watch your speed when entering school zones.
- Drivers must stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk. Pedestrians shall not suddenly leave a curb and walk into the path of a vehicle which is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.
- Put down your cell phones and don't text while driving.

## DISASTERS DON'T WAIT - PREPARING MAKES SENSE

### 1. Get a Kit of emergency supplies.

Be prepared to improvise and use what you have on hand to make it on your own for **at least three days**, maybe longer. While there are many things that might make you more comfortable, think first about fresh water, food and clean air

#### Recommended Supplies to Include in a Basic Kit:

- ✓ **Water** one gallon per person per day, for drinking and sanitation
- ✓ **Non-perishable Food** at least a three-day supply
- ✓ Battery-powered or hand crank **radio** and a **NOAA Weather Radio** with tone alert and **extra batteries** for both
- ✓ **Flashlight** and **extra batteries**
- ✓ **First Aid kit**
- ✓ **Whistle** to signal for help
- ✓ **Filter mask** or cotton t-shirt, to help filter the ai
- ✓ **Moist towelettes, garbage bags** and **plastic ties** for personal sanitation
- ✓ **Wrench** or **pliers** to turn off utilities
- ✓ **Manual can opener** if kit contains canned food
- ✓ **Plastic sheeting** and **duct tape** to shelter-in-place
- ✓ **Important Family Documents**
- ✓ **Items for unique family needs**, such as daily prescription medications, infant formula, or diapers

**Consider two kits.** In one, put everything you will need to stay where you are and make it on your own. The other should be a lightweight, smaller version you can take with you if you have to get away.

## 2. Make a Plan for what you will do in an emergency.

Plan in advance what you will do in an emergency. Be prepared to assess the situation. Use common sense and whatever you have on hand to take care of yourself and your loved ones.

- **Develop a Family Emergency Plan.** Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so plan how you will contact one another and review what you will do in different situations.
- **Consider a plan where each family member calls, or e-mails, the same friend or relative in the event of an emergency.** It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an **out-of-town contact** may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members. Be sure each person knows the phone number and has coins or a prepaid phone card to call the emergency contact. You may have trouble getting through, or the phone system may be down altogether, but be patient. Depending on your circumstances and the nature of the attack, the first important decision is whether you stay put or get away. You should understand and plan for both possibilities. Use common sense and the information you are learning here to determine if there is immediate danger.
- **Watch television and listen to the radio for official instructions as they become available.**
- **Create a Plan to Shelter-in-Place.** There are circumstances when staying put and creating a barrier between yourself and potentially contaminated air outside, a process known as sheltering-in-place and sealing the room can be a matter of survival. **If you see large amounts of debris in the air, or if local authorities say the air is badly contaminated, you may want to shelter-in-place and seal the room. Consider precutting plastic sheeting to seal windows, doors and air vents.** Each piece should be several inches larger than the space you want to cover so that you can duct tape it flat against the wall. Label each piece with the location of where it fits. Use all available information to assess the situation. Quickly bring your family and pets inside, lock doors, and close windows, air vents and replace dampers. Immediately turn off air conditioning, forced air heating systems, exhaust fans and clothes dryers. Take your emergency supplies and go into the room you have designated. Seal all windows, doors, and vents. Understand that sealing the room is a temporary measure to create a barrier between you and contaminated air. Watch TV, listen to the radio, or check the Internet for instructions from local emergency management officials
- **Create a Plan to Get Away.** Plan in advance how you will assemble your family and anticipate where you will go. **Choose several destinations in different directions** so you have options in an emergency. If you have a car, keep at least a half tank of gas in it at all times. Become familiar with alternate routes as well as other means of transportation out of your area. If you do not have a car, plan how you will leave if you have to.
- **Take your emergency supply kit,** unless you have reason to believe it is contaminated and lock the door behind you. Take pets with you if you are told to evacuate, however, if you are going to a public shelter, keep in mind they may not be allowed inside. If you believe the air may be contaminated, drive with your windows and vents closed and keep the air conditioning and heater turned off. Listen to the radio for instructions. Know Emergency Plans at school and work.
- **Talk to your children's schools and your employer about emergency plans.** Find out how they will communicate with families during an emergency. If you are an employer, be sure you have an emergency preparedness plan. Review and practice it with your employees. A community working together during an emergency also makes sense.
- **Talk to your neighbors about how you can work together.**

## 3. Be Informed about what might happen.

Some of the things you can do to prepare for the unexpected, such as assembling a supply kit and developing a family emergency plan, are the same for both a natural or manmade emergency. However, there are significant differences among potential terrorist threats, such as biological, chemical, explosive, nuclear, and radiological which will impact the decisions you make and the actions you take. By beginning a process of learning about these specific threats, you are **preparing yourself** to react in an emergency. Go to [ready.gov](http://ready.gov) to learn more about potential terrorist threats and other emergencies or call **1-800-BE-READY** (1-800-237-3239) for a free brochure. Be prepared to adapt this information to your personal circumstances and make every effort to follow instructions received from authorities on the scene. Also learn about your community's local emergency plan. With these simple preparations, you can be ready for the unexpected.

## 4. Get Involved in preparing your community.

After preparing yourself and your family for possible emergencies, take the next step and get involved in preparing your community. Learn more about **Citizen Corps**, which actively involves citizens in making our communities and our nation safer, stronger, and better prepared. We all have a role to play in keeping our hometowns secure from emergencies of all kinds. Citizen Corps works hard to help people prepare, train and volunteer in their communities. Go to [www.citizencorps.gov](http://www.citizencorps.gov) for more information and to get involved.

**For more information, visit [ready.gov](http://ready.gov) or call 1-800-BE-READY**

**MONTGOMERY'S  
TOP DOG!**



**Freja**  
Submitted by **Kylie Allen**

Freja saved her family by waking them during a fire in the house.

**WE ARE  
MOVING**

**to 2021**

**Car Show & Harvest Moon**

→ Although we are not able to host these in 2020, we look forward to these events in 2021!

# FITNESS

in the park

Experience exercise and complete peace of mind in the great outdoors!

**\$5 per class      Registration Required**

<p><b>Sat, Sept 12</b> Parent/Child Yoga (9:00-9:30 am) Cardio Kickboxing (10:00-10:45 am) Adult Yoga (11:00-11:45 am)</p>	<p><b>Pioneer Park Gazebo and Meadow</b></p>
<p><b>Sat, Oct 3</b> Parent/Child Yoga (9:00-9:30 am) Cardio Kickboxing (10:00-10:45 am) Adult Yoga (11:00-11:45 am)</p>	

<p><b>Chair Yoga</b> Thursdays 11:00-11:45 am Sept 10, Sept 24, Oct 8 <b>Weller Park Shelter</b></p>	<p><b>Tai Chi</b> Sat, Sept 19 (10:00-10:45 am) Fri, Oct 23 (11:00-11:45 am) <b>Montgomery Park Basketball Court</b></p>
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For more information and to register visit our website [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org)  
For questions please call City Hall at 513-891-2424



# MOVIE IN THE PARK

FRIDAY, OCT. 2 AT DUSK  
Montgomery Park

Featuring "Abominable" Rated PG



Movie in the park is FREE

Pre-Registration is required at [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org)

## 2020 SCHOOL'S OUT PAINTBALL TRIP

WHEN: Monday, Nov. 9, 2020 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

REGISTRATION OPENS: Sept. 1, 2020  
REGISTRATION CLOSES: Oct. 30, 2020

KIDS: Ages 10-14

COST: \$60 per child (includes paintball equipment,  
fun activities, pizza lunch & snack)

MEET AND RETURN: Swaim Park small shelter. We will  
meet at and return to the upper level parking lot on  
Cooper Road, 7650 Cooper Road. We will travel by  
bus to Paintball Country.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Due to updated health  
and safety protocols, this trip will be limited to 36  
students. Updated protocols are available on the City's  
website.

Register online at [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org)

Please contact Recreation Specialist Sarah Fink with  
any questions at 513-792-8317 or by email at  
[sfink@montgomeryohio.org](mailto:sfink@montgomeryohio.org)



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## Montgomery's Annual Holiday Card Contest *due October 1*

Artists of all ages are encouraged to share their artistic side with the community and beyond and submit an original work of art for the 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, public recognition, and a set 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.

To enter, complete the form at [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org). Deadline for submission is Thursday, Oct. 1.  
For more information, contact Julie Machon at [jmachon@montgomeryohio.org](mailto:jmachon@montgomeryohio.org) or at 513.792.8316.

The Holiday Card Contest is presented by the Montgomery Arts Commission.

This October, get ready for a ...

# HALLOWEEN COLORING CONTEST

Contest runs Oct. 1 - 26, 2020  
Age Groups: 6 & under, 7-12, 13 & up

Go spooky with markers, crayons, glitter, sequins or whatever an imaginative artist can think of!

Coloring sheets will be available at Montgomery City Hall or online at [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org) starting Oct. 1

Turn in your masterpiece to City Hall by Oct. 26 at 4:30 p.m.

Winners will receive a 'spook'takular, fun prize package.



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# Halloween, Haunted Trail

A drive through event

Saturday, Oct 17  
Weller Park  
Evening-Night

There will be a less scary time for the little ones  
& a scarier time for the not so little ones.

**more details to come....**

Sponsorship opportunities available. Contact Julie at [jmachon@montgomeryohio.org](mailto:jmachon@montgomeryohio.org) or 792.8316  
[www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org)

# Montgomery Park Explorer

# Montgomery Tree Explorer

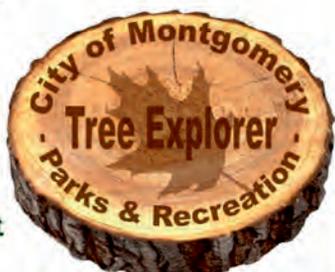
Enjoy the Montgomery Park Explorer and the Montgomery Tree Explorer programs together as a family. These free programs include workbooks for ages 2 to 5 and ages 6 and up. The workbooks provide participants with a variety of activities that will engage them in learning about local Montgomery parks and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

**Pick up workbooks at City Hall or download at [montgomeryohio.org](http://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**

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

# K9 KERPLUNK

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](http://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!

An advertisement for an outdoor concert. At the top, it says "MONTGOMERY CITY OF MONTGOMERY OUTDOOR CONCERT live music in the park" with musical notes. Below is a photo of four men. At the bottom, it says "THE MISTICS" followed by "Saturday, Sept. 26 7 - 9 p.m. Weller Park www.montgomeryohio.org".

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CONCERT  
live music in the park

THE MISTICS

Saturday, Sept. 26  
7 - 9 p.m. Weller Park  
[www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org)

An advertisement for a virtual series. It features a marquee sign that says "THE MONTGOMERY ARTS COMMISSION PRESENTS BROADWAY". Below the sign, it says "THE LIVE AT THE UNI SERIES WILL BE VIRTUAL" and "Although we are not able to host Live at the Uni concerts in person at the Universalist Church, the Montgomery Arts Commission is planning something really great that you don't want to miss!". It also says "COMING THIS FALL" and "A big THANK YOU to our Presenting Sponsor and great community partner: Twin Lakes A LIFE ENRICHING COMMUNITY The Choice in Wellness Lifestyle". At the bottom, it says "www.montgomeryohio.org".

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## PICKLEBALL OFFERED AT DULLE PARK, GAINING IN POPULARITY

There's a famous line from the movie "Field of Dreams" everyone knows... "If you build it, they will come." In this case, substitute pickleball courts for a baseball field, and the result is the same!

Back in 2017, resident Mary Jo Byrnes took up the game after 30 years of playing tennis. There were no pickleball courts in Montgomery at the time, but there were and still are plenty of tennis courts. Pickleball lines were added at the Swaim and Dulle Parks courts, but still using tennis nets. It took some convincing, but Byrnes found allies at City Hall to fund the pickleball court updates. Later, Byrnes enlisted the support of fellow players and long-time Montgomery residents Pam and Dan Larsen.

The four beautiful pickleball courts are the result of three years of preparation, location scouting, and meetings with the Parks and Recreation Commission, contractors, and volunteers. Montgomery has always had a reputation for top-notch parks, and now, with the addition of these four courts, that standing has only been enhanced. The Dulle Park courts have already garnered the reputation of being second to none and attracting many of the best players in the area. After playing, people are stopping at some of our restaurants for lunch or visiting some of our shops. Another bonus!

Rusty Schubert of Schubert Tennis, a former long-time Cincinnati tennis pro and member of the Cincinnati Tennis Hall of Fame, began work on re-surfacing the tennis courts for pickleball in mid-April. Since mid-June, when the courts were ready for play, the turnout has been nothing less than amazing. At first, there were six or eight players ever morning. Then slowly, the word spread, and now there is an average of 20 - 25 players daily. We are seeing new players all the time, and the comments have been 100 percent positive.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country, with an estimated 3.3 million players. A common misconception is that it is a seniors' game, and while that was once true, now the largest group of players are those ages 28 to 35.

In the 55 years since the game got started, it has become part of many school athletic programs. Former tennis players have hung up their racquets in favor of these oversized ping-pong paddles and balls that resemble whiffle balls. There is even talk that it will be added to the Olympics in 2028!

Why is it so popular? Equipment is relatively inexpensive, and the convenient, casual approach of open play where players can drop in and play without having to arrange a game makes it all the more appealing. In the case of Dulle Park, open play begins at 8:00 a.m. daily. Pickleball is a great way to get a low impact and interval exercise. A considerable amount of strategy is involved, so it is also a great mental workout. As for families, it is an ideal game, and kids, as well as teens, are finding out how much fun it is

Find out for yourself what makes this game so popular. See the latest addition to our Montgomery parks.

For additional information, visit the Montgomery Pickleball Facebook page or contact Mary Jo Byrnes at 513-702-2979.





## 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](http://montgomeryohio.org) for class descriptions, important information and registration.

Please contact Sarah Fink, recreation specialist, by emailing [sfink@montgomeryohio.org](mailto: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!)

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.

## A WALK IN THE PARK

This September, we encourage you to get outside and explore one of your Montgomery parks. Montgomery's park system consists of 96 acres of protected green space, which include six parks and a nature preserve. All parks and playgrounds are connected by over 10 miles of bike paths and sidewalks, which allows easy access for all residents to take a walk in the park. Whether it's a walk by yourself or with your family, Montgomery parks offer natural beauty and recreation activities for everyone. For more information on Montgomery parks, sidewalks, and walking paths, please visit [MontgomeryOhio.org](http://MontgomeryOhio.org)

To protect yourself and others, please maintain a safe distance of 6 feet from others while enjoying Montgomery parks.

*Data pulled from the National Recreation and Parks Association, Safe routes to parks: Improving access to parks through walkability.*

Walking individually or with family in nature can significantly lower depression, stress, and enhance mental well-being.

Remember to start slow. Just **10 minutes** at a time is a great way to get started.

Walking **30 minutes** a day can help you to stay healthy and reduce your risk of many conditions.

Walkers are approximately **3 times** more likely to meet physical activity recommendations than non-walkers.



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## SEPTEMBER 2020 EVENTS

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
			Council Business Session, TBD 7:00 p.m.			
6	<b>Labor Day</b> 7 City offices closed; trash pick up as usual Sycamore Community Schools closed K-9 Kerplunk Montgomery Community Pool, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Registration required. Pool closes for the season at 7:30 p.m.	8	9	10	11	12
		Environmental Advisory Commission TBD, 5:00 p.m.	Landmarks Commission, TBD, 7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission TBD, 6:30 p.m.		
13	14 Beautification and Tree Commission, TBD, 9:00 a.m. Planning Commission TBD, 7:30 p.m. Fall Brush Collection with Monday trash pickup begins	15	16	17	18	19
		3rd Qtr. 2020 City Taxes Due Sister Cities Commission TBD, 6:30 p.m.				
20	21 Fall Brush Collection for Tuesday trash pick up Arts Commission Location TBD, 5:00 p.m.	22	23	24	25	26
		Diversity and Inclusion Committee Terwilliger Lodge, 4:00 p.m.	Council Work Session TBD 7:00 p.m.			Car Show, <b>CANCELED</b> Fall Plant Swap at Montgomery Farmer's Market Montgomery Elementary parking lot 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. One Stop Drop Recycling Event 7315 Cornell Road 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Outdoor Concert Weller Park, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
27	28 Fall Brush Collection for Wednesday trash pick up Planning Commission TBD, 7:30 p.m.	29	30			
		Board of Zoning Appeals TBD, 7:00 p.m.	2021 Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy Application Deadline Extended to Nov 6.			

