



APPENDIX 2.1

**VERBATIM RESULTS FOR
QUESTION:**

“What do you think will be the single most important issue facing the City of Montgomery during the next five years?”

Q2: What do you think will be the single most important issue facing the City of Montgomery during the next five years?

Making sure that funding is not taken away from Sycamore schools. I've heard rumors as much as 12 million could be lost. If that is the case, we may consider moving to a stronger district.
Handling increased traffic & congestion caused by increases in commercial development.
I do not know
Need to expand the tax base to pay for schools, improvements etc.
The Gateway Project.
I think the tax rate vs services is too high.
Keeping affordable housing available for middle and upper-middle class families.
growth - need to grow to stay viable and not a lot of area to grow, only tearing down the old and replacing with new homes. That impacts roads, schools, traffic, etc. Need to stay on par with Blue Ash.
Stopping the building of unaffordable housing in this area. These homes starting at over 700,000 dollars are not what this area is about. It's about a mix of housing styles and prices.
high cost of maintainance
PROPER USE OF LAND OLD CAR DEALERSHIP
Management of infill so that housing has esthetic continuity
cost of living
Leaf collection by the City.
Dealing with blighted areas where businesses (eg.,auto dealerships) have been abandoned for lengthy periods of time.
Working with Blue Ash to maintain good schools. Also, keeping developers in check from overbuilding , especially in the multi family product. Too many apartments hurt school districts and tend to decline over time. I think Blue Ash is facing this problem in the future as they have approved numerous projects in their community.
Poor land management by the city
Development of property at Montgomery & Cross County
Traffic on Montgomery RD. is bad and something needs to be done
excessive tear downs of 1950 and 1960 houses. reduces entry/lower priced housing.
TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE FUNDING THE CITY'S COST STRUCTURE
Maintaining an influx of new, young, upwardly mobile families.
Lack of youth
Teardowns
Development of the land south of Montgomery Square. The city should try and lure a large company like Ohio National.
Maintaining services and proper planning for development along with a strong fiscal policy.
Affordable housing. Some of the older homes are being demolished and replaced by McMansions which is not good!
Traffic on the main roads
Keeping a top rated school system
Development of business district such that more people are drawn there as a destination (i.e more restaurants, recreation center)
Loss of a lot of businesses during the economic turndown, which need to be replaced.

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Maintaining Montgomery's unique charm in the face of new constructions creating "cookie cutter" homes. We were instantly drawn to the "charm" of Montgomery, but as homes continue to be torn down and new constructions arise that lack individuality, a small piece of that charm diminishes. Also continuing to create a sense of community - this is already being done, but continuing to do this is important to us. We are pleased to see new businesses coming to Montgomery, ESPECIALLY a coffee shop, finally! We would love to see a focus on bringing small businesses, including boutiques and family-owned restaurants, to Montgomery.

Traffic! Although just a symptom of a greater issue. / / Traffic issues cause motorists to search for alternative routs through residential areas and/or parking lots. Once motorist navigate through the numerous bottlenecks they speed away in frustration endangering pedestrians and other motorist. I have clients and friends that refuse to come to Montgomery because of the bottle necks and lack of convenient parking. Seems like a disaster waiting to happen for emergency vehicles. / Major problem areas include: / - Cornell Rd & Montgomery Rd (Extra left turn lane needed.) / - Cornell & Valley Stream Dr./Cornell & Sycamore High (Synchronized light needed) Dangerous intersections! Motorist drive way too fast. / - Kemper & Weller Rd (Light or round about needed) / - Zigzag & Cooper (Light needed. Dangerous intersection) / - Downtown North bound Montgomery Rd & 126. Traffic is merged into one lane for a left turn lane for Hartfield Pl that feeds a dozen homes (Block Hartfield entrance to Mongomery Rd. and Reopen Closed portion) / - Pfeiffer Rd Entire road until you get to Blue Ash. Add lights or round about at Deerfield & Southwind. / - Montgomery Elementary (Close Montgomery entrance & exit) New Entrance/Exit Campus Lane) / - Downtown Montgomery (Main St. changed to Northbound oneway. Montgomery road changed to South bound oneway. Creates addition space for angled metered parking on both streets. / - Northbound Montgomery Rd. from Schoolhouse to Pfeiffer (widen to 2 lanes) / - Southbound Mongomery Rd from Pfeiffer to downtown. (widen to 2 lanes) / - Police. Complete disregaurd for traffic flow. / / "Crazy Idea" Connect Remington with 126 /

Keeping high level of education in sycamore school district, keeping up with technology

Maintaining the desirability of the School District which in turn keeps property values high and satisfied citizens. If the school loses its value, so goes the neighborhood. This could be difficult with new development elsewhere in Greater Cincinnati, with newer homes. Our city once had the great school and new construction homes, but we are already developed out and the existing real estate will get older and less desirable. Without the school draw, we just become another aging community. The lower the property values, the lower the taxes, the less revenue to run the city.....

The rise in property price and the low amount of available land so the cost perspective is drastically increasing causing those to find homes in surrounding less pricier areas.

House price stagnation, when there are no more regular homes to tear down and build McMansions.

Keeping within budget

Development of entertainment/restaurant facilities

Community development and safety of our neighborhoods. Several neighborhoods are outdated in terms of city-provided amenities – e.g., no sidewalks, street lights, roads that are paved above the level of the yards, above ground power lines. With more and more new houses being built and neighborhoods turning over, we would like to see improvement in these areas to help with the overall appeal and safety of Montgomery.

Adapting to changing demographics. Diversity of ethnic groups is changing significantly and the city must adapt to leverage such change

Creating a balance between businesses and residence int the downtown retail area (old car lots)

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residential housing changes. We have many mature homes (say 40 years & older) but are also seeing many new homes (via teardowns). I'm not sure if this is problematic but there is a kind of dichotomy in it. There is a good aspect to it but very new right next to very old is an inconsistency and not all old properties will be suitable to become tear-downs
Destroying older homes and rebuilding.
Managing the old Schott dealership area.
Development of the old Chevy and Ford dealership location.
Keeping up with the changing diversity of Montgomery. All white police force with little understanding of people that are not white is an example.
Congested traffic.
tearing down older homes
Maintaining Fiscal Responsibility
Redevelopment within the city center
Managing growth while maintaining a "small town" feel.
Building financial reserves to maintain quality of life and safety in our community.
Teardowns
affordable housing for a diverse population (wider economic range)--if excellent schools and community amenities are driving the housing prices the city has to continue to make sure both amenities and housing are available / / the business district in Montgomery really needs up-dating (is there absolutely no interest in a card/stationary store, a bookstore, hand crafts, boutiques? I see more of these type of stores in Madeira, Hyde Park, Mariemont and am surprised Montgomery has very little.
Lack of space in which to grow.
making sure schools are top-notch
Development. Need to maintain balance between residential and not too much commercial. The destruction of ranches in favor of huge houses. This will remove the opportunity for older folks who would like to downsize to one level and first time homeowners.
/ Don't raise taxes or fees. We don't need the income. / Successful development of the south entrance.
Keeping Montgomery in the top-tier of cities in the area to both residents and businesses. Quality schools were key to my wife and I selecting Montgomery along with the parks/pool/community events. Taxes are seem to be competitive with other localities with Mason just raising their income tax on non-resident workers.
Having enough money to operate the city budget without increasing city taxes . good luck
inconsistent sidewalks and not enough street lights
Completion of the properties from the old Auto Dealerships on Montgomery Road
Shrinkage in incoming revenues necessary to support existing services.
demographic changes in population and affordable housing
Developing southern zone with enhancing businesses
balance and quality of business and teardown/rebuilds
Improving services and physical infrastructure (roads, downtown) while balancing the budget.
Maintaining the quality life for the residents. By this I mean controlling traffic, maintaining the look and feel of the neighborhoods, preventing overbuilding, keeping taxes affordable, providing city services, and dealing with an aging population whose needs are different from family with young children residents.

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Residential housing space, finding alternative solutions for families looking to downsize to find affordable housing in Montgomery. Builders working within Montgomery to buy up all smaller homes for tear down projects involving much larger houses are quickly eliminating available options left in our neighborhood, and forcing many long time residents to look at housing options outside of Montgomery.
Planning of the use of land Downtown Montgomery.
Public safety
Lower tax revenue due in part to the aging of the citizens of Montgomery
Affordability of housing, which in turn, draws young families. / / It appears that a lot of older houses are being torn down and replaced with much more expensive ones. I just moved to Montgomery with my young family [REDACTED]. To get into the city, we stretched ourselves and bought an older home and are putting everything we have into updating it. Many of our surrounding neighbors have recently done the same thing. We have made a great connection with our neighbors and we love that our kids will have other kids in their neighborhood to play with. However, the trend towards bigger, more expensive housing is going to destroy that family friendly feel.
/ Keeping the balance of private homes and commercial business the same as today. / Montgomery needs to be known as a great residential community. / /
Viable businesses
The only problem I have is the growing deer population. It's not unusual to see a herd of 8 in my backyard. I don't feel safe in my own yard. /
Frugally managing tax dollars wisely by NOT letting an overwhelming amount of whimsy 'pet' projects steal our government's time and resources. But rather concentrate on core services, i.e. building a war chest for our beautiful community's future (a common sense Biblical principle), police and fire protection, pave roads, install sidewalks, street snow removal, rubbish removal, all the core services that make Montgomery a pleasure to live in. / I grew up in Northside. I personally know the contrast between citizens who are afraid and have no pride in their community and those who are unafraid, openly walking our sidewalks and have pride in their community. Montgomery residents breathe free and have pride in their community. That's where I choose to live.
Traffic
The most important issue will be the development of the old car dealership sits as a gateway to the City.
expanded development of current residential land ... building more than one house where there was once only one house ... or allowing commercial development where there was once residential... to allow concrete and blacktop to cover what was once greenspace...run off... pollution ...
Keeping the character of the downtown in property developments and building upgrades. Most all buildings should comply with the "old fashion " look.
The development of the Gateway Redevelopment Area.
maintaining an adequate tax base
traffic on Montgomery Road
Keeping the city financially stable.
We have no specific issues come to mind
leaf pickup / bringing in and keeping other business /
traffic

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Traffic. Montgomery Road needs to be a four lane, no parking from Cross County highway to when it becomes four lanes.
What to develop in the old car dealerships by the Cross County HWY. Yard waste pick up
Gateway development. This is a major opportunity to enhance and expand the downtown district. It is really important that it be done in a way that preserves the character of the historic downtown and adds the right kind of businesses.
Keeping the city nice, keeping the overall quality feel of the city in spite of traffic, business growth, etc.
aging population
/ Maintaining, strengthen and enforcing ordinances which preserve the quality of living in Montgomery.
Business retention and expansion to provide the necessary income needed so that the City can continue providing the high level of City services.
Getting a better business tax base to lighten the load on the residence.
Development of old properties, residential and commercial
Keeping the safe, small-town atmosphere that we have now
Highway noise
I'm sure the economy will have a huge impact on Montgomery and how much money will be available for services. In order to keep our community thriving we need to provide good services to keep our houses selling and good schools to draw new families into our community.
Keeping progress going as well in the next five as it has been for the past 50 that I have lived here. We have always had great city administration that seems to really care, from City Manager to every person in the service department.
rising costs vs limited ability to raise funds
Caring for the needs of the citizens. We don't need more homes and businesses until you upgrade your services.
Unsure. / The one thing that stands out in my neighborhood is that a bunch of trees were cut down at Pfeiffer Park along Pfeiffer Rd at Montgomery Rd. I would like to see replacement trees planted. I understand that the forestry in the area is aging and that preventative maintenance is necessary, but one thing that stands out about this community is the mature tree population. I would like to see that maintained.
Making the city more livable by making it less reliant on cars.
Funding for city projects
Remaining fiscally responsible while continuing to provide excellent services to the residents of Montgomery.
Maintain a balanced budget
deal with the traffic issues on Montgomery road/ @ rush hours and if a problem on I-71...give some consideration to the removal of the "lovely" green space, or somehow figure IF there can be 2 lanes going north on montgomery road/in the stretch from Schoolhouse to the 2 lanes as soon as you are past the light @ Pfeiffer...we are an early resident in Montgomery Woods Subdivision, and Bethesda North Hospital was 3 years old, and this medical complex was non-existent!!!! I have been in real estate since 1983, and this is a major comment all the time.
Traffic in Montgomery rd. mainly going north between downtown Montgomery and I-275
over crowding - lack of sufficient green spaces - inefficient use of natural resources.

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Continue to be one of the prime suburban residential communities.. and resist the temptations to move to higher density residential and business properties. The Sycamore Schools are the #1 asset of Montgomery.
The replacement of affordable, single-family homes with multiple family dwellings and high-end mansions. This trend is squeezing out the middle-income families that have traditionally lived here, along with their stable lifestyles and family-centered values.
Maintaining its historic features & lovely downtown, & not allowing the run-down areas nearby with planned development overtake the charm of downtown. Moreover, the planned development downtown needs to enhance the city's appeal, rather than becoming a swarm of buildings & unnecessary business, similar to downtown Blue Ash.
Continuing to drive the value of living in Montgomery - for example, perks of being a city resident. In the past, my family lived in Blue Ash and I do feel like there were more perks to living in Blue Ash than living in Montgomery. Blue Ash has a whole slate of regular activities on the books (weekly concerts in the summer, etc), a great rec center (year-round activities and lower cost than just the Montgomery Pool), vacuumed leaf pick up and better street maintenance in the winter.
Traffic flow. The Montgomery Rd and Pfeiffer Rd corridors are splitting the city. There is little if any speed enforcement on Montgomery Rd. NO ONE travels at 25, not cars, not city vehicles, including school buses. Non residents know this and disregard speed limits. Police spend more time on residential streets than on Montgomery Rd giving tickets to residents (I have not received one). The speed limit on Pfeiffer is 35, why is Montgomery Rd. 25? Getting through Old Montgomery is a joke and deters business visits.
Overcrowding
Balancing between residential and commercial.
Being able to draw more people into the area by providing a space that a diverse group of people would be interested in. Not just big houses on tear down lots but a diverse range of housing and a diverse range of retail shops and restaurants.
The single most important issue will be encouraging businesses to move into Montgomery and stay in Montgomery.
unsure
Tax base. Since we are primarily a residential community, we do not have a large industrial/business contribution.
continued fiscal responsibility
Reductions in state funding.
Rising cost of housing, which makes Montgomery out-of-reach for various groups: retirees, divorced parents, etc.
Maintain operation without exceeding revenue.
nothing
Environmental issues. / I hear a lot of complaints on the neighbor web service that people are suffering from noises and dusts from the construction. A lot of houses are getting rebuilt. / / / /
AN influx of many new children due to the tear-downs and new, larger homes being built. Can the schools keep up with this?
Southern gateway development
Attracting and keeping businesses.
Leaf collection

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We live on [REDACTED] and some of the home owners on Delray and Castleford refuse to take care of their yards. As an example there is a completely dead ash tree on the home on the corner of Delray and Castleford that is a real safety hazard as it is right next to the street. A woman was recently killed in Cincinnati when a similar tree fell on her car killing her. I believe the city does not enforce these issues . In our neighborhood several folks no longer take care of their lawns and the neighborhood is simply rundown looking as current ordinances are not enforced. /
Can't think of any important issues. Everything is going well at this time.
Too much congestion on Montgomery Road, too high of property taxes,
Too much traffic on Montgomery Rd, due to new businesses in the Harper's Point area (new hospital, etc.).
Proper development of the car dealership property.
Traffic control
Operating within the budget.
Traffic on Montgomery Road
Montgomery continues to have a lot of tear-downs. Overall this is great for property values. The increase in population that occurs as a result of this has already begun to have an impact through school redistricting. It is inevitable that we will see additional impact on our city's infrastructure.
maintaining a neighborhood "feel"
Maintaining a balance in housing prices, i.e. keeping options for middle and lower middle wage earners. most of the the current housing projects are geared to the higher income brackets, so need to balance with housing that is affordable to those in lower brackets.
We are concerned that there maybe more car dealers and empty business buildings from Mitchell Farm to downtown Montgomery
Parking Spaces for people that want to visit restaurants and other places.
Keeping or addiing relavent options for everyday shopping and dining to allow the City to offer the highest quality of life possible within the City limits.
Rising property taxes
The pace of Montgomery re-building itself has accelerated in the past 2 years as the economy has largely recovered. Soon entire neighborhoods will have replaced 1950s/1960s ranches with new construction. The single most important issue facing Montgomery during the next 5 years is to lower property taxes given significantly increased properties values due to all new construction.
Completing the renovations in Old Montgomery...getting rid of the old auto dealership buildings and creating new, architecturally consistent businesses, apartments, grocery store, dining options, etc.
The economic standing of our community. Strong schools, diverse businesses, and affordable housing.
Replacing brick sidewalks with concrete so they are friendly to the mobility impaired.
Maintaining home values since homes are becoming dated and a lot of "re-builds" are taking place.
Redevelopment of Triangle Gateway
The development at Montgomery Road and Ronald Reagan exit. This is an important oppportunity to enhance downtown Montgomery, add to its attractive character, and give its residents even greater amenities.

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Housing. Much of the middle-class housing is being replaced with \$700K+ houses. If the economy does not recover, or if the inevitable stock market correction is especially severe, there could be quite a few unoccupied houses if homeowners aren't able to keep them. This isn't just sour grapes or grumbling about it. We don't begrudge success. We're just concerned about the concentration of potentially high-risk housing assets. One of us saw what this looked like in Virginia in 2007 right before the financial crisis, and it was ugly.
Getting the gateway property (old Ford/Chevy site) right. Please put in a modest family sit down restaurant.
Leaf Vacuuming
Developing a positive longterm plan for downtown Montgomery.
creating desirable business in the downtown area.(ie maderia)
The traffic issues created by the redevelopment of the land that previously housed the two car dealerships.
Building and supporting the policies that promote growth, advancement of our city and quality of life for our residents.
Road maintenance
The continued development of downtown and the gateway property.
Development of the old auto site property on the south end of Montgomery Rd.
If Sycamore needs another levy, I think it is imperative that it is passed. Without a quality school system, you can't attract or keep young families. When we moved here, we only looked for schools within the Sycamore School District.
Developing the city owned properties (car dealers, etc).
More and more tear downs and construction.
Crime
The new construction on the former sites of Williams Ford and Marge Schott car dealerships.
traffic. High cost of extra activities at public schools.
Maintain all City services while dealing with financial challenges.
Attracting and keeping quality businesses and entertainment/restaurants.
job related tax revenue
Need to provide services with limited budgets.
It takes way too long to get anything done here. The two, giant dealership lots that have been useless for years continue to sit, undeveloped, while places like Oakley, West Chester (ugh), and Mason continue to build retail and office space overnight. It seems like we plan, plan, plan, but never "do". I love Montgomery, but the process of getting anything accomplished here seems painfully slow. We need more restaurants here.... desperately. And not just high-end restaurants like Stone Creek or Carlo and Johnny. We really need restaurants like Bakersfield OTR or even a Chipotle. We go to Blue Ash and Kenwood weekly because there are quick, quality food options that we can grab and go. EX) Fusion Sushi, Panera, Skyline, etc. /
Keeping affordable housing available, instead of every older property being demolished and sold to commercial developers
Retaining large employers such as Bethesda North Hospital, Ohio National, Sycamore Schools while continuously enhancing the attractiveness of businesses wanting to relocate into Montgomery. The redevelopment of the car dealerships in our southern sector will be a crucial component to this goal.
Home value prices as compared to faster growing suburbs with newer development, e.g. Mason

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Attracting new businesses, both interesting retail and good employers
Remain conservative; add leaf vacuuming; purchase less city properties
/ / Maintaining financial stability in order to maintain the same high level of services.
with new construction at south end of village ---- / traffic through the village (especially at rush hour) ----
Completion of Chevy and Williams Ford project, how will it effect our quality of life...traffic flow
personal property taxes rising to prohibitive rates for those of us who are retired
Property values.
Continuing to have the same level of services while having to deal with budget cuts from the state.
Keeping up with the services we currently have. At the current costs. /
Making sure the water/sewer systems are improved to keep up with the newer & larger homes that are being built in the near downtown area of Montgomery.
Maintaining residential property values
Development of the new space (old car dealerships)
traffic flow along Montgomery Rd.
maintaining the quality of life of the community, i.e. keeping a good balance of residential, business, recreational areas
1. Development of properties at south end of Montgomery road. Hopefully will not worsen traffic. / /
traffic congestion & available land for development
Construction near Ronald Reagan and taxes
Aging population and the retirement communities need to continue to attract young families with kids.
heavy montgomery road traffic
Development of defunct car dealerships along Montgomery Road
Eliminating the deer
MAINTAINING THE COMMUNITY AS A "PLACE TO BE" AS OHIO DEALS WITH ISSUES LIKE: SENIOR POPULATION GROWTH,SCHOOL FUNDING, POLICE AND FIRE DEPT. NEEDS, LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT ETC ,
how to deal with commercial development and vacancies
Yard waste pick up.
have a rec center like Blue Ash; / provide free leave mulch to residents like the city of Wyoming.
Development (chevy dealership area) while considering traffic/safety
Development and traffic along Montgomery Road is a primary concern. Specifically architecture that complements the downtown Montgomery feel is important, maintaining lower density to keep the small village appearance, and reducing traffic congestion particularly in the downtown area. All future development MUST take into account traffic congestion issues.
PLanning appropriate use of the empty business spaces
Allowing current properties that do not fit within the current setback rules to be reconstructed with modern homes if so desired by the owners. The redevelopment of the city is allowing for an increase in young families and tax dollars. A plus for any community.
Business growth
the development of the new project in Old Montgomery.

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Developing the auto properties into attractive pieces of Montgomery and businesses that will make Montgomery an attractive community that adults and children will love. Increasing services to citizens and more citywide functions. Increase green options. More parks or increases the park options for rent.
The nation is not recovering as usual from this recession, and most economists consider this a depression. The threat of deflation is real, and the very real possibility that the US dollar will no longer be the world's reserve currency bids for some very difficult financial times for this country. Personal income could be reduced significantly, as will tax revenue, including taxes paid to municipalities. The City needs to prepare for unsettling times never before seen in this country.
reducing city spending thus reducing taxes
Are we a "tear down" community or are we Montgomery? / Houses being built are too large for the lots they are on...neighborhoods are not the same....large new houses verses smaller homes that were here originally. I see neighborhood divided and not as friendly. /
Accelerating tearing down of older & smaller homes to make way for larger, more expensive homes.
Penguin infestation
crime prevention
traffice and deer population
The redevelopment of the Ford Chevy site.
What to do with property on Montgomery Rd at South entrance to town
We would like to see the Gateway Project completed and occupied with a variety of businesses and green space. /
water run off issues/ flooding in homes/
Keeping the city economically viable. We always need funds for operation of the city, police service, road repairs, community parks and services, etc.
Lack of tax base generating money to allow the city to offer the same services and amenities offered by neighboring communities
More pedestrian and bicycle crossings/lanes. All too often drivers do not respect when sharing the road. Please enforce crossings and add more bike lanes.
Traffic
These huge houses are making the people in the small houses next door look like their servants.
Traffic Flow and Business expansion from I-275 South on Montgomery Road
what to do with the existing old car dealership space that is now open, ie what should go in that space
1. Aging infrastructure (pavement, water, sewer, electrical, cable, etc) / / /
Limited affordable homes for starting families and/or empty nesters / Economic development of the village / Needing to build a new outdoor pool - perhaps expanding into a year round facility!! / Increased need to widen Montgomery Road North of Schoolhouse through to Pfeiffer / Increased need to widen Pfeiffer from Montgomery Road to I71 / Improvements to Sycamore HS
Need to grow the business tax base in the city to help overcome the increasing age of residence that are retiring and not paying taxes.
Keeping Downtown Montgomery a vibrant, active shopping/dining/entertainment center
Taxes
Sustaining a business community to contribute to the tax base
car dealerships

Q2: What do you think will be the single most important issue facing the City of Montgomery during the next five years?

Preventing the cheapening of the city by cheap, poorly planned and supervised development.
Assuming that City leadership continues to do an excellent job of budget and funding management, I am worried about traffic. Even today it continues to worsen at peak hours. I expect as population grows not just in Montgomery but surrounding areas (people that travel through our city), it will become a significant issue and begin to detract from the things we love about the city as well as for businesses that see it as a detractor for locating here.
Maintain property values
gateway development at Cross County and Montgomery Rd /
Encouraging living more sustainably
Traffic--Montgomery Road in front of Montgomery City Hall down to the Firehouse is deplorable.
Keeping up positive trend of commercial areas on Montgomery rd, both downtown and north. Keeping it trendy, and pursuing some kind of uniform look and feel to keep it unique.
The City of Montgomery should stop issuing permits for the "tear downs" of existing homes. I realize that it is a HUGE money maker for the city - these folks are paying property taxes of \$1000 per month on their \$650k+ homes once finished - but it makes us look silly. First, it is environmentally irresponsible to tear down a perfectly good home and build one of those monsters. Second, it does away with the most affordable homes that Montgomery has to offer. Only people who make \$300k+ will soon be able to live in our city. Finally, we are encouraging a level of indebtedness amongst our citizenry that is shameful. These are not financially stable individuals who can contribute to society. They are overworked people living on the financial edge. Just because the bank will loan them the money does not mean that we should encourage this type of behavior. / / The "tear downs" are a definite low point of living in Montgomery. It makes us the laughingstock of the area.
Development of area adjacent to Ronald Regan highway, development along Montgomery Road.
The changing feel of the city as more and more teardown-rebuild houses go up. This affects both the look (and many of the mature trees) and the house prices (which may deter families from coming to Montgomery).
rising property Taxes
Since homes are more expensive in Montgomery than similar homes most everywhere else, reducing property taxes and providing services for free that are paid for by property owners (as with Rumpke already) elsewhere should not only be provided but also announced.
It will be difficult to keep a balance of housing types (rental, low income, middle income, high income, housing for seniors). With all the tear downs, the city is fast losing its more affordable housing, and it already has limited housing for seniors even though the population is aging.
Developing the downtown area. Particularly demolishing the empty car dealerships and filling the space with one of a kind, restaurants and shops to serve the community far and wide.
Getting the deer population under control.
fiscal responsibility, no debt while still providing same quality services.
Keep expenses under control in order not to raise local taxes.
Development along Montgomery Road specifically Williams Ford Site
a viable business district that has the essentials.
Overcrowding of resources (utilities, roads, personnel) due to new home construction and possible condo construction
Housing and general needs change caused by aging of the current population and influx of a younger demographic.

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Traffic as the city expands its residential and retail areas. /
Raping of neighborhoods by tear-downs. We will turn into "South Mason"
ageing population, traffic flow, tax incomes to fund services, need for psychiatric /rehab facility in area.
Traffic volume
Allowing chickens to be raised in backyards.
Encouraging growth (both residential and business) while maintaining the high quality of life. For example, with all the new construction, be mindful of builders keeping the sites clean, not hurting neighboring properties, not doing so much construction at one time that traffic is impeded). For business growth, while it is nice to have goo businesses in the re-done car lots, I would also want to see community space and green space.
Maintaining current services without raising fees
Business development. Several other areas, like West Chester, have many new retail businesses and restaurants. Their townships look new, clean, and vibrant. We need to update a bit.
Need for more schools to reduce the size of schools / Improved schools / Stronger competition for "residents" as surrounding areas increase their appeal
Ensuring continued progress of development and upgrade of housing and business
High taxes.
maintaining building zoning so we don't get another horrid design for a bank acrossed from Kroger that is out of character with the community
Montgomery Rd. traffic, and the gateway development.
Development of acquired properties on North and South parts of the village.
Keeping income and property taxes low
Achieving a balance between residential and business interests. It is important to have businesses, which pay taxes and also to keep the city an attractive place to live. Too many businesses mean too much traffic and parking problems but businesses also offset the amount of taxes WHICH AN ALL-RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY WOULD REQUIRE.
Taxes are too high & other sources of income are necessary. / / Property taxes are inflated -- the assessment of my home [REDACTED] is completely inaccurate, based on realtors' views and comparables. I am not sure I want to stay in Montgomery because of this issue. / / A more interesting, diverse restaurant, business and shop base must be enticed to come to Montgomery. Saxby's is a good addition. However, to compete with Kenwood, Madeira and Blue Ash, Montgomery must continue to attract neighborhood and upscale businesses.
Making sure that the new builds do not overtake the original houses. A balance needs to be kept. It is nice to walk down streets with original 1950s houses and sad to see signs going up for new builds.
Housing for empty nesters
maintaining and improving city streets and property
Maintaining the spirit and economic//social diversity of Montgomery by better regulating the McMansions creep and not introducing more over-priced housing in the old Chevy dealership

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<p>Montgomery road business corridor from Ronald Reagan highway to 275. The entire stretch needs to be cohesive in design and needs thriving mixed businesses. The market place has been an eyesore, blighted out embarrassment and the Montgomery square is headed in the same direction. With home prices being as high as they are, we need to have businesses that support the high end lifestyle. Montgomery needs to keep property taxes reasonable but generate a tax revenue from better businesses.</p>
<p>Maintenance of roads and services</p>
<p>Traffic flow/population density--rush hour is bad along Kemper towards Weller Rd, near Good Shepherd church. Parking is crowded at Kroger, there are always tons of people there and across the street near TJMaxx. Going along Montgomery Rd late afternoons is backed up due to pre rush hour and schools letting out. Cornell to Montgomery Rd when Sycamore lets out is crowded, especially if you want to turn left (north).</p>
<p>Maintaining services and reserves in a static or declining revenue environment as a result of valuations and loss of certain revenue streams Net funds available for programs appear to be in jeopardy as a result of the increasing cost of benefits and payroll. This has been somewhat mitigated via transfer from debt service to the general fund. However, buying time in this may hamper the City's ability to service debt in the future. extreme care should be taken in providing new or enhanced services while this trend continues.</p>
<p>maintaining city costs and not raising taxes</p>
<p>The city of Montgomery is overly concerned with protecting the status quo. While other neighboring communities grow and expand their services, the city of Montgomery is more concerned with not taking on too much than boldly taking city services into the future. The number of "tear-downs" in the city represents a real changing of the demographic from retiree to young family. Those families will look at other communities and wonder why Montgomery cannot (or will not) provide that level of service. Examples include - Summit Park, Rec centers, and leaf vacuum service.</p>
<p>Tear down houses, loving in construction, port a potties, ruining streets etc, .maybe / limit number</p>
<p>Traffic.</p>
<p>Increase business taxable income to help defray the tax liability of the residents.</p>
<p>Maintaining services and infrastructure that meets the changing needs of the community.</p>
<p>Attracting and maintaining profitable businesses</p>
<p>Development of the former car dealerships in Old Montgomery.</p>
<p>Maintaining a top school system. We moved to Montgomery to get high quality public education for our children, and we have not been disappointed. We hope it continues.</p>
<p>costs management</p>
<p>maintain quality of sycamore school district in face of reduced funding</p>
<p>My personal concern is leaves. Storybook Acres is where I reside and we have a lot more leaves that last much longer than the city allows. Picking up leaves at the curb would be a real asset but I do understand the cost would be much more. Therefore if you could extend the date another month, it sure would be a help to those who have trees that do not shed their leaves until late fall.</p>
<p>aging population - often senior citizens vote down funding for education in favor of lower taxes. we moved here for the school quality.</p>
<p>Minimizing the number of new laws and regulations imposed on individuals and business.</p>
<p>Keeping property taxes in check and reasonable so that older, long-term residents can continue to enjoy living in Montgomery and not be forced out due to financial situation as they age/retire.</p>

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Working to maintain a variety of income, housing cost and retail shopping levels instead of veering toward high-income only. Tear-downs are replacing modestly-priced houses (\$150-250k) houses that attract young families, middle-income families, and suit older citizens who are on or headed toward fixed incomes with \$800K + houses none of those people can afford. Entire neighborhoods are falling down to this trend. Retail in downtown Montgomery follows suit. New condos/townhouses are approaching or over the \$1 million mark. We believe Montgomery is much richer when it reflects a diversity of incomes and families. Montgomery/Sycamore is headed toward a huge gap between the lowest incomes (Hazelwood? Montgomery Towne?) and the highest, with nothing in the middle. Ask our friends in Neuilly-Plaisance how that turned out for France. This is the only reason we marked "Satisfied" instead of "Very satisfied."
BETTER SHOPPING (STORES) /TRAFFIC (GET THE LIGHTS TO TIME BETTER FOR FLOW)
funding of schools, maintaining high quality school district
downtown development
Keep the quality of school system
Picking the right development plan for the empty car dealerships(we'd like to see a small but nice hotel, like Mariemont Inn)...traffic...keeping a lid on crime
filling vacant retail space and developing unused land.
tax revenue growth and property value growth
redevelopment of residential property (i.e. tear-down-rebuilds)
Getting the development of the area at the south end of the historic district right. /
Maintaining the appearance of Montgomery
Cost of living and convenience such as internet access provided through the city that can provide a basis for security, entertainment (tv, web access) city payments, taxes, community access.
Manage the constant update of residential homes (tier down old houses to build new) and upgrades of the city services without loosing the great small/welcoming/charming feeling that Montgomery has.
Traffic / What is developed at the old car dealerships.
Maintaining quality services within budget
Maintaining a mix of new and old housing we don't want an area just full of McMansions.
since the school money from the state is going to decrease, how do we keep the city taxes stable? we don't want to bring in so many businesses that we turn into Colerain Avenue...
Affordable housing- McMansions from tear-downs making it hard for non-rich people to afford to live here
Don't know about single most important, but some things important to us are leaf collection, drainage/standing water in the roads- bad for mosquitos on the summer & ice patches in winter. and very unsightly.
Maintaining a small-village feeling during periods of growth. Also traffic management.
diversity. Loss of lower cost housing due to tear downs and rebuilds.
road conditions,, traffic from Kemper to Ronald Regan
Attracting new business shops to our area as well as places to dine. It would also be nice to have a recreational area for families to go exercise.
Traffic - internally and on 275 and 71
Balancing the wonderful amenities Montgomery offers while still making it affordable for young families to live.
traffic on Montgomery road

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Availability of affordable housing. Middle incomes are being priced out of the market.
attracting businesses to help with the tax burden
New homes being built in established neighborhoods.
Development of the gateway district and management of the traffic in that area
Real estate taxes are very high
Being able to continue providing the quality service they now provide.
Continuing development of the downtown area.
Filling/leasing all the open buildings/offices in the city
Keeping out Section 8 housing
Making vintage club feel like a village with good retail and restaurants
Traffic congestion around the Gateway
The impact of traffic from the development of the Schott-Williams property, on Main Street & Cooper rd residences
Development of the old Chevy car lot location.
Continuing to provide the same services as in the past without increasing taxes for those who cannot afford the increase.
cost of services provided by city
1 the tear downs and construction of new housing in the area. Most are very desirable homes but often are stuffed on / Development of new homes on existing lots. Most fit in the area but some are not anything like the existing style of homes that surround them. I am not opposed to the teardowns, only want some controls in place by city to protect our community / / 2 Two many car dealers now, need to make sure no more are permitted. / / 3 Excited to see that there are plans for what was Williams Ford and area. City did wonderful job on the point in downtown, only / hope the upcoming project is as desirable
Education, need for a new junior high school
maintaining quality of life without raising taxes
The encroachment of high-dollar homes on older parts of the city, changing streetscapes and pushing owners of those homes out of the picture in favor of gathering higher tax base.
Traffic
Developing and redeveloping the Heritage District and the Montgomery Rd. corridor in a way that maintains and enhances the city's vibrancy without worsening traffic.
Will our property maintain its value if school levys are not supported by the community?
Development of the car dealerships land... / Needs to have green areas and not just another retail area. / Condos for empty nesters...
Managing the Montgomery Road Corridor
Balanced tax base
Maintaining the City's codes and regulations with the continued urban sprawl. Keeping the "hometown" feel to the city.
Development of the space formerly occupied by the car dealerships- recouping of the investment and sustaining of businesses in that space
Budget concerns ...
Tear down houses and how that will influence the community in regards to population, schools and property values.

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Traffic Noise. That may seem shallow, but it impacts the quality of life in the area which in turn impacts property values, the type of people who live in the community and ultimately the taxes and money the city has to do other things. Much can be done by simply adding evergreen vegetation on the traffic side of the highway noise barriers to soften the reflection of the noise. Gaps in coverage particularly along RR highway would also help. Proper maintenance of the walls is also necessary. For instance the wall that was recently replaced due to the expansion of the RR exit off of 71 South still hasn't been painted on the residence side and so sticks out like a sore thumb.
Keeping companies or getting companies to move into Montgomery so we can have a strong tax base
The development plan for the former car dealer sites at the southern gateway.
downtown development
aging population & homes
Fiscal responsibility
Providing Home or condos that are affordable to their aging population. Everything being built is \$600,000 or more. We can't sell our larger homes and afford to stay in Montgomery where we have lived for 40 years or more. The smaller homes are being razed t o build the \$600,000 or more homes. Traffic on Montgomery Rd is truly getting worse.
Developing the car dealership area by Cross County Highway.
The loss of a truly mix-income area with the huge number of knock-downs and rebuilds at really expensive price points
property taxes are high and paying all the staff that ride around in truck all day , filling out complaints about peoples grass. / the snow remove plow pile snow along end of dry way and I can't get in or out. they have also hit my mail box two years in a row, / I had the mail box repaired last summer and now they have done it a second time. I am trying to find a repair to fix It now. / / I am a senior and have hip problems and would love to have a program that would assist seniors w/ repairs. so I can stay in my home / /
Traffic flow.
Helping citizens with bad neighbor problems and issues.
maintaining a high standard of living without increasing taxes
bUDGET/TAX BASE
Development of commercial properties.
Potential rise in property taxes due to reduced state funding of public schools.
Continued careful development of Vintage Club property and serious debate and consideration of development of the south end of the City of Montgomery /
Control of growth
With Christ Hospital being built, there has been greater traffic on Montgomery Road. I propose that they widen the road so that traffic doesn't become too congested and people can travel more easily.
Property taxes, on street parking along Rib King, it is a nightmare, and should be addressed! How Montg. Rib king got the parking rights I'l never know. That is a very busy through fare thrunthe downtown area!
Development of the car dealership land

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We find the development of the old car lots the most important issue. We do NOT want to see condo's and apartments put in, but would like to see retail, local restaurants, a local tap room/ brew house, and other businesses instead. We would enjoy a small green space/fountain where a farmers market could take place and a place to meet family and friends (kid friendly). Similar to Oakley square and Hyde park square.
Attracting the right businesses to move into vacant spaces along Montgomery Road near downtown. Businesses should fit the character of the town, and contribute to the tax base.
One of the greatest challenges facing Montgomery and most all municipalities will be continuing to provide quality services for a public that is increasingly dispassionate about and at maybe even actively degrading civic infrastructure and services at a time when our macro and local economic situations are in a state of challenge and flux. There are now popular political and economic views that seem to entice many citizens to abdicate a reasonable sense of civic responsibility. Operating a city or any government organization in this environment will be challenging.
Concerned about all of the tear down houses .
I think housing turn over and possibly long term housing maintenance
Traffic
Continued local business growth. New restaurants and shops. Also need to continue to promote community events and bike and jogging path development.
Developing the corridor off of Ronald Reagan Highway
Maximizing the development of the new Gateway project. This is a wonderful opportunity for the City.
housing for empty nesters
Loving the development of the Christ Hospital facility.
Southern Gateway
Overbuilding condo and apts. Montgomery is known for its single family culture.
Keeping a population that supports the Sycamore Community Schools and not increasing the amount of retirement living residents.
on going development of underutilized properties (both business and residential)
The proliferation of "knock downs" which is changing the demographic of the neighborhood. Realtors loosely speak of the parcel value of an older home(1950's-1970's) being about \$250,000. The replacement home sells for \$650-\$950,000(see Weil Road), well, that changes the demographic and forces some people out.
Appropriate economic development in Olde Montgomery that does not detract from the historic appeal and livability of the area.
Shift of population from a community with lots of retirees, to a community with lots of young families with my children. My entire street has turned over to families with preschoolers. Where are the retirees moving? Lots to Mason. Housing is available there for them, in the forms of patio homes, condos, etc. Not so in Montgomery!!!!!!
I'm not sure, but road maintenance seems to be an ongoing drain on resources. How to use the property that's being cleared by The Reagan could very well trump it, though.
Younger families being priced out of the neighborhood by the destruction of the older but in great repair housing in favor of faux mansions that add neither interest or beauty to the neighborhood.
Cost of housing.
Managing the budget

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<p>Maintaining a balance residential quality of life and development. Not certain the Vintage Club has turned out as positive as hoped. Great care must be taken to ensure the car dealer project fits in with a vision of Montgomery as a great residential community that values development that strengthens that vision. Bigger is not necessarily better despite the effect on income. Generally, the City has done a good job in resolving such tensions. Greenspace preservation is not antithetical to appropriate development. Perhaps the Businessman.s Club property can be crafted as a town square (artist?) park.</p>
<p>Maintaining property values - balancing historic preservation and new construction at the cost of tearing down existing homes.</p>
<p>How to manage maintaining the same level of service, given ongoing cutbacks in state money.</p>
<p>Traffic on Montgomery Road from Ronald Reagn Hwy up to Hopewell Road. I do not think cars should be allowed to park anytime of day in downtown district in front of businesses.</p>
<p>Development of the gateway area south of the city where the car dealerships used to be.</p>
<p>Development of car dealer sites.</p>
<p>Traffic congestion, particularly on Montgomery Road.</p>
<p>Taxes, traffic, and maintaining good schools.</p>
<p>dividing the boundary. Certain neighborhoods are divided into 3 different divisions. Not clear distinction.</p>
<p>Rebuilding of the Ford and Chevy dealerships into a multi-use development. Would like to see restaurants included in the development.</p>
<p>traffic</p>
<p>How "tear downs" are impacting our neighborhoods.</p>
<p>Utilizing empty/neglected space efficiently, to represent our city in a positive light! Specifically, the old Chevy car lot. /</p>
<p>I have no real issues. I have been impressed with the quality of the city services thus far, including road clearing in the winter, park upkeep, police response when needed. As with many municipalities, I think it is important that Montgomery continue to be very mindful of budgetary issues. Biggest concern would be if the city administration were to allow the budget to get "upside down".</p>
<p>Given the growth and popularity of other northern suburbs, Montgomery will be challenged to remain a city of choice for Cincinnati area residents. We need to continue to attract businesses and services for our residents, and our neighbors, that make it convenient and desirable to live/shop/work here. We need to keep the city easy to move about without becoming a major or alternate corridor for traffic. We need to continue to offer city services that residents need and want, but at a price that is reasonable and just for all. And we need to differentiate ourselves from the other suburbs that are competing for the businesses, services, residents, and shoppers that Montgomery is trying to attract and retain as an elite Cincinnati suburb and city of choice for Cincinnati area residents.</p>
<p>We love living in Montgomery. We are concerned about the traffic on Montgomery Road down by RR Highway. We live on [REDACTED] and many times of the day it difficult to turn left onto Montgomery. We think it will just get worse after the buildings go up across Montgomery. A traffic light would be great, however cannot see where that might be placed.</p>
<p>Do not know</p>
<p>Growth (business, residential), available land space and traffic increase.</p>

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possible issues of future employee benefit costs/funding / / transportation for people "aging in place"-- perhaps mini van service for those who can no longer drive. I rarely see cabs in Montgomery. I have 2 friends who no longer drive.
Maintaining businesses with the city, and attracting businesses to the downtown corridor
Keeping our city safe
Traffic Flow
1. Determining the right development of the former Ford/Chevrolet properties. / 2. Ensuring ample parking in the downtown area.
Traffic
The trend of tearing down and rebuilding huge houses on tiny lots. This changes the feel of the neighborhood and a lot of the dynamics. I wish there was some incentive for builders to remodel vs tear down.
Continuing to grow a good business community
Zoning and development. The GRA project is obviously key. In addition however areas such as Tollgate Plaza, the old Century Honda and Marketplace also are in need of re-development. The type of retailers and business will have a big impact.
Reduction in income tax
road traffic
Lack of housing choices for young people and older people and the resulting lack of diversity in our neighborhoods. Tear downs are eliminating moderately priced homes in favor of \$500,000 and up McMansions.
I don't have a single most important issue that comes to mind, but I have noticed that the number of tear-downs and re-builds has been increasing. As a result, neighborhoods are becoming a strange hodge-podge of home styles. Not sure what can be done about that, though.
Traffic near redevelopment at Montgomery and Regan- particularly during rush hours. / Lack of affordable homes. It seems like every reasonably priced lot/home is being purchased by developers and they replace the homes with ones that cost 3-4 times as much.
Affordable housing. Any new housing is high end and older housing is being torn down and replaced with large homes. It seems to be very difficult to downsize in Montgomery. This will be a problem for "empty nesters" who are not looking for assisted living or condos.
Attracting and keeping businesses along the Montgomery Road corridor
Ensuring that "The Gateway Redevelopment Area" isn't just another area for banks, medical office buildings, and more car dealerships. We need retail, restaurants, luxury housing units that will draw people to our city.
smart downtown development
Saving the ranch houses so older couples can downsize without having to leave Montgomery.
Development of dealership sites, and impact on traffic through the city.
Keeping services high with shrinking budgets.
The retail areas in "old" Montgomery. Not just the dealerships but the empty store fronts in the strip malls
Maintaining solid financial strength with a changing landscape of taxation at the local and state level.
Remembering to stay committed to Montgomery residents and homeowners and not new business or development at the expense of quality residential life
lack of affordable housing

Q2: What do you think will be the single most important issue facing the City of Montgomery during the next five years?

Convincing residents that they NEED to vote to support Sycamore Schools.
Quality of downtown area
How the city spends its tax dollars.
Revenue for the city income tax.
Tear-downs, housing prices, and their effect on the neighborhood
Controlling costs for city provided services
Meeting their financial needs with the cut back in state funds.
Not sure I can answer this question with any accuracy. Having said that, I would to see some real competition for Kroger. Market Place needs some building maintenance.
Maintain shops/restaurants on the high street
getting enough money to continue to provide the excellent services that are now provided
Development of the Gateway Development Area -- achieving a balanced and economically beneficial development to the developer and the city
Selecting the right development to be put on the site of the former car dealerships.
Blancing the needs of the residents with the desire to expand new business in the city
Commercial health of downtown Montgomery and along Montgomery road.
School quality
We are worried about property tax increases, and also hoping that more shops/restaurants/retailers will come to Montgomery so that we can have more opportunities to enjoy entertainment options and spend our money in the community.
GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT
Maintaining the small community feel, by keeping small business owners viable.
Developing the Southern Gateway area for improvement esthetically and also generate business growth.
Increased traffic, especially on Pfeiffer and Montgomery Road near Bethesda Hospital.
I am not sure but one thing that I see are rented/leased properties that are not taken care of. The landlord/owners need to be responsible. They are just waiting for a builder to give them a good price and then they will sell. We need more ordinances/laws or whatever it takes to keep the integrity of the homes, in our neighborhoods, since we do not have HOA. It is appalling.
Traffic
Traffic along Montgomery Road, especially in the business district, Pfeiffer Road & Bethesda North. As a result of that heavy traffic, many people cut through residential streets, often driving faster than the limit. I live on one of those residential cut through streets & often times during evening rush hour, I have difficulty getting out of my driveway.
State and Federal government providing less money
I have noticed not a lot of empty shops in downtown Montgomery, are there issues with populating the new development intended to go north of cross county and east of montgomery road?
I don't know
Continuing to provide the high levels of service to the citizens and community in general. For example, we have a first-rate police and fire department and we want it to stay that way.
Addressing rush hour traffic at the Montgomery-Kemper interchange and along Kemper road.
Appropriate development of the Gateway Project while protecting our historic community.
sustaining growth of revenues
Controlling traffic without changing neighborhoods.
Roads

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Growth and Congestion - The land sold to build the Christ Hospital Facility in front of that high end housing area.
Staying fiscally responsible; staying within budget, and not overspending for unnecessary new services (leaf collection, etc.)
development of downtown area
Use of the vacant land in the downtown commercial area.
Maintainence of city infrastructure.
Down town development to integrate business and living units with a park area. /
The development of the land in Old Montgomery.
The City is focusing on building commercial and not preserving the the residential qualities.
Council needs some professional guidance on planning future of city. THERE IS A happy medium between bedroom community and business. Businesses developed along Montgomery Rd would bring in more revenue and look much more attractive than the mini mansions being built on small lots. Montgomery has become "Teardown City". Of course, along with all of this, comes the importance of using revenue wisely. No more monstrosities like the oversized fountain at the corner of Montgomery and Cooper, and the expensive park at the gateway... that no one seems to use.
We would like to see more infrastructure, better traffic patterns on Montgomery Road, more restaurants, small business. So glad to see us doing something with the car dealerships.
Properly managing growth-- / Balancing construction of new homes with existing homes from the 60's. / Providing adequate traffic management and roadways. / Attracting business to fill empty stores.
Keeping Montgomery the formerly exclusive community it once was
community transporation
Financial resources to support the quality of living desired.
gateway project (Williams Ford property) development
Keeping viable businesses in Montgomery
Keeping up with financial issues
I think the development of the Gateway properties in such a manner so as to not impact the already somewhat difficult traffic situation in that area is key, that and the overall traffic situation on Montgomery Rd.
Budget response due to changing state legislation impacting how schools are funded.
Maintaining a sense of "small town" living given the booming amount of growth in a very limited amount of space.
VIALE CITY WITH ADDITIONAL RETAIL AND COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES
Development of new businesses in the Gateway area.
Traffic control, as there seems to be unrestricted commercial development and new health care facilities springing up everywhere. This brings thousands of people and their cars into the city every day and it gets very congested, reducing quality of life.
Budgeting in light of increasing costs but a decreasing financial base
Development of the Marge Schott Chevrolet and Williams Ford sites... It seems to be well in hand and various proposals for development are being handled extremely well. If the prior development of the triangle at Cooper/Main/Montgomery is any indication of how well it might turn out, then we are in good hand. The currently developed downtown triangle site used to be a Standard Oil of Ohio gasoline station back in the early 70's. Not much to look at..

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Traffic
continue to keep the community safe from crime and be able to deal with issues quickly for fast resolution
Garbage pickup and city Maintenance and perks the city has for the residents
Finalizing selection of a developer and plans for the redevelopment of the Chevrolet-Ford parcels. Hopefully the mixed use of retail, entertainment and residential as earlier proposed will be wisely applied. Along with this it will be important to improve traffic flow thru downtown Montgomery.
Providing a balance between remaking Montgomery through residential teardowns/rebuilds and the needs of current residents who are living through the dirt and noise of continuous teardowns/rebuilds. This includes the extra wear and tear on our roads by heavy trucks. We also need to evaluate the disireability of pricing out families who have always provided the vibrance and diversity that helps to make Montgomery a wonderful place to live. We need long time residents to provide stability, not just transients who transfer out after a few years.
Fiscal sustainability. As a built out community, expanding costs for labor and infrastructure repair and upgrades will be a significant burden on the tax system.
Increased traffic & predictable congestion on Montgomery Rd. (particularly southbound vs 7:00 & 9:00 AM) How do you deal with the one lane choke point @ Pfeiffer Rd. going south on Montgomery Rd ??
Montgomery road traffic congestion / downtown parking. Montgomery road is already congested and with the development of the Gateway project, it will be more congested. Lack of bike lanes and with public transportation only along Montgomery road, people are forced to use cars adding to the congestion and pollution. I live on the "North-side" of Montgomery and avoid going South on Montgomery Road through town because of the inconvenience. I shop in Sims or Mason which have more convenient access for me or go onto the interstates to circumvent our city.
Maintaining the residential character of the community and the mantra as being a great community to raise a family... a safe and vibrant family location...
Managing within our means
Making sure we have funding for our schools.
Oversized home development on existing properties . There is a worry that the ranch homes will be non existent in the future.
Development of the Gateway District. Considering that the area serves as the southern gateway to the City of Montgomery, how the city chooses to develop the site will be vitality important both to the local economy and to the perception of the city by both current and prospective residents. In my opinion, these opportunities are few and far between. I expect that this development will take the next few years.
Continuation of current services plus leaf street collection and balancing the budget at the same time.
Teardowns. Over time young families will not be able to move into Montgomery because of affordability. We will not be able to sustain social economic diversity that we have now.
Most important issue - Teardowns from builders snatching up the ranches so that the elderly can no longer live here (taxes will be too high, the inexpensive ranches will be gone).
Transportation, including public transportation, bicycle lanes, sidewalks.
The stormwater system is no longer able to handle the run off from the teardowns. Infrastructure needs to be updates or teartowns stopped.

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Maintaining and attracting small business owners providing a vibe where profit is inevitable. For example, Montgomery Square where The Comedy Club is needs to develop/re-develop into a destination for entertaining and dining maintaining a cool, hip, contemporary experience.
Development of businesses, etc and the effect on residences for tax purposes, as well as traffic control, etc.
The impact of tear downs on the community.
aging population less willing to shoulder tax burden
Loss of middle class housing and the over-abundance of enormous new homes. While redevelopment of existing neighborhoods is a great idea, shutting the middle class out of Montgomery harms the community.
Controlling residential infill development - limit size and scale of knock down / new development to fit with character and feel of neighborhood. Require developers, builders and architects to provide more unique plans and designs that fit within the existing fabric rather than reuse the same design repeatedly.
Maintaining services given the move by state government to shift more expenses on to the city. The answer may be in not sending so much of our tax dollars to the state. This could be done by defining just what the essential duties of the state are and paying for just these services. / / Is this the extent of the survey? If so, I have another way to save money. Don't spend money on surveys such as this! / /
We have a growing number of aging residents without many options for senior living/condo living.
Developing a successful gateway project with good traffic and pedestrian flow.
How to grow pool of commercial business
The tear down of older/smaller homes to put in these houses that are too big for the lots, most of which have the ugly 3 car garages jutting out of them. It is really ruining the charm of the city of Montgomery.
Keeping property values up on existing homes with all the new construction going on.
Safety for the residence and property
Controlled development to keep an atmosphere conducive to living that is not just retail and sprawl.
Development of vacant land/extra business properties on Montgomery Rd.
keeping a vibrant downtown business area and working to making Montgomery a premeire suburb.
Managing development vs. issues it brings. Such as handling increased people traffic without losing ability to manage vehicle traffic.
deer overpopulation, tear downs (when to stop), commercial development at cross county, growing small businesses, maintaining the parks, traffic congestion at rush hour
Being careful to develop the Ford and Chevy properties at the entrance to downtown Montgomery without creating too much congestion but maintaining the character of the city.
economic development, finding the right mix of businesses to provide local services and jobs and keep the city on a positive economic trajectory
Keeping Montgomery an affordable place to live by keeping our taxes down while making sure to keep the budget balanced.
Service: improve the living environment of the city such as the road condition, timely snow plowing, etc.

Q2: What do you think will be the single most important issue facing the City of Montgomery during the next five years?

Development of vintage club village and former auto dealerships and the traffic that comes with them.
With the massive cutbacks in state funding, Montgomery must build its local tax base. This includes sales and income taxes with more permissive policies towards businesses and employment - Blue Ash is the example of working to increase employment and Madeira of staying residential. In husbanding its resources, Montgomery should have a detailed report with things like pie charts of how money is spent and have a strategic plan for sharing resources with Sycamore township and Blue Ash like police, fire, and emergency services as well as road maintenance and buying contracts.
I would think that the State seems to taking more and more money from local government to do what they would like. Therefore, this will decrease services that local government can provide.
How do you attract more businesses to the area and provide a destination for folks both living in Montgomery and more importantly not living in Montgomery to want to come to Montgomery to spend time and their money on Montgomery businesses. I would like to see Montgomery become a bit more trendy as opposed to staunch, older vibe it has today.
The types of businesses that are allowed in the area.
Traffic and speed, need a Stop sign at every 4 way intersection. This would act as a speed bump and slow traffic down.
Maintaining services while keeping taxes as low as possible.
GROWTH IN POPULATION
Not sure if I can pinpoint a single most important issue. I do think the development of the car dealer sites at the south end of downtown is very important, and if done right can be a very positive improvement. Like to see attractive, classy residential mixed with nice retail and classy casual dining choices (professional offices would be fine to add in as well). Another concern is traffic, especially Montgomery Rd. from RR Hwy to 275 and from 275 to Harpers Point (mostly just at rush hours so this isn't a huge concern. Lastly, I would love to see the city income tax abolished.
Making family friendly businesses and restaurants available in the downtown area.
Climate change will effect Montgomery and surrounding communities in ways we do not yet understand. However, efforts by the City to become more sustainable to achieve zero fossil fuel net energy use, zero land fill waste and zero non-local food consumption will put the city on a path to protecting its citizens from an unimaginable future. NOAA just published a statement that at the current rate of CO2 emission of 1.98 ppm, the globe will reach 450 ppm of CO2 in only 25 years which will put the planet over the tipping point of no return. Already farms in California where most of our produce comes from are threatened by drought which is expected to worsen. Montgomery and all surrounding communities need to act now while we still have a chance to avoid disaster.
Unbridled development along Montgomery Rd. and high concentration of population
Ability of emergency vehicles to get through suburban streets when cars are parked on both sides. Limit parking on all side streets to one side. Encourage residents to park their vehicles in their 2-car garages and/or driveways. This would also make the job of Rumpke easier when collecting trash/garbage and also Postmen in delivering mail.
cohesive community
home valuations

Q2: What do you think will be the single most important issue facing the City of Montgomery during the next five years?

Creating a downtown that has a walking community feel. Many new families are moving close to downtown in order to live in a walking community. I hope to see the city attract: restaurants, cafes, bakeries, coffee shops and retail. By creating a downtown similar to Hyde Park or Naperville, IL, we will attract visitors from around the city as well as our own residents. Not only in consideration around the new development, but the entire area up and down Montgomery Rd, behind on Shelby, could all be filled with shops and cafes to encourage its community to walk or ride bikes into the village.

The quality of life. Standards must be met within the city. Montgomery has a great reputation for being a great safe place to raise your children. The city has not met these requirements. The city code must be revised and brought up to date. The City is inept at responding to issues that requires immediate attention. Parking for the pool and events should not be on residential streets. The shops of Montgomery behind 5/3 bank on Montgomery Road is a total eyesore and is an embarrassment to the City of Montgomery. These should be addressed.

Development of downtown area

Development of land where 2 auto dealerships were

Single most important issue facing the City of Montgomery during the next five years would be how to use the land that was former car dealer on Montgomery road near Cross County. There is a tendency to fill it with the most lucrative choices. However, in seeing the overall trend in the world, looking at the health of the planet and of the people, animals and plants that inhabit it, it is beyond time to look at reversing the effects of over consumption and over developing of our land. It's time to consider the wealth of reverting the concrete space into land filled with edible fruit trees, beds of edible produce, and nature that ensures our future generation will be healthy and will care for the land. We have many parks in the city....most of the fields are not used regularly, that I can tell... We can reevaluate their uses and start to plant clean edible plants alongside. By caring for the land and understanding the cycles of nature, can we truly be citizens of the earth.

traffic on Montgomery Road

Continued tear down of older housing and influx of younger families into the community in new homes. Maintain schools and services.

parking downtown and new gateway development

Continued housing construction and ability to manage and oversee land development. As a result of new construction, problems with land grade and drainage have occurred which impact neighborhoods and changes the landscape.

Fiscal prudence in economic uncertain times where there is no assurance funding from the state of Ohio or even from the payroll tax will remain at current levels. For example, the reduction in public school funding via redistribution of state funding is harmful to Sycamore schools. A reduction in state funding for municipalities would be a different type of redistribution of funds, e.g. withheld for use elsewhere. /

Economic Development is an important issue facing the city in the next 5 years. I think there is a strong residential base in the city that relies on the main economic coordinator along Montgomery road. Part of the charm of the city is the small town walkable character that defines the old town district. I think support or marketing to new locally owed businesses, restaurants, and services is a good way to strengthen the existing offerings in Montgomery. Redevelopment of the old car dealership sites is certainly critical but also redevelopment of properties further up Montgomery Road where there are empty commercial properties like the auto dealership, carpet store, former pharmacy, etc. will be important to the character of the city .

traffic

Q2: What do you think will be the single most important issue facing the City of Montgomery during the next five years?

financial stability given cuts from state and other funding sources
Zoning. Trying to maintain the largely residential feel and avoid overcommercialization along Montgomery Rd.
Property development, including new development as well as the disadvantages of rebuilds in certain neighborhoods.
There is not just one "single most important issue". Here are a few: / / 1) Traffic along the main artery through our city (Montgomery Road) as they complete the projects at the Ford and Chevy site are of major concern. Having the infrastructure in place to support the increase in traffic is vital. Montgomery Road already has many bottlenecks. We need to consider ways to divert the traffic better. It's only going to get worse when we add more reasons for people to come to Montgomery. / / 2) Leaf Vacuum Service. Yes, I know the city officials think this is a "joke of a request", but it truly is something that all our neighboring cities are providing and it is something that Montgomery should provide without question. The officials consider the City of Montgomery to be premiere community, but I would argue that you cannot state that is the case without offering leaf vacuum service. All of the premiere neighborhoods around us have offered this service for a while now. And truthfully, there are many neighborhoods that are much more economically challenged and they offer the service. Let's end this debate and really provide a service that will help the residents. There has been substantial evidence to suggest that this will be a cheaper alternative to our current system, be environmentally friendly, and save the residents much time (and backache). And for those that argue they already pay another company to remove their leaves, well they may continue to do that. No one says they can't continue to do this. It won't impact them one bit.
Providing curbside leaf pickup to help residents.
Planning and development of the area near Cross County Highway.
With all the tear downs and rebuilds there should be a time limit to finish the project so neighbors don't have to live next to portolets and dumpsters for over a year.
Traffic control and affordable housing
Continuing to maintain and improve existing facilities and infrastructure.
Economic development- maintaining and attracting businesses to the Montgomery area to insure a stable financial base
To many larger houses being built on smaller property therefore having houses closer together and less space for yards
The number of homes that are being torn down in neighborhoods in order to build larger homes. Some type of incentive to improve older homes should be encouraged in order to maintain the character and charm of some of our older neighborhoods. / / With the construction of the new high-rise apartments on the old Thriftway/Kroger property, as well as the construction of the condos and carriage houses on Cooper Road and Cooper Lane, the city needs to pay closer attention to traffic flow on Cooper. There are mornings and afternoons when it is impossible to exit Delray Drive onto to Cooper because of increased traffic flow and activities that are taking place at the Junior High. This is especially true from 7:30 a.m. until the traffic light goes on the full light cycle activation in the morning right before school begins. / The same is true in the late afternoon and evenings when there is a sports or other activity at the Junior High. Residents have a very difficult time making a left-hand turn or even turning right onto to Cooper Lane. The traffic light should be on a full light cycle throughout the day and evening hours.

Q2: What do you think will be the single most important issue facing the City of Montgomery during the next five years?

Redevelopment of the 2 old car dealerships. I understand that is moving forward and am excited to see the progress it brings. The traffic congestion in downtown Montgomery to get to Cross County Highway could use some reworking of the traffic lights and extension of the no parking hours. I understand this was discussed in a meeting earlier this year, but have not heard of any resolution or plans.
Growth of business and services in the downtown area
Shrink the government
Maintaining expenses.
Keeping tax rates reasonable due to the large number of senior citizens residing in Montgomery.
increasing taxes for an older population
Change in leaf collection system. I am personally against the change.
LEAF PICKUP!
Keeping Montgomery current with new businesses and housing while retaining its character.
Traffic on Montgomery between 275 and Kemper
Maintaining the residential appeal of the city while adding businesses that add to the tax base.
Development of the south corridor/old dealership area
Maintain the quality and standard of living at a reasonable price.
1.The development of the entrance of Montgomery where the car dealerships were. We would prefer that this not be completely / housing. A small part could be developed in that manner. However a spacious park would be a beautiful addition to the downtown and certainly would follow the tenor of what Montgomery is. / 2. We would prefer the leaf pickup remain the same in the fall with the addition of 2 to 3 more yard waste pickups. / 3. We would like to see some improvements to the Montgomery Pool, i.e. a new slide and in addition some up to date upkeep.
Rebecoming more of an environmentally conscious city. We used to have so many businesses such as clothing stores, good card stores, toy stores, shoe stores, craft stores, plant stores that leaving Montgomery was not required. This is what cities should strive to achieve and we lost it. The city needs more bicycle accessibility. We need to promote composted and energy efficient ideas. I feel that ideas like leaf collecting are going back to the 1950's and not moving us forward where citizens should be taking care of their own leaves. Between composting and mulching lawn-mowers, there is no need for leaf collecting. Leaves left on the street will only clog are already stressed sewer system and require residents to clean-up after other residents as leaves will blow around rather than have citizens take care of simply their own leaves.
Developing the retail corridor of Montgomery Road and retaining the businesses we now have.
tear downs. New ugly McMansions are being built which don't fit the character of the neighborhoods they are in
Attracting viable businesses to the city. There is a lot of land and empty buildings to which tenants need to be recruited to fill
Traffic that keeps people from using Montgomery businesses
Affordable housing for seniors who would like to "downsize" and stay in Montgomery and for younger families who would like to live in the Sycamore School District and cannot afford a "McMansion".
No future school tax levys. You MUST ensure property taxes are COMPLETELY contained and find external methods for schools.
I would like to see the leaf pick-up become a priority since so many of us are expressing interest, desire, and Need.

Q2: What do you think will be the single most important issue facing the City of Montgomery during the next five years?

Mixed housing for a diversity of incomes.
Infrastructure
Bringing retail into downtown. Filling up empty storefronts, like behind and next to UDF, in the plaza with the old neon lights, car dealerships. Bring in something unique - shops, restaurants, galleries- to bring people to Montgomery to live and shop. Empty retail is lost revenue and uninviting.
With all the tear downs and new high dollar housing, we're concerned Montgomery will lose its middle class. Also, we are worried about overdevelopment.
[REDACTED]
Keeping a balanced demographic including business vs. resident, new development vs. historic, etc.
limited recreational facilities and programs
Traffic on Montgomery Rd.
Not sure but keeping up with Blue Ash's rec center would be my suggestion. To have a facility where the residents can join for a low rate similare to Blue Ash would be wonderful and would contribute to health and wellness of the residents here.
Newer housing options for Baby Boomers who want to downsize and stay in Montgomery in newer construction like landominiums
New development and the traffic that will result.
development of chev/ford site and associated traffic it will bring
Keeping homeowners property taxes from rising. As a long time resident of Montgomery my property taxes have tripled over the past 23 years.
Developing underutilized land
keeping Montgomery a safe and clean neighborhood with increasing property values.
Senior living support including housing
The old saying is "if you don't know the answer, just say money..." Honestly, the city seems to be well-managed and capable of meeting any challenges that may arise.
Traffic - I recently told my husband that, despite only living here for 2 years, I would consider moving again for the simple fact that I can't get in and out of my drive in a convenient manner. The traffic up and down Montgomery, at most hours of the day, is constant. A traffic light would be great, however most of the traffic lights along the road are so slow that it would just cause more problems. In addition, because I leave home very early in the morning. I fail to understand why several of the traffic lights (ie. at Kroger) can't be flashing yellow. It's ridiculous the time I sit at red lights at 4:30 A.M. when there is no one else around.
Increased traffic
Development of the POINT.
traffic control along the main roads going through, and leading in and out of Montgomery
Development of unused land.
The increase of housing tear-downs and rebuilding of much larger homes. In my opinion this will lead to more families being priced out of the area. Also, the larger, new homes are largely not keeping with the architectural design of current neighborhoods.
That the Sycamore Schools stay in excellent standing.
Keeping the community like it has been for the past 30 years
Tax cut down.

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Montgomery needs modern exercise facility (just like blue ash recreation center and tri health pavilion) which can be used by seniors at no cost and montgomery citizens also.
Balancing the quality of life and an excellent school system with the real estate tax and income tax levels.
Noise from tearing down older homes and replacing with much larger homes. This process takes a very long time requiring heavy equipment all day long and on weekends for almost a year. This is happening near my home and now the new home owners have decided to put in a pool, so this has been going on for a month so far and looks like at least another month to go. I have lost the privacy and solitude that once not too long ago had on these beautiful days to be outside. It is so noisy I can't have a conversation while in my back yard, let along a nap on the deck.
Controlling development to insure the City retains its identity.
Traffic on Montgomery Road.
Maintaining a vibrant downtown.
Keeping downtown Montgomery's vibrant, charming character -- and attracting a good mix of shops to the new Gateway area.
attracting businesses to the area
Expansion of our downtown district.
Leaf vacuum service! WE NEED IT! / / 1) QUALITY OF LIFE / TIME SAVINGS!!!! / / 2) OUR PEERS ALREADY PROVIDE IT. Wyoming, Blue Ash, Mariemont, Madeira, Sycamore Twp, Loveland, Mason, and many more communities already have leaf vacuum service, and the residents of these communities value it enough to keep it. / / 3) ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS. Leaves would be sent to a composting facility, and the city's recycling reputation/grants would be unchanged. / / 4) COST SAVINGS. A well-designed leaf vacuuming program using up-to-date leaf removal technology would cost LESS than the current bagged leaf program. There is no reason to charge extra fees for a service that costs less. / / 5) THE CITY ALREADY HAS A LEAF VACUUM (!) The city has a small leaf vacuum that helps city workers save time and exertion as they clear leaves from city property. Wouldn't it be lovely to have that same time savings and convenience offered to residents? :)
Maintaining the great high level of public service, while keeping the cost to taxpayers to a respectful level
more affordable housing
Development of the former car lot area.
I think that it's keeping small businesses which seem to come and go. Montgomery needs to be a destination like Mariemont, Madeira and Hyde Park. It has the potential, the city just isn't friendly for rent or signage from what I understand. Montgomery is a beautiful community and drawing others here for entertainment and enjoyment is a big plus for the community!
economic development, especially retail
Sycamore School district remain academically competitive with other surrounding districts.
Good retail vs business vs residential mix
Maintaining excellent public schools /
More Lighting in our neighbourhood / there is a huge influx of deers it can become very dangerous as its dark and you cant see them when driving. / Each corner main intersection should have lights..
Finances

Q2: What do you think will be the single most important issue facing the City of Montgomery during the next five years?

Continued diversity in housing stock. We own an older ranch home and appreciate the fact that this home is affordable to us. We hope that we are not the lone ranch home left at some point down the road.
Business Development. The ability to bring in business and build buildings that match the framework of the city will need to be reviewed. Our Main street is a weird collection of old run down car dealerships and brand new ones, next to old looking buildings with one tenant. Montgomery needs to develop and bring in new business and transform the city scape to conform to a nice looking city.
No idea
Rush hour traffic
Gateway development; managing the storm water, traffic changes, access to 126, and balanced development.
Continued development and expansion of downtown business and entertainment.
Managing growth & redevelopment of neighborhoods and business area
Effective commercial development - especially the car dealership lots. Managing traffic flow and attracting desirable businesses to that area will be key.
Providing quality services and programs that meet the changing and unique needs of the ever changing population. The need to listen to resident concerns and communicate effectively in a variety of cost effective methods will be paramount
Keeping enough viable retail. shops and restaurants.
Too many homes being torn down resulting in not enough affordable housing units.
curbside leaf collection, traffic jams, higher taxes, higher sycamore school taxes
Development of old vacant car lots
Lack of a business park. / Nice to have visitors working in the city paying income taxes and then going home. / Taxation without any say.
Development of downtown Montgomery at the "gateway".
Continuing to attract quality businesses to occupy available land, which will supplement our tax base and enhance the quality of life for residents.
Maintaining a population mix of middle class to upper middle-class. Too much emphasis on either end of an admittedly limited scale would be bad for long term prospects. The upper middle class always has the option to move on to greener fields. We all see the beautiful homes along Montgomery Road in Kennedy Heights, yet the neighborhood has declined a great deal. Montgomery needs a population invested in the community. I believe that is more likely to be middle middle-class, if you will. Public schools are a big part of keeping a solid base, but I don't know how much influence the City has on the school district.
Auto traffic
Zoning changes which could negatively affect the residential quality of the city -- such as adding multi-unit dwellings, and creating additional congestion in the downtown area.
Smooth, quick traffic flow in all areas at all times
Maintaining the quality of life, while keeping the budget balanced.
Financial
To maintain the Quality that now exists, and managing the growth such as the Gateway are without creating Budget problems that would affect other city services
Greater concern for residents, such as updating and increasing community green space, and less concern for business and outside financial interests.

Q2: What do you think will be the single most important issue facing the City of Montgomery during the next five years?

National economic crisis
The effects of continuous teardowns throughout the community. / Increased traffic brought on by large development I.e. Christ Hospital outpatient facility.
Keeping services (police, fire waste collection etc) and needed repairs (roadways, public buildings etc) without increasing taxes.
The final decisions and results Of the GRA! This should and will be a beautiful entry to our great City of Montgomery, OH
DEVELOPMENT OF THE OLD MONTGOMERY RD. DEALERSHIP PROPERTIES
Continued improvement and expansion of public spaces, farmers markets and entrepreneurial businesses.
Traffic congestion on Montgomery Rd.
Finding the right balance of retail vs. businesses. Finding the right mix of retailers that can sustain growth. We have too many Pilate studios as well as very niche retailers. Would prefer more restaurants, outdoor dining for broader reach.
The housing boom.... while it's a good thing in many respects I feel that Montgomery risks becoming another Mason. I think it's important that the historic quality and charm remain in this area.
KEEPING THE MIDDLE CLASS AND HAVING HOUSING FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO CAN'T AFFORD \$800,000 HOUSES.
I really don't know.
maintaining the quality of the residential areas, such as house and lawn upkeep and quality, streets, etc.
Traffic control, maintaining quality schools, keeping the city a place others want to visit.
Development of remaining properties in the business district.
Development of key areas in Montgomery such as Vintage property and car dealerships
Continue update of Montgomery Road corridor to help traffic flow. / On [REDACTED] I have concern about water flow due to new housing developments. I wonder how long current pipes can deal with it.
Developing the Gateway Project to provide a variety of services/activities for multicultural population.
Entertainment development
/ Finances
Stable demographics. Many new people moving in with little expectation of staying and becoming a part of the community, or caring about the future of the city.
Stopping home burglaries. There have been numerous burglaries over the past couple of years. Pursue strong sentencing on convictions. Safety in the community is a key to quality of life.
I do not feel I know enough about this to answer.
Keeping the house values up.
Growth and planning of the community.
Leaf pick up
Maintaining the character and charm of the cities older neighborhoods by ensuring that builders who are tearing down older homes and building new ones adhere to zoning and building codes. I would be happy to see tear down activity capped at no more than a TBD number of homes per year.

Q2: What do you think will be the single most important issue facing the City of Montgomery during the next five years?

The issue of leaf collection is a hot topic. For a community that prides itself on its trees and being a premier community it seems as though they would want to take the next step and make leaf cleanup (and the quality of life for those with lots of tree) better. I grew up in a premier suburb of Columbus (Upper Arlington) and I grew up with curbside leaf pickup(30 yrs) so it seems silly that Montgomery is so far behind the times.
Creating a pedestrian friendly downtown area that is desirable for all ages of Montgomery citizenry.
Maintaining school funding if the state takes it away.
Expansion, increasing taxes due to tear downs and new pricey construction
taxes
Tear Downs
Being able to keep the quality of a quaint Montgomery
How the "Gateway to the city"will be developed
keeping the charm of an older community with all the new homes being built next to the older homes. We'd like Montgomery to be economically diverse and a place where young families have an opportunity and can still afford to bring up children in a good school system. We do not want a city that only offers McMansions and continues to tear down homes that should be kept up and not allowed to be rundown and blighted.
Aging population and the reduced number of school aged children attending Sycamore Schools. Reduced funding of cities by state and federal governments.
Maintaining residential "things": affordable housing with a variety of price points, zoning to make sure teardowns are in character with existing neighborhood, zoning to keep downtown district and Montgomery Road consistent and have great street appeal. / / Maintain a great working relationship with Sycamore Schools so our community remains a desirable location for residents with children.
the development decisions for the area formerly occupied by the 2 auto dealerships
Traffic congestion. Rush hour traffic is already congested heading north on Montgomery Rd. in the late afternoon hours. With more building in the area, I feel that the traffic problems may get worse.
Maintaining the finances of the City. Behind that will be the development of land within the community.
Ensuring our community maintains its support for our school district and, as such, remains a destination city for both established and growing families.
Tear downs. We need to maintain tight zoning on rebuilds to maintain the beauty of the neighborhoods and the green space between houses.
Green space reduction, by new builds of homes/ Drainage issues from this.
Property values if you want to sell. Since so many decent older homes are being torn down to make megamansions, those who live in a more modest home will not be able to sell their homes at a fair price.
What to do with the property that used to be the car dealerships.
school zoning for this area of Tanagerwoods Drive. This Street address feeds into Montgomery Elem. School and area across street such as the Reserve feed into the Symmes Elem. School. Will taxes will be effected--- increased or decreased?
The intelligent, and thoughtful development of the auto dealership property at the entrance to the City.
Maintaining the high quality of the school system

Q2: What do you think will be the single most important issue facing the City of Montgomery during the next five years?

unknown
MAINTAINING LEVEL OF SERVICES
Continuing to keep up with neighboring cities that want the reputation that Montgomery has as the best place to live, work and play.
Maintain/improve quality of service and keep the city safe and crime free for the residents.
development of the twocar dealership properties on south end of city
High rate of taxation
Widening of Montgomery Road because of traffic
Not sure. Probably changes in tax law.
Development for increasing tax base
Montgomery Road Traffic Control
Preventing money changes from residential to commercial like happened at Ohio National. Traffic conditions on Pfeiffer Road and Montgomery Road
To maintain the high quality of life and services we currently enjoy. There will be challenges to overcome.
Drug abuse. We at [REDACTED] feel somewhat neglected, road repair, broken curbs, always last for snow plowing. A753
Traffic
Don't really know
Montgomery Road Traffic!
Overhead power lines. Ugly. Highly vulnerable.
We at Twin Lakes need all the land we own at the Honda building. We do not want commercial development in front of lot.
Keeping the city safe.
Move late afternoon traffic better. Remove esplanade?
Development - please don't! Development is not progress. Montgomery road is already very congested and the very last thing we need is more lanes - NO!
traffic congestion
The teardowns! There won't be any homes for the middle class if they keep tearing down the affordable homes for the middle class.
Volume of traffic ie. extra traffic on tollgate during rush hour of people avoiding montgomery road.
With the new construction schedule downtown, an underground parking structure should be mandatory. It is already difficult to find parking and getting through montgomery rd. is hard due to the existing traffic. Underground not an above ground lot.
Have the city pickup our trash, leaves, road maintenance, etc. We now pay twice for all of the above - etc. We pay Rumpke direct.
How to develop the former Chevrolet and Ford properties to make the entrance to Montgomery outstand and beautiful!
Must change to curbside leaf vacuuming service. THis determines if older residents will stay in Montgomery.
stopping building of large houses on small lots, such as is going on in Montgomery Heights
Maintaining the existing life style and the traffic control
Are the police awarded kick backs?? (for tickets) Do not give Mont. residents tickets! [REDACTED] Also I don't appreciate policing hiding between streets.
Survival of small businesses

Q2: What do you think will be the single most important issue facing the City of Montgomery during the next five years?

Traffic Flow. Please Note: You did not address cars breaking the speed limit or traffic congestion on Remington Road (east of Montgomery)

Traffic on Montgomery.... I don't want to see the medians removed... Think we have to accept the "busy" times.

Leaves picked up at curbside. Traffic on Montgomery Rd 5-6:30PM.

Manage finance well



APPENDIX 2.2

**VERBATIM RESULTS FOR
QUESTION:**

“What is the most important reason you are
satisfied/dissatisfied with
The City of Montgomery's
fall yard waste collection program?”

**Q14A: What is the MOST IMPORTANT reason you are SATISFIED with
The City of Montgomery's fall yard waste collection program?**

It meets our needs
That it is offered at all, I am grateful for the opportunity to get rid of my yard waste easily.
Timing and duration are adequate
picked up in timely manner
Great way to get rid of your leaves.
is adequate for the amount of waste we generate
It's a nice service for people do not mulch grass clippings and/or leaves.
What else would i do with waste? It really helps Beautify the properties because people know if they clean up their properties they have a way to dispose of the waste, otherwise they probably would just let it go.
It allows people to keep their yards looking good by allowing them to dispose of their yard waste easily and regularly. It also gives people flexibility so that they can get to the yard waste when it is convenient for them
I AM ABLE TO DISPOSE OF ALL MY LEAVES
we are happy that the option is provided
I put out branches and Christmas greenery. My leaves are double mowed and left on the yard .
It helps to keep the neighborhoods looking clean and thereby prosperous
They pick up the bags and no mess is left over.
Rarely do I put out leaves as the grass cutting is mulched. I live on a cul-de-sac and do not know where leaves would be put. At the top of the cul-de-sac my lot is PIE shaped with the small part on the kerb. This is a big concern to me and I am obviously not the only one who would have this problem. I put yard waste out in containers (cutting up twigs etc). I am a senior citizen and could not drag yard waste to the kerb area (note my second sentence). if it was on the grass it would kill the grass. If I used the driveway I could not get my car out. I use a dolly to get my containers to the kerb. /
Provides flexibility and convenience to cover yard waste removal during fall
Great way to get rid of tree limbs and other yard waste that is to big for trash cans.
We have much yard waste and appreciate the unlimited pick up!
It is simple and meets my needs.
Much easier to do clean up of yard when you don't have to worry where the yard waste will be put.
It maintains the beauty of the community on an ongoing basis.
I am not very satisfied with the CURRENT yard waste pick up dates; however, if they are extended, then we would be very satisfied. (the prior question was not clear whether or not responders were responding to the current dates or the proposed dates)
They generally take anything I put out there. Helps clear it off our property.
I am just happy to have collection of my yard waste period.
It encourages property owners to keep their yard waste cleaned up and it is relatively easy to do.
It's very convenient.
I like being able to put unlimited bags out during this time. And I support continuing of bagging rather that vacuuming leaves.
Fall is when I have the most yard debris. I don't think it is necessary to expand the time frame to pick up the waste. I've always have been able to complete my fall clean-up in that period or come up with alternate ways to get rid of the waste (i.e. mulching leaves). I would rather the extra money be spent elsewhere such as on the parks or city beautification.
I do not used it because I have woods in back of my yard

**Q14A: What is the MOST IMPORTANT reason you are SATISFIED with
The City of Montgomery's fall yard waste collection program?**

The yard waste program allows for items other than just leaves to be collected during the season. The recent extension of the program will solve my problem from last year. / / I would not want to give up the Yard Waste program for a just a curbside collection of leaves in the fall. / / PLEASE continue the yard waste collection program at the expense of curbside leaf collection.
Duration of fall yard waste pickup and flexibility to extend the yard waste pickup season when weather makes yard waste cleanup impractical.
I like the extended time for leaf pick up in early january as i have many late falling trees
that they do this and compost the material at a time when there are more leaves. I would like to have extra totes to use during that time but not during the rest of the time. / I know that is probably not possible but the bags create more waste and mess than the totes
easy way to get rid of fall yard waste (not only leaves but landscaping, grasses, etc.)
I can handle the leaves in my yard with this program. No problem putting the leaves into bags. It's important that it's unlimited as I always have more than three bags.
Helps me clean up yard (brush, small tree limbs, dead plants) during these times. I have mulching tractor and do not need service for disposing of leaves in fall (have many tall trees in my yard).
It's done for the right length of time.
The most effecient use of of tax dollars to collect leaves ad yard waste.
It encourages homeowners to clear their property of leaves, which in turn beautifies the city.
We think the current yard waste pickup is sufficient and no further city monies needs to be utilized for it ie. Leaf vacuum
I have many trees on my property. I'm happy that the city takes 3 cans a week.
The yard collection program provides an end of season outlet for me to rid my yard of the excess autumn rubbish and to clean up before winter. It allows good citizens who can do for themselves to be good stewards of their property.
I think the collection program is satisfactory but I understand the reason for this question and that is the request by many for the leaf vacuum service to be implemented. We moved to Montgomery from Reading where the vacuum service was in effect for many years. If a community such as Reading can have this program I feel certain Montgomery can as well. We mulch our leaves for the most part but I understand this is a desirable service to have.
Unlimited leaf pickup.
Not much space to stack material, bagging material takes up a lot of space.
It is important that the yard waste is collected over a period of weeks, instead of one or two times in the spring or fall. We have trees that drop their leaves over a period of weeks. One collection time would not work to keep up with the yard waste.
It meets the needs of all the community in an effective way, especially with the recent extension. / / The suggestion to add leaf vacuuming service was extremely ill conceived, costly, bad for the environment (extra trucks running in parallel with the existing yard waste pick-up, messy, limited benefits to a limited number of residents, etc. Even worse, the proponents generated support by propagating exaggerated benefits and posting other false information. It should have been nipped in the bud. I hate to see so much time spent on such things that are obviously a bad idea.
Because if they didn't, some people probably wouldn't rake their lawn.

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we are able to put an unlimited amount of yard waste out to the curb. We normally use a mulching mower to mulch the leaves into our lawn, and then use the bagging attachment on our lawnmower to pick up any leaves that haven't mulched into the lawn. I have a leaf shredder that cuts the leaves into smaller pieces that we put into two compost bins in our back yard. Since two of our trees don't drop their leaves until mid-December, we often pick up these leaves after mowing has ceased. We try to shred these too, but otherwise we save them until spring pickup begins. I'm concerned about a curbside leaf vacuuming system since our house is at the easternmost end of a street and our neighbors leaves blow down the street to our yard and to my flower beds near the house already. I expect the volume will increase if neighbors rake their leaves to the curb for pickup rather than bagging them. / /

Good service but it needs to go later into the season (i.e. mid-December) for late falling leaves such as Oak trees.

With the extended weeks of pickup, our household need for leave pickup has been satisfied.

Allows me to get rid of yard waste easier but I would preferr leave vacuum system.

We can put out bags as we rake them.

I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT LEAVES. I HAVE A LOT OF TREES IN MY YARD PLUS THE LEAVES FROM MY CHURCH NEIGHBORS WHO "DON'T KNOW WHAT A RAKE IS". YET, I CAN MULCH ALL THOSE LEAVES AND PUT THEM IN ONE 90 GALLON TOTE EACH WEEK. IT WOULD BE VERY NICE TO HAVE THOSE EXTRA COUPLE OF WEEKS ON THE BACK END OF THE REGULAR COLLECTION TIMES WE CURRENTLY HAVE THOUGH. YOU HAVE TO BE A COMPLETE DUMB A__ TO THINK IT WOULD BE CLEANER OR CHEAPER TO RAKE TO THE CURB AND HAVE SUCKED UP BY VACUUM. BUT I DIGRESS

I like to try to maintain my yard as best as possible which creates a lot of waste. It would be a real inconvenience to have to haul off the yard waste on my own (not to mention, I don't own a pickup truck to do so). They reliably pick up my yard waste every week during the program. Thanks to the program for saving me the time and effort!

I have the opportunity to dispose of all my yard waste over a period of time.

There's no other place for the waste to go.

It's unlimited and allows me to get all of my yard waste taken over an extended period of time.

I like having the leaves picked up once a week. However, I definitely would like it to be expanded to 8 weeks as mentioned in the previous question.

It enables people to keep their residential area looking well maintained, which has kept Montgomery as a wonderful place to live, and easy access to I-71 and cross county highway.

regular pickup and unlimited amount to be collected.

We are just happy it's planned for & provided.

Like the service but would rather see the program include leaf vacuuming rather than having to bag/tote the leaves.

Helps keep up appearance of yards and thus land value.

Everything is done on schedule

We have a lot of leaf litter at that time.

Five consecutive weeks to clean up and dispose of leaves /
frequency

I envy the city of Blue Ash's leaf collection curbside. I wish we could have the same, although I understand the huge financial outlay this would require.

great program needs to last approx 2 more weeks

**Q14A: What is the MOST IMPORTANT reason you are SATISFIED with
The City of Montgomery's fall yard waste collection program?**

The fact that it happens at all.
It would be a LONG way to transfer leaves from our backyard to the curb. OK for the front yard, but not the back. So, I guess we are in favor of keeping waste collection as is.
I have not used this service but like knowing it is available.
They come every week and do a great job.
Unlimited amount collected. We have many trees which adds character to the street.
They get the job done.
That the bag count is unlimited. We would like the time frame to be longer - we are raking leaves into November.
Because its weekly and done promptly
We are satisfied that it happens, but would like to see a longer period, i.e. 8 weeks. We support a vacuuming solution, especially as we age and bagging gets harder for us.
It enhances the properties and the neighborhood areas which would otherwise be a messy looking city like some others you see when traveling our surrounding neighborhoods. /
Don't have any other option for leaf removal
it exists
Needs to be more weeks. The leaves fall after the yard waste pickup is over.
Unlimited bag pick up for a specific time period.
Convenience of being able to put out my yard waste in the can we were provided on trash day instead of having to use bags, etc. and needing to place on the curb on a non-trash day. Our family is very busy so the current arrangement is great!
convenience
Unlimited is nice. I'd prefer not to have to bag (we don't pay for lawn service and we spend hours upon hours bagging just to keep the area pretty...not the best use of time when we have a family). But I don't suppose just raking to the curb for vacuum-truck pickup would ever fly in Montgomery.
conveinance
The fact that it will be expanded to 8 weeks ... 5 weeks is too short.
The collection occurs regularly.
When the leaves are down there is unlimited collection (i.e. number of bags) during the time that unlimited collection is needed. I do not think we need additional weeks or a vacuum system as is used in Deer Park.
Keeps the area neat and kept looking.
Keeps our town's appearance neat and attractive.
leaves can be composted but other debris would have to be hauled away
I utilize this program and there are few alternatives for removing leaves in the fall.
Unlimited number of bags collected, so you don't have to space them out over the weeks
It is a value added service that is available for residents that want to take advantage of it. Personally I have a great deal of trees and never rake leaves. I mulch my leaves which is better for my lawn anyway. I do utilize the City services for the great deal of tree limbs that fall throughout the year. I strongly oppose the proposed leaf vacuum movement as I don't want the City to incur additional costs for employee time and new equipment purchases. I hope the City doesn't cave to the vocal minority.
Because I mulch the leaves that fall to my lawn and due to the shape of my property an enhanced leaf removal system would not benefit me.

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The City of Montgomery's fall yard waste collection program?**

It is a very cost effective way to deal with the yard waste. It is also perhaps the simplest way of doing it.
Pick up of yard waste, but would definitely like the leaf vacuum service being discussed.
/ / The program we have is economically and environmentally convenient. Let's not buy more air polluting / machines with the potential of breaking down.
I have had no issues with the current program. I am able to take ownership in managing my own yard waste. The city does not need to take on additional cost and responsibility for this.
The unlimited amount feature is most important. We would like to eliminate the need to bag.
They are prompt and neat
It allows me to put as many yard waste bags out for pick up as I want.
The five week period is not long enough. The extension was helpful.
8 weeks long is helpful to finish leaves that sometimes fall later in the season
Unlimited amount of collection when it is most needed
Residents have a chance to beautify their property more.
I like the leaf bag/tote pick up. It is more flexible for me. /
I actually don't use much this service since I "compost" most of fall leaves, and it would be a lot nicer if the city can do it since composting doesn't work well on small scale.
convenient
It is picked up weekly
Unlimited pick up
they pick up every week, with a few extra weeks I would be happier!
I know when the yard waste will be collected and it is very easy for me to rake my leaves and put them in the yard waste container. I like the system we have in place at the present time.
It's sufficient for my needs
That they collect yard waste at all
It picks up fall yard waste.
I think it is cost effective. I have purchased a second 90 gallon yard waste tote so I can handle the leaves and get them of my yard. Would not want curb side vacuuming because it would detract from neighborhood appearance and allow leaves to get into sewers.
Since this program allows us to get rid of unwanted yard materials quickly, we do not have to hide them in the back yard.
It works for me.
It works for me.
It is set up well
It meets my household needs.
That it is available and encourages neighbors to clean up and maintain yards
I would like to have the curb side pick up and not collect into cans/bags.
Gives plenty of opportunity to have fall waste picked up
The fact that the fall collection is unlimited and spans the leaf season
the question is not clear
Timely notice and convenient curb side pickup.
It is an easy and organized way for us to keep our yard and grass looking nice in preparation for winter.
N/A
It happens! And on schedule

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The City of Montgomery's fall yard waste collection program?**

Provides an opportunity to dispose of yard waste without having to somehow dispose or compost it in our yard. Our yard is limited and we would not have the space.
The program allows the family to get rid its cal yard waste quickly and easily.
Easy to use--expansion is needed however. The extra dates are a great idea
We said "very satisfied" because we assumed it will be expanded to 8 weeks. It is a good program, but 5 weeks is not long enough to cover the actual leaf period.
It gets picked up without problems though it is frustrating to have bags sit around for potentially 6 days due to bags getting wet and breaking. If you do your bagging on trash day or the day after, you will have bags to take care of for a week which becomes a storage issue because the bags need to be kept dry.
Normally our landscaper removes all of the yard waste and we seldom have the need for the service.
The amount is unlimited during that time and we have a lot of trees.
Able to put out large amounts, e.g., whole tree or brush trimming/pruning/removal.
unlimited amount
It is always a reliable pick up.
Simply because it is offered.
Timely
it meets my needs
Unlimited yard waste pick-up.
I can use my own waste cans and do not need to buy bags unless I want to
Regular pick up -BUT leaf vacuuming would be fabulous!!
It provides disposal options for those with no wooded areas near their homes to dump leaves in
The fall yard waste program meets our needs and allows a variety of yard wastes, sticks, etc. to be included. Our needs are not as high as they have been in the past due to a recycling lawnmower that handles all but the initial burst of leaves to fall to the ground.
I think the frequency and affordability of the cost is adequate. We mulch our grass clippings and leaves so we have less waste.
They never miss a pick up.
I like knowing that I can count on getting rid of leaves & debris every week in the fall. Sometimes I have more cans than at other times, but I know by the end of the season it will all be picked up.
99% of the time, they remember to pick it up. I'm not sure what other neighborhoods do, but I am grateful we have the service.
the unlimited aspect of the timeframe...
Gets rid of leaves. I would be very satisfied if it extended for 8 weeks.
We have so many trees that 5 weeks isn't long enough. 8 would be nice.
not sure what more to ask for! I put leaf bags by the curbside, and they disappear. would be OK with vacuum system that some people are hotly debating, as long as its cost efficient. the city council is doing a great job listening, and analyzing the options, and I trust will make the right decision in the end.
Reliable
we normally just have leaves and not other yard waste. we keep our property at the minimum so this service isn't huge for us.
it is easy to do

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i think 3 bags/week are more than enough per household, they always show up when expected. If need more can always purchase inexpensive \$3 tags for more yard waste removal
Convenience of curbside collection
THE TIMING OF IT (AND THE TWICE A YEAR BRUCH PICKUP) SEEMS OFF EVERY YEAR. OTHERWISE WOULD SURE LIKE TO HAVE THE LEAVES PICKED UP OFF STREET. DESPITE BAGGING NEIGHBORS OFTEN JUST LET THEIR LEAVES SWIRL THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND INTO THE YARDS/BUSHES OF THOSE OF US WHO ACTUALLY RAKE! SO THERE'S A LOT OF LEAVES IN STREET DESPITE BEST INTENTIONS. JUST BITE THE BULLET AND ACCEPT THAT PEOPLE WILL RAKE INTO STREET BETTER THAN BAGGING IN SPECIAL BAGS. THEN CITY SHOULD BE CLEANER ALL THE WAY AROUND.
easy to do
clean up
Leaves fall for a long time, somtimes until late December
It's reliable
[REDACTED] there is no place to put leaves if you change the system to curb pick up.This involves two houses.
meets the need of having many large trees in our area
Pick-ups do occur when they are scheduled. They take all the leaves.
No comment
I appreciate being able to have Rumpke pick up the toters of leaves. Expanding it to 8 weeks would be terrific!
It is unlimited.
easy to do
It is a great way to collect are yard waste. We have a lot of trees in our yard and to have the ability to get rid of all our leaves and keep our yard looking well kept and give a good appearance is important to us.
The system works, we use it on a regular basis.
It's unlimited. Only complaint is that sometimes in the past the unlimited ends earlier than the date when all the leaves are down.
Leaves are secured and do not pose a risk to storm water management.
Flexibility
Something is better than nothing. A vacuum system similar to surrounding communities use would certainly help.
The length of pick up/accommodating to busy weekend schedules
Would be very satisfied if the leaves were vacuumed up curbside
5 weeks are okay, but 8 weeks ideal.
It is a great service, especially if there are bad storms
Convenience
It is necessary for those residents who do their own yard work to keep their property looking good. Some residents are too lazy and never use this service and it creates a blight on the neighborhood.
Allows me to remove limbs and debris that otherwise would need to be hauled to the dump
Timely removal of yard wastes

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i like the convenience of the program, the statement it makes about the city's desire to remain a good place to live, and the added convenience of yard waste collection occurring the same day as the trash and recyclable collection
Unlimited volume for a single pick up. Should be extended by a week or two, depending on the weather.
I do NOT want the city to spend money on curbside vacuum equipment. Extending the period to 8 weeks is a good idea. Last year we still had leaves on the trees when the period ended.
The yard waste program provides timely, complete collection of fall leaves and other yard waste.
I
Not long enough period of time- had leaves still to pick up after it ended / also would support leaf vacuum trucks
Provides an easy way to remove yard waste from our property and promotes households to clean up brush, etc.
Not having to hassle with stickers or some other method of payment for extra bags during the leaf time. Need this to e longer in the fall
Meets my needs in removing yard waste.
It's all I need.
It happens every week.
haven't used it.
With a large yard I highly utilize and appreciate the program. BUT they dropped the ball this past year by terminating the program before all the leaves had fallen. Yes the city did add subsequent days to the program because of this but it was to little to late for me.
I am a senior and I have to have a professional service do it for me as it is impossible for me to do. for those that do it them self. I feel it would be a good service for a longer period of time.
Efficient , work together well and leaves neat area. /
This helps me get a jump start at cleaning up my yard.
It's convenience.
Seems to work as designed.
Service takes care of the need.
I am just satisfied with this program because I feel that the job has been done adequately. I don't have any specific examples to reference since I am just the daughter of the home owners.
It encourages property owners to maintain their care of their property !
when it's expanded, it should be enough time to get rid of all the leaves
We appreciate having the yards waste collection but five weeks is too short. I hope eight weeks meets our needs. We have a few trees that don't finish shedding their leaves until January.
Fall leaves
I don't think that using a vac truck makes your yards look any better. In fact i feel that homeowners who have pride in their houses will mulch or bag the leaves with Grass, and then put in the yard waste containers year round. / / Its not worth the money or hassle, I will still put my leaves in the yard waste container as they fit in the container every week when my trash goes out. / / I do not need any extra service for this. People who do are just lazy and want something for nothing. /
Just that the City provides the service. So many neighborhoods throughout Cincinnati don't even have an option for such a service.

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<p>We have a lot of trees and absolutely no place to put any yard waste. We usually have three bags each week and a LOT of bags for the unlimited fall pickup. I don't know what we would do without this service. / Also, I like the bags and would NOT be in favor of the pile of leaves at the curb that are vacuumed up - the piles are messy and it would be impossible for us to get all our leaves to the curb.</p>
<p>generally works well but expanded number of weeks will improve</p>
<p>If I have small brush to dispose of.</p>
<p>The fact that it is available and I don't have to purchase paper bags.</p>
<p>It provides an option besides my composting efforts. I haven't enough room for everything.</p>
<p>Easy to do. There is no way these 60 year olds are raking leaves to the gutter. How would the parking on the streets be accomodated for a leaf collection machine? Would we have to move our cars? Our yard is gigantic. very stupid suggestion that I have been reading about in the northeast suburban life press ro purchase leaf vacuuming equipment. Waste of money. I can imagine spending days raking the leaves to the gutter, and then the blow all over the place anyway before pick up. Stupid environmentalist ideas.</p>
<p>We are satisfied with Rumke's fall yard waste collection but think Montgomery should have a leaf collection service similar to Blue Ash.</p>
<p>The unlimited time is during the period of most yard waste. Being able to place unlimited cans/bags out s very helpful to maintaining the look of my property. /</p>
<p>Very important for the maintenance and attractiveness of properties</p>
<p>It is collected regularly enough.</p>
<p>It's there if and when we need it. We compost.</p>
<p>Flexibility.</p>
<p>We have a lawn service so only use the fall yard waste collection program for small branches, twigs, etc.</p>
<p>They come to collect and I do not have to take my yard waste anywhere</p>
<p>Extending it longer because a lot of the trees in the area don't lose all of their leaves until sometime in December</p>
<p>Informing us on dates in advance and pick upi schedule helps with planning of clean up.</p>
<p>It gives me a period of time to get most of my leaves and branches out to the curb except for the trees that loose their leaves so late. I am neither for or against the curb side collection that everyone seems so excited to start. To me it is an expense we don't need to pursue. Having said that - I mulch most of my own leaves with my mower twice a week during this time.</p>
<p>It keeps the leaves out of storm sewer and not piled in street.</p>
<p>Weekly pickup. Would like to see it extended one or 2 weeks.</p>
<p>Our situation is somewhat unique- we have a large wooded backyard and are able to have a place to compost our leaves. We use the unlimited yard waste collection for brush and areas at the front of our house. We realize that most residents are not in this position. We are somewhat concerned that curbside leaf pick up might clog storm sewers but that it would also benefit residents who do not have space to compost leaves in their yards.</p>
<p>Since we have so many older trees around the city, it is a convenient way to dispose of the waste from them. We appreciated the January pickup, because we had a tree taken down but was not cleaned up and it was helpful to us. / / Thank you City of Montgomery.</p>

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I do not like that I have to purchase bags for the yard waste. My daughter lives in Blue Ash and they have a truck with a leaf collector that comes around each week. Home owners just need to have leafs at the curb.
well communicated. Deliver as promised
Keeping the city clean
meets my household's specific needs
We use a Toter. It has lots of room and keeps the neighborhood neat - no piles of leaves at the curb. No wondering how to handle the yard waste.
It's a great time to clean the yard for winter and remove all the waste at one time.
My requirement is small. I mulch as much as possible
Without the program people pile up brush in their yards. /
Leaves on my street are significant since I have 9 trees and my neighbor has 12 trees. My other neighbor will not collect her leaves, so they blow all over the neighborhood. [REDACTED]. i typically set out [65] 30-gal garbage cans of leaves per year. Paper bags for leaves are not durable when they get wet.
This is a critical service, as we do not have a good location to deposit this waste
it allows us to easily have the debris removed from our yards.
I compost most of my leaves but it is nice to have Rumpke pick up the excess.
Our property has more leaves than we can easily compost. Disposing of the excess leaves is important to us.
I have never had a problem with it. But, then again, I do not have a lot of trees on my property.
Most of our leaves are taken to our backyard to compost there. We don't really use the fall yard waster program.
I am pleased with the way pickup is performed and how frequently
We live on a wooded lot. We hire a lawn service for leaf removal. However, there is always a lot of other fall clean-up, and the 3 bag per week limit that applies during the rest of the spring/summer/fall would not be enough for our lot at the end of the fall. It is nice to know we don't have to run to Kroger to buy extra yard waste bag stickers during this busy time.
They pick up everything that I put out. I do not need additional days/weeks to clean up my property.
It serves my need.
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leaves start to fall sooner than November. Only thing that would be better is leaf curbside clean up like blue ash has
Frequency
For the yard waste for which we require disposal, we approve of the present method used and its duration the unlimited aspect of it -- however I do favor it being extended to eight weeks as the five-week window proves to be too short
We continually collect yard waste, and appreciate the ability to dispose of it weekly, rather than only having one scheduled week to get rid of it.
Simply the fact that it exists, and works
We would like curbside leaf removal such as Blue Ash has.
Current service is more than adequate. Would not want the city to spend any more on expanding the program.
Leaf pickup

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It is the only way I can dispose of that yard waste. Also, I like the fact that the materials are recycled into chips/mulch.
I am satisfied, but I would like to see it expanded to eight weeks. My property has mature trees that continue to lose leaves beyond the current five week cutoff.
My yard waste is picked up on time
The pickup is sufficient for our needs. We do have a portion of our yard where we can toss the leaves though. If we did not have that, collecting the leaves in bags would be a challenge.
Although I would prefer to rake my leaves to the front of my lot of bulk pickup, it is a little more work to put into bins and limits the amount i can dispose of each week unless i purchase the bags for pickup as well. It meets the needs of my family. We mulch our leaves with riding lawnmower.
Opportunity to have leaves picked up without having a street full of blowing wet leaves clogging drains. Leaves left on curbs just blow around. Rumpke arrangement is fine.
Most residents have no other satisfactory way dispose of that waste, and it it used to keep the neighborhoods clean.
I'm able to get rid of my leaves and yard waste. The increase in length of the program would be very helpful.
The unlimited collection during that period, but would like to see it expand thru Dec.
I don't have a lot of leaves, so it's convenient for me to just put my yard waste in a trash can and set out once a week.
Thew city offers a good service within a reasonable cost of tax payers money. The alternatives may be easier for resdents, but it will be at a much higher cost.
It's great that it's picked up every week. You can rake at your convenience knowing it will be picked up on your regular trash day.
It keeps the city looking g neat ad clean.
They are consistent about pickup.
This is a foolish question. Where else would we put it?
Consistent
Being able to have my yard trash picked up weekly in the fall is important. I would like to see the same time extended for the spring pickup and more than one pickup for brush.
Keeps it out of the garbage and encourages people to clean up yard.
I think the fact that it is unlimited is good but it end too quickly. We often have quite a bit of leaves that come down after the last yard waste pick up. It needs to be extended... I am ambivalent about the leaf vacuuming system that is so strongly proposed by residents. There are pros and cons to both and we are ok either way. /
Unlimited quantity available for pick-up
Yard waste accumulates quickly and the ability to get rid of it in a timely manner is a good service.
free
Xxxxxxxxxx
The city collects yard waste I would have no way of disposing of.

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I have a lot of trees. Consequently, the leaf removal programs saves me from having to either haul offsite or dump in my woods... I prefer not to dump in the woods, as we use the trail through the back woods to gain access to Pioneer Park and the walking trails. / The leaf collection could start a little earlier, as I recall it started November 1. Even one week earlier would be beneficial. I use Rubbermaid 39 gallon waste cans and have perhaps 13-15 of them, so the leaf collection pickup is very worthwhile to me, on a weekly basis in the fall.
no other choice!
I can get the dead tree limbs and brush picked up at the curb. Leaf pickup is great only wish we didn't have to bag them. It would be nice to have a truck that would suck up the leaves. Happy the city has a collection for the people of Montgomery.
I have lawn service mulch the leaves and the other yard waste goes into my large Rrumpke waste can on wheels
This is a necessary service which helps keep the neighborhoods looking good. It aids in preventing piling up of waste which would certainly occur without this service. Also, the fact that it will be extended to eight weeks is a very important step.
That it exists at all
It is a very net and orderly system which keeps the collection process from being unsightly (like Blue Ash)
It provides an easy way of disposing of leaves. Although curb leave service would be desirable.
The program seems to work...I don't use it often but it is available if I want...I do not favor piling leaves up in front of my house to be blown all over for several days until someone can pick them up...If we went to curbside pick-up the City better show it was a financially favorable option and not a drain on the budget...No Cincinnati trolley fiasco because of the wants of several residents to the long term detriment to the City's budget...
Timely pickup with advance notice of the program.
I appreciate the unlimited amount of fall pick up, but we would prefer curb side leaf pick up with a vacuum.
We have lots more leaves than we can possibly mulch or compost. We need this program to keep our lawn healthy. We are in favor of the curbside leaf collection that is being proposed now.
It suits our lifestyle. We have a mulching lawn mower and bag an excess waste.
This is a very needed service given the wooded nature of our community. However, Rumpke is a bit fickle about the weight/size/nature of the "yard waste" which can be annoying and frustrating. For example they refused to empty our yard waste container last week saying it was too heavy. While there was some wet sod and dirt, it was only one third full. It seems these sort of glitches frequently occur.
I'm really not familiar with this program. I checked wrong box and it would not allow me to go back and change. /
The fact that it is unlimited.
Our household uses a heavy-duty shredder to shred fall leaves in our large backyard. We compost some of the leaves and use some as mulch around our shrubs, trees, and landscaping. We use the yard waste pick-up for weeds, dead annuals, small branches, and excess leaves during the heaviest leaf drop. We use our own Rubbermaid containers for this collection, and sometimes we use a few leaf bags. The city's yard waste collection has been perfect for our needs.
There are a lot of trees and leaves in Montgomery so every bit helps
Easy to use. I like that I can put out an unlimited number of bags.
timely and adequate

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The City of Montgomery's fall yard waste collection program?**

I like that it accepts rigid containers. And that I can mix in branches, hickory nut shells, garden debris, and leaves all together. I don't have to separate leaves from these other things. I do think that 5 weeks a too short because different leaves fall at different times and each season is unpredicable.

It seemed to be satisfactory because we knew ahead of time to get the leaves bagged and on the curb. They were taken away as scheduled.

The yard waste is collected which assist the home owners to keep their property looking nice and manicured.

Because it is unlimited should we do a big Fall clean up one weekend we can put it all out.

It is just nice to get yard waste taken away

it works, it is when i have a lot of sticks to be removed. we should encourage people to compost their leaves and save fuel and help build the soil. Rumpke does a good job picking up the material, timing is good.

The city picks up the fall waste

it is convenient

It is a needed service during the fall season.

The weekly pick ups. We have some huge oaks and a lot 300 feet deep. Oaks drop huge amount but a bit at a time. So the weekly allows me to push out 4-5 barrels or bags per week - keeping up with the constant fall of leaves. Note - retired and don't have a lawn service do it as they only want to come once or twice and overcharge.

I need to continue to have leaf pickup later in the year because the pear trees do not drop leaves to late so a longer period of time for pickup would be nice.

The fact that Rumpke comes and is contracted to collect leaves and grass. The service itself isn't particularly special other than that's what they're paid to do. To make leaf pickup special I would much rather see a leaf vac system which would enable residents to not have to spend 75% of their leaf clean up time which means they don't have to put it all in bags -- this would move me to VERY SATISFIED.

Most of the time, the unlimited pick up of fall yard waste coincides with the end of leave falling. In some years, the service stopped before all the leaves were collected, so it causes difficulty in disposing of the leaves. Expanding the program for additional weeks is a help and the possibility of curbside leaf pick up is interesting, but the same situation could exist with that program. Perhaps making the weeks adjustable for the duration of the leaf season, ie start earlier or later depending on the status of the amount of leaves that are falling would be a welcomed change.

It's convenient and they do a pretty nice job. I do not see a need for the vacuum truck to do leaf collection.

We usually have over 200 bags of MULCHED leaves and they are removed.

I hope that Rumpe compost the material they collect. I am under the impression they do compost it so it is put to good use. Most of our leaves get mulched back into the soil. We put out for collection sticks and fallen small branches. The city should educate the public of the importance of feeding their lawn with second cut, mulched leaves.

Provides residents the opportunity to keep their yards clean and beautiful.

We help the elderly in our neighborhood so yes it is a great program, we have a lot of mature trees in our neighborhood. We have used it every year.

**Q14A: What is the MOST IMPORTANT reason you are SATISFIED with
The City of Montgomery's fall yard waste collection program?**

Keeping the leaves in the bag, I can do the bagging anytime during the week, and store them in the garage. However, currently I don't put them out for collection. Instead, I compost them in the backyard. However, there are occasions, I might (and have used) have to use their services. Then it allows me to put out those yard waste in the bags (roots, weeds, small twigs) for collection. Further, the service of up to three bags of yard waste collection during the rest of the year is fantastic service. Can't beat that!
Timely and convenient
I like the fact that it is UNLIMITED for a period of time and I appreciated how the Mayor extended the deadline for yard waste pick up. I easily rake 10-15 bags weekly and often have leaves falling in December. Therefore, I am happy to have more time and opportunities to dispose of my leaves in an environmentally friendly way.
Because all of our leaf trees are in the rear yard which slopes away from the front of the house, it is easier to place the leaves in bag and carry them to the front curb, knowing Rumpke will pick the bags up every Friday morning like clockwork during the fall leaf program.
I think that it is an efficient way to collect leaf waste in the city. The only option that could be better is if it was collected via vacuum truck and composted or reused within the city.
It is easy for me to place yard waste at the curb.
It allows us to dispose of the yard waste rather than having to store it until spring.
They pick it up in a timely fashion. I am glad it will be expanded.
Just happy to have the service provided.
Yes picking up more often would be better,,and longer time period for the yard waste pick up time frame would be better too
I appreciate the City lifting the number of yard waste bags that a resident can place out for pick-up. We have a large lot, and can easily have 5-6 bags of yard waste during the fall season.
Saves me from having to haul away a lot of leaves.
Unlimited
We have big trees which produce a lot of leaves.
prompt service
Collects leaves and branches
Just that you do it. It could go a bit later to assure all the leaves get picked up, but I like the service being available.
The service fulfills a need.
It is consistent.
Now understanding that the fall yard waste collection would now be 8 weeks I would be very satisfied because I believe this gives us the opportunity to get rid of all of our fall waste. A couple weeks into December would be very helpful because some trees fall very late.
Because bags are used to collect the yard waste.
I have never had a problem with the yard waste collection by Rumpke. I have a lot of leaves and getting rid of them is important as I have no place in my yard to store/mulch them.
leaves get collected . we have alot
It is unlimited
Fall waste materials are taken away each week and do not accumulate or blow around into other yards
We do not have many leaves to bag.
It's unlimited. I have a ton of leaves and I need all the help I can get.

**Q14A: What is the MOST IMPORTANT reason you are SATISFIED with
The City of Montgomery's fall yard waste collection program?**

It keeps the neighborhoods looking clean
Unlimited collection, but wish did not need to bag leaves
Rumpke is dependable, efficient and keeps the yard waste confined - they don't leave a mess.
It is free and effeciant.
Sufficient program length and volume allowance
Some things are hard to wrap up in order for them to be picked up. Would be nice if one pick up didn't have to be bundled.
Don't like to see leaf bags or piles stay on the curb for any length of time
length of time this service is provided is adequate
Having the yard waste in containers or yard waste paper bags keeps the yard waste from blowing into the street and into neighbors properties. Nearby communities that have leaves piled loose at the curbs for vacuum pick up truck do not look that nice when the wind blows and there is alot of rain.
Allows unlimited yard waste
Meets our needs for branches, limbs, bamboo pick up. We do not need leaf collection
I use a mulching mower, so my yard waste is mainly limited to brush and deadwood. The collection program meets my needs.
Fall is the time when expanded collection is most needed. Bags and cans fill up in a hurry, and the expanded collection encourages us all to get out there and rake and clean up and look our best.
It's better than not having it at all!
Yard waste collection program is a nice feature for Montgomery to offer, however, I would more strongly favor a leaf vacuum service.
We can put out our yard waste during that time.
Collection of leaves.
It keeps yards clean and properties look beautiful.
That there is a yard waste collection program. I would like to see the dates rescheduled determined by the weather. Last fall/winter 2014 it seemed the leaves did not fall off trees until November. We had to store the leaves for this year and can only sit out 1 tote a week.
If the service is being extended to 8 weeks as indicated. Otherwise, I would have said not very satisfied.
We're satisfied with the new length of time leaf collection is offered, and we also like that the service is very dependable. We would be more satisfied if the city could provide a curbside vacuum service for leaves.
I have a ton of leaves and their collections enable me to handle them.
Only somewhat satisfied....would like if the City would have curbside pickup of leaves.
It is predictable and clearly explained. During the limited period of operation, it is very satisfactory.
Because it's picked up along with the trash on the same day.
services are available and reliable.
Consistent from year to year
Very convenient - wish either the dates were a little better published or my memory was a little better. The weeks after all the leaves fall are most useful.
I like the unlimited piece of the program. It must be expanded to include more weeks since some leaves (especially my neighbors' trees across the street) fall later! I am neutral about the curbside collection - it would be nice, but not a dealbreaker for me. More weeks is more important to me. Last year I dumped leaves in the creek because the collection ended early.

**Q14A: What is the MOST IMPORTANT reason you are SATISFIED with
The City of Montgomery's fall yard waste collection program?**

Meets our needs
I don't think it's the job of the city to manage my leaves. Yard maintenance is a factor of home ownership, like cleaning the gutters and cutting the grass. It's not the city's responsibility. I'll continue to take care of my yard, thanks.
Like the current program, including the expansion that we had last year. Too many trees still have leaves on them in early December.
Leaves & Yard Waste are contained & the likely extension to 8 weeks leads us to be VERY SATISFIED
Easy to use. Frequent pickups. We live at the end of a cul de sac and have no issues with having enough room to put out bags or cans.
Although I have a huge amount of leaves, most of my leaves are mulched or composted. I can easily put my extra yard waste in the allotted 3 cans.
Would not be able to recycle or stor yard waste on our property. It needs to be hauled away.
good to be able to get rid of more than three containers
I'm satisfied that the plans are to expand the collection by a couple of weeks. The leaves are rarely completely off of all the trees when collection finishes on the current calendar.
meets my needs for yard waste collection, since my lot does not abut a wooded area to accommodate yard waste on-site
It is helpful that it is unlimited during leaf collection
Convenient way to dispose of large yard materials that otherwise would just sit in our back yard.
I have never had a problem with it. Admittedlly, I've had a lawn service for several years, and they take care of most of it. I began composting leaves in the back last year, and found myself in competition with my own lawn service for the leaves! I am impressed that the City responded to community complaints by increasing the number of weeks of unlimited pick-up. I have seen the arguments made by the people in favor of vacuuming leaves, and I am not impressed with their supposed logic. Their hand-out was insultingly written to the level of middle grader. No real logic and questionable facts.
Rumpke does a complete, neat, and dependable job.
Frequency of pick up
It is nice that the leaves and other yard waste are picked up, especially that the amounts are unlimited and that leaves are kept tidy at the curb in cans/bags.
When doing lawn work it's wonderfully helpful to have the collection every week. Otherwise you have yard waste sitting and no one likes that.
Clean, organized. Best Practice!
It meets our needs for removal.
Can gather with lawn tractor and place in containers (minimal raking)
IM SATISFIED THAT ITS EVEN OFFERED
unlimited bags - we have a lot of trees and leaves
Unlimited collection
WELL, IT WOULD BE BETTER IF THEY WOULD HAVE CURB LEAF PICKUP LIKE BLUE ASH DOES AND THEN WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO CRAM INTO CANS OR BAGS. WE TRY TO MULCH A LOT OF THE LEAVES, BUT CANNOT DO ALL.
I'm just happy that it is available. I think the current frequency is satisfactory but I would support an 8 week program.
Don't have to make trips to the dump or other recycle center to get rid of it

**Q14A: What is the MOST IMPORTANT reason you are SATISFIED with
The City of Montgomery's fall yard waste collection program?**

The amount of removal is effective for my needs.
I would like it expanded to last longer. I appreciate the unlimited option in the fall since leaves pile up.
Allows me to dispose of additional yard waste that I cannot compost
/ The unlimited number of yard waste bags that you can set out each week.
I like knowing the day yard waste will be collected. I don't like the idea of having leaves at the curb that will just blow around the neighborhood if they are not collected on a timely basis.
It comes every week when we need the pickup most. I personally would like the city to purchase one of those machines that picks up leaves at the curb. I had that growing up in Wyoming, OH.
It's a great service! We compost our leaves but like the fact that brush collection is available.
It is consistent and thorough. It literally cannot be done better.
It is needed. There are a lot of leaves in the fall that need to be raked up.
It's weekly and unlimited
Thankful you offer it
I don't use it that often but when I do need to clear some yard waste I am glad that I just have to fill the bag and put it out with the garbage and recycle.
Efficiently done - strongly oppose a possible leaf vacuuming system
Use of Toter is fantastic for year round brush and yard waste pick up and taking to the street. Please extend season at least one more week.
The fact that it has a period where yard waste collection is unlimited in the number of containers.
the collection program exists and is a straightforward process.
Other communities can just blow their leaves to the curb and have them picked up. In Montgomery you have to have them in bags and only so many will be taken at one time.
We have a pear tree in our back yard that loses its leaves late fall/early winter and last year yard waste collection ended before they were all down. I called the city to ask about collection times and she said they ended. We had our bags out front and Rumpke ended up picking them up for us. (I'm assuming it was Rumpke, not sure though) We were pleasantly surprised when they were taken.
they are neat when picking up, collecting all waste placed at curb
The fact that we have a program like this is very convenient for me. I'm glad to know they are extending the program.
Tons of leaves are taken for me
We especially like the large toter on wheels which we can roll around to collect our leaves. But we wish we could put more than just the toter out (2-3 garbage cans) without charge on the heaviest of leaf weeks.
I MULCH MOST LEAVES
Easy disposal of leaves.
It serves it's purpose. I've had no problems
It can be counted on. It is appreciated. So happy it is available.
I suggest leaving leaves at curb and city come and vacuum them up.
It works in an efficient way.
It is a regularly scheduled time.
The fact that it is available
The service
By collecting leaves its containers prevents neighbors leaves from invading your property

**Q14A: What is the MOST IMPORTANT reason you are SATISFIED with
The City of Montgomery's fall yard waste collection program?**

It needs to be a longer period starting in October
I would like more weeks for fall waste collection
Leaves and yard waste are contained by the owners from whenever they bag it until the day when Rumpke arrives.
I live in the "Winds" where there are many trees (on my property). The lawn service that I have mulches the leaves on the lawn and the leaves that are in the shrubs are blownout for mulching and my remaining are bagged and put out for Rumpke. The mulched leaves from the back yard are put on the compost pile.
I think fall pick up is fine, (# of days) - new # of days suggested, however, I do not like putting leaves in bags. It is too difficult, time consuming, hard to carry. We need additional pick up days in the spring.
I would like another week of leaf pick up in December. I like leaves being picked up in cans and bags.
City should invest in Gutter Pick Up.
Dependable
None
Rumpke picks up everything that is on the curbs in Montg. Meadows.
It would be much easier to take our leaves out to the curb for pick up. At [REDACTED 65+] , putting leaves in a bag & toting them out to curb is back breaking.
We know it will be picked up weekly & what day. I did think there was a charge for more than three bags, that should have been added. Do you send new letters to new neighbors explaining waste, recycle, & yard pick up rules. And the extra pick up of large items is great.
Fills my requirements

Q14B: What is the MOST IMPORTANT reason you are DISSATISFIED with The City of Montgomery's fall yard waste collection program?

<p>WE have WAY too many leaves an spend WAY too much time dealing with them. My husband and I collect WELL over 120 bags of leaves and almost always have 10 - 15 bag sitting and rotting by our house during the winter when yard waste removal is refused. That is rediculous!!!</p>
<p>Bagging the leaves up is a pain. Why can't we just have the collection system where we rake them to the curb/street like Blue Ash has?</p>
<p>Need to have vacuum trucks to pick up leaves</p>
<p>Ends too soon. In winter we have leaves, branches, yard debris that we have to keep at the side of our house until the spring collection starts</p>
<p>Would prefer the leaf vacuum system that has been recently discussed. Would not mind paying extra for that service. I find bagging leaves to be very cumbersome.</p>
<p>Other cities pickup the leaves at the curb.</p>
<p>Wasted time stuffing leaves into bags, complete waste of time!</p>
<p>Along with traffic issues this is just another symptom of the real issues with Montgomery. Old guard with lack of vision. It's embarrassing that this is even a debate. Suck up the leaves.</p>
<p>Fact: Most homeowners have trees. Trees have leaves. The leaves have to be removed from yard surfaces to preserve the lawns which add to the beauty of the neighborhoods. There should be no limits on the amount of leaves to be picked up. It is very difficult to time the bags/cans to accommodate such a restrictive limit. Placing leaves in brown bags is time consuming, labor intensive, and not environmentally friendly. Limiting the number of cans doesn't allow for timely removal of leaves which tend to fall on their own schedule, not a man made schedule. The collection should start earlier and end later. Not a year goes by that I don't have at least a weeks worth of leaves in December which didn't happen to fall in time to meet the city's arbitrary last pickup deadline. Those leaves fill up my cans the entire winter for no reason, waiting for the first Spring collection. Ridiculous! Leaving leaves at the curbside in piles like Blue Ash may not be a very good solution due to having them blow all over the place, and into other people's yards. I'd like to keep the cans or bags philosophy but have no limits on the number of them, and extend the season a little longer. You can raise my taxes if necessary, that's what governments are supposed to do. It's a service that homeowners need and should be willing to pay for since it is impractical to do it on our own.</p>
<p>Requiring the residents to put leaves in small paper bags is time consuming and tedious. I would be strongly in favor of having a leaf pickup where we can rake the leaves to the street in piles and have pick up that way. Numerous communities in Cincinnati provide this service to their residents and I think it is extremely helpful. For the amount that we pay in taxes we should receive this benefit as residents.</p>
<p>Difficulty using brown bags, tearing, falling over, and heavy to pull to curb.</p>
<p>Having to bag leaves so they can be dumped out into the back of a Rumpke truck does not make any sense. What a huge waste of time for residents every fall. / / We moved here from a community that provided curb side leave vacuum service. We did not think to research if Montgomery offered this service. We assumed a city of Montgomery's means would provide vacuum service especially when virtually every surrounding community offers it. / / We are very disappointed with the gloom and doom scenarios but forth by the city on this issue. We experienced none of these in our previous community. Our friends who live in Blue Ash laugh when they read all the terrible things the City of Montgomery is saying will happen with vacuum service. YOU (the city leaders) are making Montgomery look ridiculous! Please stop the fear mongering.</p>
<p>that we have to bag leaves. many other parts of the city have the equipment to 'vacuum' the leaves when raked to the curb</p>

**Q14B: What is the MOST IMPORTANT reason you are DISSATISFIED with
The City of Montgomery's fall yard waste collection program?**

It needs to be unlimited waste collection all year. It is ridiculous all summer long to store yard waste bags beside your house. some weeks I have 4 or 5 bags but can set out only 3. some weeks I have none. When I don't have any some neighbors ask if they can put their bags at my house. This is a stupid game the city makes us play.
Lots of trees and leaves to bag. Previous cities we have lived in- the city came by & sucked the leaves up with machinery. This was much more convenient.
I grew up with leaf pickup at the curb and there was never any problems like smell or blowing leaves / This was back in the 50's and 60's / I don't like wasting large bags to put leafs in. And the cost could go somewhere else better than to the retailers
Timing of it; if the weather is bad you may be backed up a week or two and before you know it the collection has stopped. Brush should be expanded also same reason.
We have lived in several communities where leaves are picked up at the curb and not bagged. It was done quite efficiently with minimal equipment. There are a lot of senior citizens in Montgomery. It's quite difficult to put leaves into bags and drag them to the curb. it's much easier to blow leaves or put them on a tarp and drag them to the curb for pickup. Leaves could be composted for other uses within the city. One community we lived in offered free compost to the community. Many gardeners would welcome free compost. They also delivered it by the truck load for a small fee. Many communities around Montgomery do curbside leaf pickup which seems to be easier for their residents and looks quite successful. I'd be happy to pay a reasonable fee to get the leaves picked up at the curb.
I think its terrible we need to put leaves in bags. it's completely inefficient. it's very desirable to put leaves into piles near the street for collection.
We should not be forced to bag the leaves. No other community around us has to bag leaves.
Use of bags. Suck them up with a leaf vacuum
The number of weeks collection takes place, and having to bag our leaves. We had to keep our yard waste for three months last year because our yard waste container was not delivered until the week AFTER yard waste collection ceased. Why can't we have a leaf vacuum and mulching service whereby our leaves are collected and turned into mulch that citizens can choose to keep or not? This is a wonderful service we have seen offered in other cities.
I feel a leaf vacuum system would be more cost effective and would also increase the quality of life of our residents.
Bagging leaves. I would like the city to vaccuum leaves from the curb, like other cities around us.
I think there should be a leaf vacuum collection system
We would prefer leaf vacuum inc to bagging. We lived in Sycamore township prior to Montgomery & had leaf vacuuming. I was very disappointed that this was not available in Montgomery.
There are leaves that fall in December that need to be picked up, also.
Bags are expensive and difficult to fill.
Would like to see curb side leaf pick up similar to Blue Ash. At the very least expand the umber of unlimited leaf and tree limb pickup through first week in January and start in late March
Having to bag leaves.
There are better, less time consuming, less labor intensive and more economically efficient options at the City's disposal - leaf vacuuming.
We don't like cramming leaves into bags and toters.

**Q14B: What is the MOST IMPORTANT reason you are DISSATISFIED with
The City of Montgomery's fall yard waste collection program?**

I'm [REDACTED 45-64 YEARS OLD], I have 12 trees on my property, why would I want to stuff 125 paper bag+A119s full of leafs? Every community near and around us vacuums leafs. Montgomery has far more recourses (MONEY) than almost all the communities that offer leaf vacuuming. Why is our city council dead set against leaf vacuuming? Last year you extended Rumpke collection by 3 weeks in January. That meant NOTHING!!! It was 10 degrees outside. I can't rake and bag leafs when it is that cold. I am sick and tired of spending weekends on leafs when I could be in one of our beautiful parks or spending my money in one of our shops or restaurants. It is a fact we will not lose any grant money if we vacuum contrary to information provided on your web site. Why are we stuck in the 20th century on this matter? I am very unhappy with how this has been handled.

It takes too long to bag all the leaves. The additional bags are expensive. Bagging the leaves stirs up allergens, which makes it very unpleasant. I know allergens get stirred up with raking but when you have to compact the leaves in a container, more allergens are released. I know from past experience that dragging a tarp filled with leaves to the curb is much faster and easier. If you can't change the way yard waste is collected, could you add one additional month of unlimited yard waste collection in March? Oak trees drop leaves all winter and we have to store containers in the spring because we have more than 3 containers per week for the first month of collection.

It ends too soon. We always have to store left over bags of leaves over the winter. Two more weeks of collection would be helpful. There are many large trees in Montgomery so there are always tons of leaves AND many neighbors don't pick them up so they blow into our yard. Bagging is an issue as the bags are flimsy and narrow and difficult to stuff. Leaf vacuuming would be a bonus, even if we have to pay extra for it.

Collection ends too early, leaves still fall after November. Also, bagging is a pain.

We have only lived here for two fall seasons and both times the yard waste collection ended before the majority of our leaves fell. Having a longer collection period would be very helpful. Also, the previous city we lived in collected leaves using a large vacuum type device which allowed us to simply rake the leaves to the curb and we did not have to put the leaves in to bags.

We would like weekly collection of leaves at the edge of the property.

Not enough time given for pickup

I can't get all 21 trees/leaves raked up and put into my garbage cans in five weeks. The program always ends before I can finish. So I wait for Spring to dump the remaining leaves. NOTE: I'm not necessarily a fan of the current push to have the City vacuum leaves. I like the way it is....just not the length.

The weeks are set ahead of time regardless of weather. Please adjust to the variation in the onset of autumn. Don't start until the leaves begin falling. No need for extra weeks or leaf vacuums. Just place the weeks intelligently. Zero extra cost.

Curb side collection of leaves not in paper bags should be implemented.

Cost of bags is expensive to the homeowner. Limited collection time. Extra work and time to homeowner to bag leaves. City should consider leaf vacuuming as a better way to manage leaves.

I do not like the leaf bags. I think it is best practice to have the leaves in piles at the roadside versus in bags. Then to have them vacuumed

I have way too many leaves to bag up and would fill my yard waste container over 20 times. I moved from Blue Ash and they have an excellent fall leaf collection program.

You limited to the bins or paper bags. Would love to add more brush pickups instead.

we shouldn't have to pay for bags to put leaves in if don't have containers

**Q14B: What is the MOST IMPORTANT reason you are DISSATISFIED with
The City of Montgomery's fall yard waste collection program?**

The length dates to pick up leaves and fall trimmings is too short. It ends before all the leaves have fallen usually. We have bags or cans of leaves which sit throughout the winter until collection begins again. /

To many restrictions

It is a huge physical pain and time constraint to have to rake, bag and drag the bags out to the street.

I would prefer to not put them in bags. i like that the city picks up leaves so if this is the only way, that is fine. i just think it would be easier and less wasteful to just put piles by the street (we have done that in all other places we have lived in cincinnati and in other states)

Bagging leaves!

Need to bag leaves and not enough weeks

Many other communities surrounding Montgomery offer vacuum curb-side leaf collection. The city of Montgomery can offer this service more cheaply than Rumpke can provide the bagged service. More importantly, even if it were not cheaper, it is the right decision to ensure we stay competitive with other communities in services offered. Blue Ash, Mariemont, Madeira, Wyoming, Sycamore Township and many others offer this service without storm sewers backing up or leaves flooding the streets. The most important reason is that residents don't want to waste time putting leaves into bags when we don't have to. The city of Montgomery can afford to provide this service and should do so.

My pin oak trees drop their leaves later in the winter, so the November collection is of little use to me.

Would rather be able to just rake leaves to the curb and not have to bag them.

As I explained at the beginning of this survey. I have a lot of leaves that do not fall until late fall, extending the collection to 7 or 8 weeks would be a great help. Having curb side leaf pick up would a great service to those who have mucho leaves.

I am not dissatisfied. I don't use the waste program. This survey will not let me go back to see or correct the button I selected.

should be year round no limit

I hate the fact that I have to bag the leaves. This service has no value for anyone in Montgomery. By the time you pay for the bags and have all the leaves bagged, it would be cheaper to pay a landscaping company to haul away your leaves. This is a waste of my tax dollars. Why can't Montgomery leverage the same service as Blue Ash and have the leaves removed from the front of the house, no bags required.

If you want to encourage all of the mature trees and landscaping in the community, curbside leaf pick-up rather than bags should be a priority. It is a major inconvenience not to provide this service to homeowners. Out neighbors cut down a tree because they were tired of raking the leaves and bagging them. We would pay to get our leaves sucked up at curbside and why not encourage the exercise? The bagging is the worst. I ale would support the city providing low-cost options for composting and rainwater storage.

Having to bag all the leaves is costly and time consuming so some people just don't do anything. I would hope if curbside collection/suction was available, I know I would appreciate and I would hope that some of those residents who do nothing would take more initiative and take care of their leaves so I'm not picking everyone else's leaves up come March.

We have more leaves than the limit most weeks. Too many to mulch. Go thru lots of bags & leaf pickup ends before leaves have finished falling. Would love the vacuum service like most areas have. More cost effective & less time& energy & paper bag waste

**Q14B: What is the MOST IMPORTANT reason you are DISSATISFIED with
The City of Montgomery's fall yard waste collection program?**

Needing to bag the leaves.
the collection of yard waste stops while I still have much more waste to discard. This city is full of oak trees that don't cooperate with the city's program or timing. I don't like storing yard waste all winter as is the case at present.
Would like to see leaf pickup at curb that does not need to be bagged.
Would prefer curb side leaf pick-up without the use of bins or bags.
Time consuming and hard work cleaning up leaves from trees that aren't on our property. / We used to live in Ft. Thomas, KY where they vacuumed the leaves from the curbs twice during the season. Much more convenient than bagging.
Rumpke will only pick up three bags without cost. More bags are now 2.00\$ Each. / Montgomery needs a leaf pick up at the street. This would benefit all families trying to keep their yards beautiful and it would save us so much time and money . / Our lawn service does mulch our leaves each week, but we still have an average of 10 bags filled with leaves from the raking around shrubs etc. each week during the fall season. We are a beautiful tree city, so we need help from the city picking up leaves .
Would be nice to have rad side leaf pick up
Would rather rake to curb and have curbside leaf collection
I have called each year for 12 years we have lived here. The leaves fall off our trees after the cut off is given. (Oaks) Secondly, 3 bags is not suitable for those homes with established trees. For the taxes WE pay, it is maddening that the one service we do need gets cut off. Yet, we pay for bows all over the city, plants to be watered daily, town workers who water while another watches..... / / And ugly water fountains and unused triangle park downtown...you waste money and don't give the taxpayer the service they really need
We don't like having to bag our leaves and would like the city to spend the money necessary to switch to a leaf vacuum service.
Leaves still on trees when program is ended
Because vacuuming is much better environmentally and in saving time. Montgomery could make this happen easily. Support your citizens who have thought of a good idea, researched it thoroughly, presented viable options, and mobilized support. These are the types of citizens who make Montgomery great!
No being able to rake it to the curb like Blue Ash.
leaf vacume and longer p/u time
Would prefer leaf vacuuming service.
Fall time period needs to be extended. There should be the same program in the spring.
It ends too early and it requires bags or cans. A more efficient way would be to have a leaf vacuum truck like many other municipalities and cities offer. The end of leaf collection should be based on conditions and not on a specific date.
The city should provide leaf vacuum service for its residents. I AM VERY DISAPPOINTED IN HOW THE CITY HAS HANDLED THIS ISSUE. Instead of truly listening to the residents in favor of such a service, the city leaders seem to have made up their minds. The city's communication regarding the issue in a recent city bulletin was very defensive, and that does not bode well for an open and honest evaluation.

**Q14B: What is the MOST IMPORTANT reason you are DISSATISFIED with
The City of Montgomery's fall yard waste collection program?**

<p>We are very dissatisfied that we must bag our leaves ourselves. We expect that for the money that we pay in taxes to the City, that the City would listen to it's residents and benchmark with surrounding communities to do the right thing and offer vacuum leaf curbside collection. Stop politicizing this issue and just do what the residents have asked and offer the service. If you want to be a premier community, then offer premier services.</p>
<p>Paper Bag usage, cost & handling. It is hard work vacuuming would be much easier for older folks.</p>
<p>The requirement to bag your leaves.</p>
<p>Why can't there be curbside pickup - no bags to fill?</p>
<p>It needs to start sooner. By the time they get to us we have 15 bags.</p>
<p>It costs the resident-funded city government more to pay Rumpke to pick up leaves than if the City were to purchase a vacuum truck and collect the leaves from residents property. The leaf-vacuum process would be a great benefit to the health of Montgomery residents, and leaf-vacuuming would give residents back their time while creating new jobs and the economic benefit of those jobs. Since the City has a very large surplus, far beyond the recommended fiscal reserves for a city of Montgomery's budget, I am advocating for the City to begin a leaf-vacuum service for it's residents, as a way to positively enhance the living experience for all Montgomery residents with leave removal issues. Lastly, the City uses a leaf-vacuum for the park and median leaves, so we know the City agrees leaf-vacuuming is efficient and valuable.</p>
<p>have to buy bags</p>
<p>Not long enough. Left with leaves and other yard waste at end of season</p>
<p>IT IS LIMITED IN WEEKS AND USUALLY RESULTS IN LIMBS AND YARD WASTE BEING KEPT IN CANS FOR MONTHS</p>
<p>Simply too time consuming to rake and bag our leaves. I know it is hard on my elderly neighbors as well. We would like to see curbside leaf removal, as it is certainly doable and viable from a budget standpoint. This one item would enhance quality of life immensely each fall.</p>
<p>It takes too much time and is extremely hard work to fill close to 100 bags of leaves in the fall. It also costs each home a couple dollars for each bag. I would be willing to contribute the money spent on lawn bags for a full service leaf collection where we could blow our leaves to the street like many of our neighboring communities have.</p>
<p>Awhile back it was mentioned that in the future it may be possible to blow our leaves, etc to the street for pickup. I think that would be very beneficial.</p>
<p>I am in favor of moving toward a curbside leaf vacuum system. My family spends many days gathering and bagging leaves.</p>
<p>I would like the city to consider a leaf vacuum collection system.</p>
<p>i am in favor of vacuum leaf pick up instead of bagging bag after bag of leaves. it is cost effective and environmentally friendly. My past upscale cincinnati neighborhood has used it successfully for year.</p>
<p>The amount of time it takes to rake leaves and then (here is the back breaking and time consuming part) and then put them into bags. It is tedious and with as many trees as we have they are not all finished dropping the leaves at the same time - therefore, the pick up time is certainly not long enough for us.</p>
<p>Leaf vacuum service is badly needed here!!! Most/all of our neighboring cities have this service! PLEASE....</p>
<p>The leaves on my trees (oak and pear) don't begin falling until leaf collection has stopped for the season.</p>

**Q14B: What is the MOST IMPORTANT reason you are DISSATISFIED with
The City of Montgomery's fall yard waste collection program?**

If the program is extended to eight weeks, then I would be satisfied. As a person with a Monday trash day, we are always scheduled for brush pick up early on which is very annoying. Maybe this is a different question later in the survey...

Living in Madeira for 5 years it was a great benefit to have the curbside leaf collection availability. We have 3 VERY large trees and the bagging takes up quite a lot of time from our family life in October and November. We do chop them with the mower but that gets difficult too. Raking to the curb would increase our otherwise limited weekend and evening time we have in the fall to provide us more family time.

It costs too much for the bags and takes WAY too long to load the bags. I'd rather see a quality vacuum service like most other neighborhoods in our area.

It sure is long overdue for the City Officials to come up with the times and finally offer leaf vacuum service. While I certainly do appreciate having rumpke take our leaves away every week, it has become an extremely time consuming process to get the leaves into bags, then store them in my garage until trash day, then drag them back to the curb. I am truly shocked that city officials have found a way to skirt this topic over the last 10+ years. The fact is that many of the "premier" neighborhoods have been offering this wonderful service for their residents for years, so why is Montgomery so reluctant. These cities have found ways around any issues and I strongly believe residents find value in this service. Please implement this soon so we can all enjoy the beautiful fall time of year with our families instead of the hours spent bagging leaves.

I'd like to see curbside pickup without having to use bags/rolling bins. It is very difficult and time consuming to bag leaves. Many times because it takes so long we are unable to clear our yard completely before each weekly pickup. Additionally, we have many leaves that fall AFTER the current pick up system has ended. Our leaves continue to fall well into mid-December.

The number one reason (not the only reason) that I'm dissatisfied with the fall yard waste collection is that the current program is a drain of my time each fall. Putting the leaves into bags and out to the curb is time consuming. I used to live in Sycamore Township and enjoyed having the leaves vacuumed up with a truck. It still took time, but I'd estimate it would cut my time in half. If my family and I spend 30 hours each fall (estimate not really based on any data), then a vacuum truck would save us about 15 hours. I'd love to have an extra 15 hours each year to spend doing something else.

Bagging the leaves is such an extra chore. I use 3 extra garbage cans that I own so I don't have to buy and throw extra bags into the yard waste mountain. If we could have a leaf vacuum service, that would be more efficient for me because I could get rid of more leaves faster and have less waste.

The city should not require that leaves be bagged, but rather sweep to the curb for pickup such as it is done in the neighboring suburbs.

Bags have been left by Rumpke (not all bags were taken). Hauling bags can be a pain. Buying bags is a pain. Bagging my leaves is a pain. Bags tip over in high winds leaving leaves in my yard. Bags rip when they are wet.

Having to buy bags and stuff leaves into them. Pick ups don't currently go late enough into the season, leaving residents to figure out how to dispose of leaves late in the season.

I would appreciate curb leaf pick up rather than having to bag our leaves. Many communities that we benchmark against provide this service to their residents.

**Q14B: What is the MOST IMPORTANT reason you are DISSATISFIED with
The City of Montgomery's fall yard waste collection program?**

<p>We are dissatisfied with the inconvenience of packing it in bags and placing them by the sidewalk; oftentimes, we have many leaves in our backyard, and the sheer quantity of them makes it hard for us to consolidate them into bags. It would be much easier if we were not required to place them all into bags--I know in Blue Ash, they have pumps that suck all the leaves residents leave by the sidewalk. I appreciate, though, that the time window has been increased to 8 weeks this year!</p>
<p>Not enough weeks of pick-up. Some of our trees still have half of their leaves when the service ends. We must store bags of leaves in our garage all winter until spring pickup starts again. 2nd reason: Too much effort to bag when vacuum services could be provided.</p>
<p>My Rumpke collection day is Monday. Therefore I MUST have all my yard waste collected 5 weeks before those with a Friday collection date. Same thing in the Spring. Why not rotate it so I don't have to hurry and work in my yard EVERY YEAR weeks before everyone else to receive the same service they can take their time doing??</p>
<p>We need curbside pickup of leaves that don't require bagging. We claim to be a "Tree City" and the city will provide trees, but does NOT help on the back end - namely leaf pick up. It's hard to enjoy the parks, downtown Montgomery or do other things when we spend hours and hours bagging leaves and bagging our elderly neighbors' leaves. It is time for the city to step up and have a third party provide us with curbside leaf collection without the need for bagging the leaves.</p>
<p>The time it takes to rake my yard and literally bag every single leaf. I have a very large yard with many trees. In my previous neighborhood, I was able to rake my leaves to the curb for collection saving both time and money.</p>
<p>We have over 10 bags of leaves plus large tote full per pick up date but since we have so many trees that drop leaves late, we still have a full tote plus up to 20 bags that sit all winter unill collection begins again. We mulch a good number for our beds but there are too many. As we're now getting older the raking, stufing, hauling and storing is becoming back breaking and all we do on the weekends. We love our trees but would appreciate a vacuum service to lessen our work load save us time to spend enjoying the parks and other opportunities in our community. /</p>
<p>i would rather have curb side leaf collection that did not have to be bagged.</p>
<p>More dates for brush collection, additional dates for off-season yard waste pick up</p>
<p>We really feel the unlimited yard waste collection should be offered year round, or at least once a month in the "off months". Encouraging homeowners to take care of their property throughout the year starts with being able to easily dispose of yard waste as needed. Charging for anything over the current limit seems petty and is inconvenient. People need to have access to get rid of their yard waste when needed (which can happen several times throughout the "off season").</p>
<p>To many leaves. Getting harder each year to put in bags. / In past 35 years 80% of trees on my street have been removed. Some part of this is fighting the leaves on the ground in the fall.</p>
<p>I have looked with envy at other nearby Communities that have curbside Leaf pickup. For years ,as I filled the bags with my leaves I wondered why this wonderful City does not provide this service. As I am now [REDACTED] I pay to have the leaves bagged. I found it rediculous that stickers must be purchased and put on bags if you exceed the free limit' This creates an inconvenience not only to your Residents but also the Rumpke employee who must police the pickup limit. I save my extra bags in my garage and only put out the Legal amount each week. This is not fun..</p>
<p>Curbside leaf collection would be easier than loading leaves in bags and hauling the bags to the front for pickup.</p>
<p>The requirement to bag leaves for pickup vs pulling to the curb for vacuum pickup</p>
<p>I believe we could benefit from the Fall Leaf vacuum service versus bagging the leaves every weekend.</p>

**Q14B: What is the MOST IMPORTANT reason you are DISSATISFIED with
The City of Montgomery's fall yard waste collection program?**

Council members are stalling. The people pushing for the change should get signatures and put it on the ballot. This is an older neighborhood with developed trees. The amount of time and labor (or expense) to collect leaves into containers is a waste. If there is an alternative (curbside pickup) it should be implemented. I have been around long enough to remember council voted against a municipal pool and only changed their voice when it appeared there were enough signatures for the ballot. The people in council forget that it is "of the people, by the people for the people".

We would prefer to have the leaf vacuum service in addition to the unlimited can pick-up service. I do wish this service reached further into the fall as well. Sometimes it seems like the leaves haven't fallen off the trees yet by the time the service is terminated for the year.

Bagging the leaves is a time consuming burden. We do not have space to mulch or compost the amount of leaves that we have and so using a city service is a must. I would vastly prefer getting the leaves in piles to the curb for vacuum leaf collection which is what I grew up with and had no complaints about whatsoever.

Not Flexible enough

I have a ton of trees and see no reason why Montgomery doesn't have a leaf vacuum service. I posed this question to a City official years ago and was told that citizens of others cities who are provided with this service don't like it. Ironically, I know a lot of people in other nearby cities and I've never heard anything negative regarding their experiences.

The leaf collection is inadequate. There is simply nowhere to go with all of the leaves, and the bagging option is a disaster if you have significant numbers of trees.

The leaves pick up, it's difficult and time consuming to bag the leaves, I have a yard service which dumps them in my back yard ("the woods"). In the Deep Park they were picked up by the city vacuum. Much better!

I find having to bag leaves inefficient and labor intensive.

Because I have 1/2 acre, definitely need fall yard waste program. For the amount of taxes paid to Montgomery, we should have years ago, been provided with curbside leaf vacuuming service. Picking up each leaf and placing in bags, cans, is a back breaking job. Paying a company for this service is very expensive. If you want older adults to remain in this area, as they age, you need to provide better yard service to lighten burden of yard maintenance. Lack of this service could be determining factor as to whether to remain here or leave for another area or retirement home.

Strongly dislike having to bag all the leaves haul dozens and dozens and dozens of those bags to the curb! Would prefer blowing leaves to curb for pickup. Do support increasing program to 8 weeks.



APPENDIX 2.3

**VERBATIM RESULTS FOR
QUESTION:**

“What is the most important reason you favor/oppose replacing the current leaf collection program with a curbside leaf vacuuming service?”

Q16A: What is the most important reason you FAVOR replacing the current leaf collection program with a curbside leaf vacuuming service?

we could use a tarp and drag the leaves to the front of the yard. that would be a HUGE time saver for us.
Less labor intensive
It is expensive to buy the leaf bags, it is heavy to lug them down to the end of the driveway and there are usually 10-20 bags at a given time which is a lot to store and manage.
convenience
aggravation of having to make sure you have enough lawn bags on hand; having to go purchase them and raking them into the bags. quite a lot of work, especially for our elderly neighbors.
can possibly generate income?
Better system for the homeowners.
I don't use the current service and wouldn't use the future service (we compost). I think the vacuuming service would be very beneficial for my fellow residents.
Ease of use, bagging is a pain
We have many mature trees on our property. Fall leaf clean up is not efficient currently.
Because bagging leaves is very time consuming and cumbersome.
easy
cleaner, uses less energy and generates less pollution
If you ever put leaves in those bags vs curb pickup you wouldn't need to ask this question.
Time savings related to stuffing bags and moving to garage to hold until they can be moved again to street on collection day.
The addition of this question is ridiculous.
it is a convenient service and keeps leaves out of the landfill. However we crunch up our leaves with a mulching mower so would not have need for this service.
Much easier to clear leaves. Would really really appreciate this
As stated previously, it would be timesaving and easier than the current system.
Makes my life easier
Environmentally more friendly
It would be easier to rake to curb, especially for the aging population, and the folks that do not use a lawn service to move leaves. Even if they decided to pick up leaves 3-4 times a season, homeowners could plan ahead. They don't need to come around 2 times a week, if that would help cut the cost. And start pick up later in the season, it seems like the leaves are falling later these days.
It's physically easier. On my property, it means I wouldn't have to bag, I could just rake the leaves into the street and have them vacuumed up.
It's convenient if we do not have to bag our leaves (we have property with trees...); however, piling the leaves up on the curb may damage the neighborhood aesthetic, especially if it's windy or residents do not pay attention to the rules. / / ***Most importantly, we have lived here for 18 years and love our city. The biggest perk of living here is that personal income tax has not increased in those 18 years, which we feel is unprecedented and are very, very proud of the city for not raising the 1% personal income tax rate. / / If vacuuming up leaves would require a personal income tax increase, then we can bag our own leaves.
We have too many leaves. It would make it much more easier for us in the Fall.
It would be easier on homeowners, more ecological and I believe less expensive.
Less work for the homeowner than to have to bag or place leaves in garbage cans. Don't know about the downside, but this could be cost.

Q16A: What is the most important reason you FAVOR replacing the current leaf collection program with a curbside leaf vacuuming service?

Don't have to use bags. However, I'm willing to use bags if it is cheaper for the city than the vacuum system. Also, I only have about 5 feet of curb space to dump leaves which could be an issue (house is located at the back of a cul-de-sac with a triangular shaped lot).
convenience
Vacuum service would save residents a tremendous amount of time every year. We do not agree with the city when you say it only takes a total of 53 minutes per year to bag leaves. Maybe if you only have one tree. We have many large trees and we spend hours stuffing leaves into bags, moving bags around to the front of the house. We must also wait until the pickup day to put them by the curb which means we often have to move heavy leaf bags more than once. We had vacuum service in our previous community and it took a FRACTION of the time to handle leaves as it does now.
we never have enough bags. it gets so costly and time consuming to keep buying bags and filling them. montgomery is beautiful because of the trees, but that means we have a million leaves to collect in the fall
Blue ash has it
Putting out 10 to 15 bags a week for four weeks. It would save me several hours a week and money buying bags.
Saves time and energy and reduces need for bags helping environment
would be less work and could get more leaves to the curb at one time.
Seems like it would be a lot easier on the residents
Trying to bag all the leaves is super time consuming. All leaves do not fall at the same time so constantly trying to stay on top of dates and bagging leaves. Familiar with the vacuum system and this is a much better system.
Much easier for the homeowner.
We don't have spend additional money on bags or take up space in our garbage cans. Especially because Rumpke refuses to take anything outside of one of THEIR cans.
/ As an older resident the cost to remove my leaves has increased because the contractor / charges an extra for disposing of leaves.
This would be ideal for me. I have more than my 3 cans a week so I have to dump the rest in my compost pile all the way to the back corner of the yard. Unless I have help, this is not good. Dumping them at the curb would be a blessing for me.
can blow them to the curb. Do not have to buy bags to put yard waste in. It makes it much easier using a vacuum
We had this service in Reading for many years. I have been surprised at the resistance for this type of service in Montgomery which is a much more affluent area than Reading. It is a timesaver for those who rake leaves. As I mentioned previously we mulch ours for the most part but the service with lots as large as the ones in Montgomery only makes sense.
It's simply easier to rake the leaves to the curb instead of bagging them or removing them to the treelike in my back yard.
Less effort for me to pick up and bad the leaves. Less paper bags.
We have a lot of them, if done on a timely basis.
already mentioned it / / This has been an issue for to many years already. / Need to do something about it already / Montgomery seems to have this repetition of dragging feet / to much talk already
Convenience ; you can get more leaves in a pile then in the bags people use. The bags get wet/ fall apart etc.

Q16A: What is the most important reason you FAVOR replacing the current leaf collection program with a curbside leaf vacuuming service?

The last city we lived in vacuumed the leaves and it was wonderful, very easy for the homeowner and kept the neighborhood tidy.
CAN't fit the amount of leaves in the allowed bags per week, this would allow me to get rid of all my leaves quicker.
ease
Makes raking leaves much easier.
I answered this question several pages back. Bagging leaves is just a very difficult job. They can be blown to the curb and put on a tarp and taken to the curb much easier than trying to stuff them in bags. We are senior citizens and it's a daunting job to put leaves in bags. Montgomery has a high population of seniors who would appreciate a change in the leaf collection process. Leaves can be composted and used for other purposes within our city.
it's the entire wasteful process: buying bags; filling up bags; storing bags indoor until they are ready to be picked up; hauling the bags back to the street for pickup.
It's too expensive for the home owner and too labor intensive for older citizens.
Not interested in gift wrapping my leaf
It's more efficient.
blue ash went with it, so it is either more cost efficient ,or the people do not have to buy bags?
This method of collection should enable all leaves be pulviveized into reusable mulching material.
Easier pickup and less need to extra paper bags to hold leaves. Maybe it would also encourage my neighbors to rake-up their leaves before they blow into my yard (-:
Many in our community are growing elderly or are handicapped and bagging leaves is a hardship.
leaf vacuuming is easier for the resident - we lived in Blue Ash and the thing we miss the most is the vacuuming service. bagging is messy and time consuming - moving bagged leaves is way tougher than blowing the leaves to the curb.
It's more cost effective for the city and would make leaf disposal so much easier. I have lots of mature trees in my neighborhood which certainly add to my enjoyment of Montgomery. However, stuffing leaves into paper bags is not an enjoyable part of fall. A leaf vacuuming service would be a big improvement over our current service.
much more convenient
I have large old trees on my property. I am still bagging leaves after starting last fall. I have filled about 50 containers with leaves thus far this year. It would much easier for me, a senior, just to rake the leaves to the curb and not have to bend and fill so many bags and containers.
Ease of disposal, no bagging or container collection.
Easier on residents. Each fall I have to fill 80 bags of leaves :) so blowing leaves to a tarp and placing those at the curb would be much easier. /
Simply requires moving the leaves to the curb without bagging.
I used to have the curbside leaf vacuuming service in blue ash and it was quite convenient and did not have to waste money to buy bags.
Reliable and consistent execution of the cleanup process. Not satisfied with current residents efforts.
Bags get wet and get dumped. Harder to do than getting them to the curb.
would greatly reduce time and effort for fall yard maintenance for each household. Also, communities that are comparable to Montgomery offer such service.
Sheer amount of leaves & amount of time it takes to bag. Also older residents have trouble with leaf bagging.

Q16A: What is the most important reason you FAVOR replacing the current leaf collection program with a curbside leaf vacuuming service?

Much more convenient and easier than bagging leaves.
I'm fine with either method, as long as they can pick up branches and other yard waste, including christmas trees in January.
Hard to stuff the bags
Bag expense, bags rip/tear and are hard to manage.
Bagging leaves is a very time consuming process. When it rains, the bags get soaked and tear.
We are getting older and it is harder to bag the leaves.
will save time and my back
Ease of use vs. filling bags.
Easier to move to curb than bag
We have a lot of trees and spend a lot of time bagging leaves. It would be nice to not have to bag them!
convenience and less time
It would save our household considerable time and effort each week in the fall to place our leaves at the curb for vacuuming as opposed to having to bag leaves.
Sorry - my previous comment didn't predict this at all! I favor it because bagging is a huge waste of time. It's hard to find a good time to bag, given busy schedules, rainy autumns, unpredictable leaf-falling time, etc. So I frequently only get part of my leaves bagged. If I could just blow them to the street, I'd be better able to clean my yard and get back a ton of time with my family.
We hate cramming leaves into bags and toters. It is an incredible time saver for the residents of this community and in line with the services provided by premier communities. The City of Montgomery leadership 'voted' on the most cost-effective way to deal with their leaves.....as they vacuum up the City parks. What would be the cost for City employees to bag all the leaves in our City parks? Time = money. Please consider that representation must know the pulse of the people.
As in my last comment it is ridiculous that every community around us vacuums leafs and we don't. I'm sick and tired of raking and bagging. Are 18 communities near us wrong? Do you think their residents would vote to return to bagging? Breaking their backs 14 hours per weekend in November. This is a no brainer. Why was this not done years ago? We all know how much money the city has. Like I said before, Totally ridiculous.
I believe this change would provide the homeowners with at least some relief economically and should reduce the time necessary to actually get the leaves ready for pick-up.
more efficient
It is a more environmentally sound practice.
It is easier to rake the leaves to the curb than trying to stuff them in a bag
We had this service prior to moving to Montgomery. It is faster, easier and cheaper.
The bags are flimsy, narrow and difficult to fill and are heavy to carry out to the curb. Many of us seniors have a difficult time with them.
Reduction in the time required to clean yard by bagging everything.
Less work for homeowners.
Easier on the back

Q16A: What is the most important reason you FAVOR replacing the current leaf collection program with a curbside leaf vacuuming service?

Our neighborhood has a lot of trees/leaves. It is very cumbersome to collect all of the leaves and get them into the bags. The bags often rip and can be difficult for people with small arms to move. We have been using a chipper to cut up our leaves very small before putting them into the bag which helps us get more in the bag, but it is very time consuming. Then, the bags have to be stored in the garage until collection day so they do not get rained on and tear even more easily. It is a waste of paper to use the bags.
Many residents do not have time to rake their yard and bag them...therefore, leaves blow into other peoples yards. It would be much easier for residents to rake the leaves to the edge of the property for the vacuuming service.
Time saver; less paper and lifting involved. More convenient, faster, easier way to be rid of leaves.
Will help the environment and no more leaf bags which are a pain to use
Our city is part of Tree City USA. In our yard alone we have many many trees. To properly maintain our yard we must rake the many many leaves that fall each Autumn. Bagging them is not an option for us, as we would have hundreds of bags. Most of our surrounding communities (Blue Ash, Reading, etc.) have curbside leaf collection, and we were very disappointed when we moved here in 2003 that Montgomery did not have this service. As we are getting older now, trying to mulch the leaves is getting harder and harder for us. I cannot tell you what a relief it would be to blow them to the street and have them vacuumed up. Please please consider providing this service.
Easier to do and save money on bags as well as conserve paper.
easier, better, cheaper
At [REDACTED 65+] it's much easier to sweep the leaves to the curb rather than bagging them.A173
I don't use the current service. I would use the curbside service. Every upscale community but Montgomery provides this service.
Making it easier to get rid of the leaves
EASIER TO RAKE TO CURB THEN PICKUP AND PLACE IN CONTAINER.
Too much time and expense to bag leaves.
It would save a lot of time putting all of the leaves in bags
Not having to wait for all leaves to be picked up
It's too much work putting leaves in a bag.
Less waste and less work to gather leaves
Ease of disposal
we won't bag, so this is a way to assure that they will be removed
I think it is easier to use a vacuum service. It also seems wasteful to have to use the bags. It is also cumbersome to use the bags.
It works!
Ease of use.
It's worth a try. Although if the city tried it and it turned out to be too costly or difficult I can see residents becoming indignant---they practically are already just talking about it.
It's wasteful to drive to a store, buy a bag, rake and stuff into an awkward bag, then drag the bag to the front of the house where it tears, gets wet and breaks open, etc. Then drive to the store, buy stickers, etc.
I support whatever is easier and gets the job done
cleaner streets

Q16A: What is the most important reason you FAVOR replacing the current leaf collection program with a curbside leaf vacuuming service?

Ease for myself and other homeowners. Maybe it will encourage others to clean up their leaves and not let them blow all over other people's yards.
No need to bag. My experience is that these machines can break down easier and if it gets delayed grass is killed
It makes Montgomery look cheap when compared with Blue Ash.
I used to live in Blue Ash, and what a time saver it was dealing with leaves...rake them to the curb and that was it.
I don't like to have to store full bags in a dry place for several days until trash day. I don't have the space and cannot keep them outside for fear of them getting wet. The bags are paper and getting wet compromises their strength. I have had to rebag leaves and yard waste after the original bag has broken.
As long as we continue to have yard waste pickup through spring and summer I would be in favor of leaf vacuuming service because it's less work for the homeowner and still accomplishes Recycling without the bags for most people
environmental
Makes leaf removal much easier and less physically difficult
It saves on overworking my aging limbs in bagging.
Easier to use. I personally, would probably not have leaves to vac up, but heavily wooded areas, e.g., The Winds, would. Would be nice to allow residents to use composted leaf mulch in spring. Encouraging composting rather than landfill.
it is easier to not put leaves in bag, takes less time, seems to not be worse environmentally. how we have done it in at least 3 other homes in Cincinnati and in Pennsylvania and New York State.
No need for bags and it would be easier for us. Also, we could have more pick ups ready since less work on our side. Instead of picking up leaves only once.
My neighbors and I dislike bagging leaves!
It's a cleaner method of collecting leaves.
Bagging leaves is very time consuming. Curbside leaf vacuuming service is much preferred and would increase our satisfaction with the services provided.
Easier for homeowner. No bags to buy
More time to enjoy Montgomery's parks + the city sure as heck has the money!
Vacuuming would make it easier than having to bag and drag. Saves me time and money. And someone else can mulch the leaves and use as compost. Plus, my neighbors would be more likely to actually rake instead of letting leaves blow into other yards.
Makes it easier to rake when you don't have to collect leaves in bags
It would just be easier, rather than having to mess with special bags.
TIME SAVINGS. Raking leaves is not an unpleasant part of fall yard maintenance, but putting leaves into bags or totes takes time and effort that would be better spent enjoying other activities. Other communities' residents do not spend time stuffing leaves into bags (communities such as Madeira, Mariemont, Wyoming, or Sycamore Township). Less time spent putting leaves into bags is more time spent enjoying other Montgomery activities. / The one thing most residents want more of is time, and this service can provide the residents with more time. It would be a Win-Win for the community and the city government.

Q16A: What is the most important reason you FAVOR replacing the current leaf collection program with a curbside leaf vacuuming service?

It just seems it would be easier to rake all the leaves to the curb. (My leaves collect there naturally, anyway). / / But would this curbside leaf vacuuming service also include other yard debris besides leaves? / And would we get to take advantage of any mulch that would be produced by the leaf vacuums?
We had over 18 bags og leaves. We either had to have a neighbor put some bags out for us or space them out over the weeks offered. It would depend on the cost of leaf vacuuming. It costs only about \$21.00 for bags.
my back is wearing out...
We have SO many leaves that a vacuum sounds easier than bagging; however I'm not sure if it would make much of a difference for backyard leaves.
Convenience
Less work on my part. It will still be a lot of work getting the leaves to the curb though.
We do not purchase bags, so we are limited by the number of cans that we have. It would be much easier to rake leaves to the curb. Montgomery has so many beautiful mature tress.
Lots of tree equal lots of leaves
JUST PUT DETAILS ALREADY - LESS PEOPLE BAG THAN YOU THINK, AND THEY DON'T RAKE EITHER, MEANING LEAVES BLOW AROUND DESPITE THOSE OF US WHO DO BAG. VACUUMING THE LEAVES WILL HELP TREMENDOUSLY FOR THE CHEAP PEOPLE WHO DON'T WANT TO BUY SPECIAL BAGS.
easier & special collection bags not required /
ease
Putting leaves in bags is time consuming and getting harder to do the older we get
its more cost effective and easier.
somewhat easier than current program - saves time
I have a lot of leaves; it takes more time to bag them than it does to put them in a pile next to the street.
It would be much easier for residents and would be considered a service that potential home buyers would value
The mature trees in the community add value to the properties and encourage replanting when trees have to be removed. Tree cover also helps save on cooling homes. See earlier answer on reasons - raking is great for money earning for kids but the bagging is such a hassle. Im all for the exercise but the bags add too many additional steps from purchasing bags, to having the correct size rake, or purchasing additional hardware to make getting the leaves into the bags easier - to much to store in garage. How tough would it be to purchase this equipment by the city to suck up the leaves? If you pick up all of the yard waste but the leaves, what is the point?
Efficiency, less resources and hopefully long term cost savings. / Worry about reliability, noise level
Not having to buy bags and waste time trying to get the leaves in them, then having to haul them all out to the curb
I'm tired of having to buy yard waste bags and bagging my leaves!
Convenient
It's less physically taxing to rake to the curb than to bend down to put leaves in a bag.
easier than putting leaves in bags or containers /
Easier (no need to bag or buy bags).
we assume less landfill & the city would compost?

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stuffing leaves in a paper bag is an arduous task for anyone but, especially for senior citizens. Then, after the bag is full, not everyone can lift the bag to take to the curb.
We have lots of mature trees and leaves can fall through mid December.
I would not need to purchase bags for collection.
Easier. But is it more expensive?
Would save time and expense of buying the paper bags required for the volume of leaves that we have.
More efficient than raking into bags or bins / Can take to curb on large tarp
leaves would be easier to manage instead of putting them into bags
Either is fine
It is a pain to put it all into bags and acquiring the right bags or stickers
have you ever tried stuffing a yardful of leaves into paper bags? where i grew up, the city provided a leaf vacuuming service and it is a far superior method for the residents, in my experience.
Like we said, we are familiar with the process and were actually sort of shocked that it isn't offered here. We are both in our sixties and it's really hard work to bag everything.
Bagging leaves is time consuming, and expensive
The convenience of not bagging our leaves would save us all time and money! / Even though our leaves are mulched back into our lawn we still average 10 or more bags of leaves each week. Fall leaves have to be raked or could be blown to the street to be vacuumed. This would be a life saver for the senior community members...so much easier not to bag the leaves and pay for bags which are 2\$now.
Bagging leaves is much harder than the raking
Less carrying of bags, purchasing of bags- seems to make lots of sense over the long run
So much easier on my back then raking and bagging
It would save me time to pile leaves at the curb over filling paper bags with leaves.
It would simplify the process, but there might also be a problem. We have friends living in Loveland and apparently their neighbors can put leaves anytime, As a result there are leaves blowing around on the street. There should be some restrictions like only put your leaves on the curb the day before they will be collected.
I am selling my house so after 12 years of calling about dissatisfaction with leaf pick up issues, I really don't care what the town does because they have not listened to the residents and have been rude when I call for 12 years
easier on the owner
I have a TON of leaves and this program would make my life easier. BUT i am concerned about the leaves blowing all over the neighborhood
For many people with multiple large trees, using the ill-designed paper bags is incredibly time consuming. A city that prides itself on being a tree city needs a better way to deal with the by-products they produce.
So we can spend our time doing more interesting things than bagging leaves.
My leaf collection is taken care of by landscaper
It's a good idea with time and environmental benefits. Engaged citizens have brought forward the idea and done a lot of work to make it viable. We really need to support this from our citizens in some way. Lots of options here, I know the council will do the right thing!
i I don't like bagging up leaves. I feel that they should be mulched or recycled.
Easy for the homeowner!

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Bags and toters are a racket, heavy to lift, and fall apart in the rain.
Ease of collection and work by homeowner
I have a service currently but if I were still doing my own leaves I think I would like the curbside vacuuming
It is much more convenient to put the leaves to the curb for vacuuming.
eliminates having to bag the leaves for seniors
Seems to work well with MAson it was wonderful
Might encourage more people to clean up their yards
It would save time (no more bagging.)
Ease of use for us, the homeowners. And from the discussion I have seen the cost seems comparable.
Due to the mass amount of leaves we have it is impossible/takes a huge amount of time to bag them each time we clean our yard. We think that the curbside leaf vacuuming service would make this much easier.
It would save time to be able to simply push the leaves to the end of the yard. It might encourage owners and renters that do not maintain their yards in the fall to do so if it wasn't as time consuming. /
It would be convenient, but I am concerned about extra cost.
At the outset, I will admit I do not know how much it would cost the city to replace the current leaf collection program with a leaf vacuuming service. If the cost is too much, I would oppose. / / Putting aside the cost for a moment, I favor the use of a vacuum service. [REDACTED DESCRIPTION OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MONTGOMERY AND PRIOR HOME] had a vacuum service that was very easy for the residents. We simply blew or raked all of our leaves to the curb, and they were picked up by the city. It was much easier than getting them in bags. Thanks
easier than trying to stuff it in cans
It is much easier than bagging the leaves up.
A few reasons: bag cost, more efficient for me to deposit leaves at curb in piles.
A lot easier to pile on the leaves at the curb than putting them in cans. Especially when rain is in the forecast.
more convenient
Seems to be more environmentally friendly and easier for homeowners
work to remove leaves might not be as strenuous
[REDACTED] , I am not physically capable of raking my full yard and putting it into bags without risking my health. It would be vastly easier for me to rake them to the curb vs piles and then lifting them into bags. Especially because I live on a corner lot. I do understand that it is more expensive and can be very troublesome, but for my household it would actually save me money (I have to hire someone to take care of the leaves for me) and be a significant enhancement to the quality of my life in the fall.
It is cost effective and environment friendly.
Currently I have to purchase leaf bags or fill multiple garbage cans over a course of weeks to collect all of my leaf debris. Leaf vacuuming would save me time and money because I could just use a tarp to deposit leaves at the curbside.
It would be easier.

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Time!!! We live in a community with many beautiful trees but with that comes a great deal of maintenance. We are a dual working family with small children and do not enjoy spending our free time bagging leaves.
Bagging and carting leaves is hard work particularly for elderly
Equally good for the environment, roughly equal on cost, and far better service by giving my family time back every weekend.
I live at the bottom of a hill, and while my neighbors do the best they can to keep the leaves picked up, it is usually a weekend only clean up. during the week, leaves still fall and gather around our drainage openings (3) and leaf vacuume would keep the drainage openings cleaner and would also ensure that leaf build up wont back up ice/snow build up once winter comes.
Eliminate bagging of leaves
I think it is probably less expensive over time.
Easier to rake leaves to curb for collection rather than bagging
Filling bags is back breaking and too expensive.
It would be significantly easier for us. With the current system, we have to purchase bags, spend lots of time filling them, and then carry them out to the curb. I think that leaf-vacuuming would be much more efficient from a time and cost perspective for the city residents.
Ease of getting leaves to curb, versus the labor it requires to place leaves in bags or tote.
Raking and bagging is very laborious and time consuming, plus the expense of the bags and limits on how many bags they will pick up per week is frustrating.
Less work putting into bags. we are ok with either
It is easier for everyone to just haul the leaves to the front of their lots rather than bag all of them, the current system utilizing Rumpke's provided waste pin limits the amount you can dispose of each week rather than purchasing multiple bags to dispose ov everything at once.
Costs benefits to the residents, including less overall cost than Rumpke to the tax-payer funded government, less long term health costs associated with eliminating unnecessary bending and lifting to fill hundreds of leaf bags and more time (time is money) to do the things we love, instead spending hours and hours bagging leaves.
convenience
Bagging is labor intensive.
I know a lot of people leave TONS of bagged leaves out and this would save a lot of time for some.
Easy raking to the curb instead of hauling or packaging it.
it would be easier for our househoud
Hopefully it would be long enough to get rid of yard waste and a lot easier than bagging and putting out. My concern would be if it is replacing what do you do with grass clippings and shrub trimmings
eliminate all the bags of leaves that I have to fill each fall and they are many (around 45 bags)
Leaveswould be shredded and maybe used for something rather than put in landfill
Bags are a PAIN to stuff and I see that by sweeping leaves to the curb it will decrease pain and time investment.
IT WOULD BE A LOT LESS TIME CONSUMING . A LOT LESS!!!!!!
It would save a tremendous amount of time each fall and I know it is a hardship for some of our elderly neighbors.
Easier to dispose of leaves from property

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It's a pain to place leaves in bags or containers but cost should be a factor in deciding whether vacuuming is a feasible option.
easier - no bagging - just rake or blow leaves to street
Easy to just set out by the curb.
It's an easier process.
It will reduce time on weekends spent bagging leaves and much easier physically and cheaper!
It is less labor intensive for the homeowner ... It would eliminate the need to purchase bags and have them on hand .
Leaf bags require lots more labor.
It would simplify our collection and disposal of the leaves.
Don't have to stuff the bags with leaves?
Convenience
Service. It is cost effective for the city to use it. It will help keep our community beautiful. And it is the type of service I think we should try to have, if we wish to be a premier residential community. For those who cannot mulch or compost their leaves, the vacuum service will relieve them of the challenging tasks of stuffing dozens of bags of leaves. I know my elderly neighbors have a very difficult time doing this, and it gets harder for them each year. Because our community is aging, and our seniors are staying in their homes longer, we need to adapt to their needs and provide this service to them.
Less time consuming and physical labor for me
Time it takes me to clean up and remove leaves to the woods behind my home. I would prefer to move them to the curb.
It would be of great value to my family, as well as the elderly neighbors that we assist. We spend many days gathering and bagging leaves each fall.
I wouldn't mind using a curbside leaf vacuuming system, but not if it adds to costs for the city (versus the fees paid to Rumpke to collect the bags). I would like to see the city choose the least expensive option. For me, using leaf bags is likely more convenient than having to rake all of my leaves to the curb.
convenience
To reduce time spend bagging leaves.
It seems easier, but I don't know the cost to the city that would come with it!
I am concerned that the leaves will blow all over the area and cross over into neighbors yards creating a mess. The collection of the leaves would need to be timed to prevent this from occurring.
The ease of collection, eliminating the additional step of bagging the leaves. It also would encourage many people who do not bother to bag to care for their yards.
It would be easier to clean up the yard.
vacuum leaf pick up is cost effective and environmentally friendly. it save residents lot of time since pulling a tarp of leaves to the street is much quicker/easier than cramming leaves into bags or cans.
It is easier for residents to rake leaves to the curb than bag them.
It is FAR EASIER to rake leaves onto a tarp than it is to get them into a leaf bag. We mulch as many leaves as we can but do not have enough room for all the leaves. Leaf vacuuming would make this so much easier for us - on top of which the time it takes to rake and bag is ENORMOUS!

Q16A: What is the most important reason you FAVOR replacing the current leaf collection program with a curbside leaf vacuuming service?

Most time I spent during the fall with yard cleanup (which is significant) is actually putting leaves in bags -- its not assembling the leaves into a pile. In a past life I lived in a place where I could put leaves on a big tarp and pull them around -- I can tell you it is so much easier and far more efficient than putting them into bags.

It seems clean and efficient. I know a neighborhood that does this, and it's a good service.

as mentioned in the previous question, if the curbside leaf pickup is going to limit the opportunities to pick up the leaves, either the frequency or duration of the program, then it might not be the best solution, however, if the frequency and duration match the unlimited yardwaste pickup for this coming fall, then I would strongly favor the move to a curbside leaf vacuuming service.

Again, we have over 200 bags of leaves and it is a huge physically and timely chore to collect those bags of leaves. It would be MUCH more convenient to move the leaves curbside. This was done in the city where we previously lived.

I do not like to rake leaves and stuff them into bags and take them to the curb. Bag stuffing is the worst!!! In my mind there is no downside to this. Grass dies? It comes back. Stepping on those terrible leaves on the sidewalks? I actually enjoy the sound of leaves under foot. More money? It's worth it for the time saved. Robbing our kids of the money for/experience of bagging leaves? I'm A-ok with that. I am pretty much ok with all the reasons given that we should not have the service....yes, I attended the meetings.

It could help with the ease of leaf collection, on the other hand if its windy out which it usually is that time of year the leafs just blow into other yards before they can be vacuumed. It could create more of a mess.

would be easier to blow leaves to front of yard rather than put in cans or bags

I think it is more efficient

Ease

I think that it is a little more efficient and avoids waste in bags and collection.

As stated before, more time to spend with family on already busy and hectic fall evenings and weekends.

as a senior citizen now, it's much easier for me to blow leaves to the curb. Having lived here and raked leaves here since 1960 I am ready for the easier way...

1) QUALITY OF LIFE / TIME SAVINGS!!!! / / 2) OUR PEERS ALREADY PROVIDE IT. Wyoming, Blue Ash, Mariemont, Madeira, Sycamore Twp, Loveland, Mason, and many more communities already have leaf vacuum service, and the residents of these communities value it enough to keep it. / / 3) ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS. Leaves would be sent to a composting facility, and the city's recycling reputation/grants would be unchanged. / / 4) COST SAVINGS. A well-designed leaf vacuuming program using up-to-date leaf removal technology would cost LESS than the current bagged leaf program. There is no reason to charge extra fees for a service that costs less. / / 5) THE CITY ALREADY HAS A LEAF VACUUM (!) The city has a small leaf vacuum that helps city workers save time and exertion as they clear leaves from city property. Wouldn't it be lovely to have that same time savings and convenience offered to residents? :)

It would make it much easier to clear our yard. It is physically difficult to bag leaves, requires more time and often we are unable to completely clear yard in a timely manner because of the bagging system.

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It would save me time and a lot of it. I'd only be against this plan if it's going to end up costing me more money. From what I have heard, it would not cost more and may even save money. I've heard the opposition arguments and while some of them are legitimate, I feel like there are answers to each of them and that our community would be best served to move forward with the leaf vacuuming service.

Convenience

Easier and faster to get rid of large amounts of leaves at once.

Bagging is much more time consuming, costly and inconvenient for homeowners.

It would be cleaner for the vacuum could have sucked leaves of wider area.

There would be less back strain raking the leaves to the curb. I am **[REDACTED 65+]** and the leaves are heavy and awkward to bag.

For many years we would have loved this service. We now have a riding mower that mulches the leaves

Much easier to sweep the leaves down to the street. Very hard to bag them. Population in Mont getting older and / old folks have trouble collecting leaves.

convenience

We would not be limited by the current bin that is used. More leaves could be put out for collection.

It seems a much more efficient way to deal with all the leaves. The labor involved in bagging and dragging the leaves around is too much. I love that Montgomery seems to be very forward-thinking and prides itself on it's beautification efforts; however, having rows of bags stuffed with leaves doesn't fit that image. The whole idea is antiquated.

I have seen leaf vacuum services work in other cities. It appears to work very well in those areas and some mulch the leaves in the Spring and offer them to their residents to place in their flower beds.

bags and trash cans are a pain - literally

It's easier and would possibly encourage neighbors to attend to their leaves more quickly

Reduces the effort and cost (of bags) of persons/families who have many trees on their property.

Because the amount of leaves I have to bag on a weekend when I'm not working is too much. I would greatly appreciate that program. When we lived in Madeira we had it, and I really hope we can get it here.

Convenience

This would provide an easier way for many residents that are not able to bag leaves to take them to the curb. It does not need to cost more, is environmentally friendly, and provides a great service to the residents. Those that like to mulch can keep mulching but it will benefit all those that currently bag endlessly every fall.

The convenience; it would be much easier and quicker to both deliver the leaves, and collect them without individually bagging the leaves. I know it is more feasible time and energy wise to rake the leaves to the curb, rather than bagging it one at a time. Hopefully, it would be easier to collect by vacuuming, too. In addition, I think it may be more environmentally friendly--without the plastic bags, we could compost the leaves more easily, and save some plastic bags!

It saves the home owner a lot of time and effort to just get the leaves to the curb. Bagging them takes us approximately the same amount of time as blowing them to one place -- therefore our leaf efforts would be cut in half if this task went away! Yeah -- more free time! One neighbor recently mentioned that he never plans on having trees just so he doesn't have leaves to deal with in the fall -- perhaps we would see a beautification effort of more trees being planted if they weren't viewed as a "hassle".

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We wouldn't have to bag them. Would be easier to create a pile and slide to curb using a tarp. /
More efficient and eco friendly
It seems more cost effective. Since your questions don't provide cost analysis or comparison, it's kind of hard to make an educated decision
We rake our backyard leaves and toss them in the creek. However, the leaves from the front yard would be much easier to dispose of this way
Have had this service before in other communities and prefer it.
A leaf vacuum service would save a lot of time for residents not having to bag all of their leaves (A LOT of leaves can fall in a typical yard for a house in a "tree city" designated city. Also, I have read that the city already uses a leaf vacuum for city workers to use on city properties, roadsides and medians. Surely the taxpayers of Montgomery deserve the same service??? A well-designed leaf vacuum service would also be more cost effective than the current bag program.
Not easy to put leaves at a curbside.
Due to the variety of trees in our yard and our adjacent neighbors' yards, the different varieties have different leaf loss schedules, we will spend 4+ hours at least 4-5 times in the fall raking and bagging leaves, leaving little other time to actually enjoy the fall and anything else Montgomery offers. This time would be radically cut down if we had a vacuum service.
Would appear to be much easier and less expensive to not have to bag or put leaves in a container.
It's an enormous amount of work for us to bag the leaves.
The time and effort it takes to collect our leaves is very burdensome. We collect approximately 40 to 50 bags of leaves during the Fall. We would greatly benefit from curbside leaf vacuuming.
TIME AND COST of bagging all of my leaves. FRUSTRATION of having to buy so many paper bags, and when I have to run back to the store because I have run out, ugh.
The time and effort and extra expense of buy bags would be better served by this type of program and keep in step with other communities that surround Montgomery
Ease of use. Eliminates the need to bag.
it will leave the area cleaner /
Leaves that fall or blow into the street collect in big mushy piles that are unsightly and hard for walkers to navigate. a vacuuming service would clean this up
I spend 5 to 6 hours every weekend during the Fall to rake and bag leaves. I would rather spend that time with my family enjoying the fall weather. I had curbside pickup when I lived in Sycamore Township and it was an amazing service. Having leaf collection saves me time that I can't recover any other way. Either my yard looks messy due to the amount of leaves I have or I need to spend 6-8 hours raking each week to make sure I'm keeping Montgomery beautiful. I think Montgomery should value the "Tree City USA" theme and help the residents keep the city beautiful.
Eliminates bagging
It will save time and be physically easier for us since we have a large number of old trees with no wooded area to dump and we have 20 times more leaves than we need for composting or mulching
It would be much easier to not have to put a large amount of leaves into containers every week for 5 weeks. To put leaves into containers involves much more time and expense.
too much work to bag the leaves, the houses on the other side of the street have it and their taxes are lower

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I hate having to get the leaves in bags. It's a battle and after we finally get the wrestled in the bag the kids knock them over 2-5 more times. Piles are easier and don't require me to pick up additional bags/materials. I like the idea of just moving them to the street. Bags stink...
The hardest part of the job is putting the leaves into the bags and then moving them around. / Then what do you do with 50 paper bags for up to a week. / What if it rains? How do you hold them for the right weather? / Do you set them. Do you bring the back in if it looks like rain. / / It has only been the last 4 years that I did not use my leaves in a garden. First it was the deer, now I can add age to that. / / Have not read a question about the deer. Will read on.
I do not like to bag leaves
Having the curbside leaf vacuuming service would save my family time and money from not having to bag all of our leaves after raking.
Curbside leaf vacuuming would greatly reduce the time and effort it takes to clean the leaves in my yard. From my past experience in the landscape industry, it is much easier and time effecient to vacuum up leaves as opposed to putting them into bags to be collected. / / Seems like it might save the city money to have a vacuum truck for vacuuming up the leaves as opposed to picking up leaves in bags, then having to dispose of the bags, as well as the leaves.
The only negative to the curbside leaf pick up would be if most of your trees in your backyard. You still have to bring those to the front yard. Property
See my submission regarding what I do not like about the current system. Nuff said!
We have a lot of large trees on our property and curbside leaf vacuuming would make life easier. We lived in an area with curbside leaf vacuuming service prior to living in Montgomery and we prefer the vacuuming to what we have now.
To speed up the clearing of leaves from the lawns and reduce the difficulty some of us have in bagging the leaves.
Much easier to place the leaves by the street versus collecting them in bags. Saves me time and money when gathering leaves for pick up.
It would be a lot less work for us. We have a 100 trees of various sizes so plenty of leaves to bag.
I think it would mean less time maintaining our yard and more time for fall family fun.
NOT WASTING BAGS OR BEING LIMITED BY OUR NUMBER OF CANS. NOT HAVING TO CRAM LEAVES INTO RECEPTACLE.
Convenience. But if the cost is considerably more to the city.....I'm happy enough with the way it is
Larger amounts are disposed of at once. We experienced this in another part of town and prefer this method.
I have many beautiful trees on my property. It takes me significant time to rake and bag them. I am on a fixed income because I am retired and do not wish to pay a service to remove my leaves. The former community In which I resided had curbside vacuuming and it was not as difficult.
I think it would be more economical, better for the environment and easier for the residents than having to bag leaves.
Current program is too labor intensive, costly for the individual owners and too many people on the street do not police their yards. We are forever cleaning up after others.
We have so many leaves that it takes an unbelievable amount of time and resources to get them all in bags and trash bins. It would be a huge time-saver if we could just pile our leaves at the curb.
The increased quality of life!! Not bagging the leaves will save me time and back ache. I could have my fall Saturdays back!
(See previous)...It CAN be done better

Q16A: What is the most important reason you FAVOR replacing the current leaf collection program with a curbside leaf vacuuming service?

It is extremely time consuming and laborious to put the leaves in bags. You have to buy the bags, make sure you buy enough, rake the leaves, stuff them in the bags, and then carry the heavy bags to the curb. I have a lot of leaves in my yard, am a senior citizen, and have a hard time keeping up with the leaves in the fall. I think it would be very beneficial to the citizens of Montgomery to simply rake the leaves to the curb.
Might be cleaner, easier
It would make things much easier on me during the fall due to the quantity of trees/leaves I have.
Bagging leaves takes too much time.
Would be be more efficient than the current system. Possibly less expensive and better for the environment.
it would provide a feasible method of getting rid of the copious amount of leaves we have each year
Would end the extra (sometimes exhausting) step of mulching or bagging of leaves to dispose of them.
Much easier to rake/blow to curbside than bag. Bags are an additional source of waste.
Convenience. Clean neighborhood. It's ridiculous we don't currently have this program
We have too many mature trees that shed a lot of leaves to have to bag them all. If we can have them vacuumed up, it would be much better for the environment and for older residents who can't rake and bag.
less bag use. must have some ideas of how to keep contained and not blowing back on lawn
Convenience
Bags are wasteful and time consuming to fill
Less work for me, don't have to purchase and fill bags.
Favor only if a specific day was established for vacuum pick up. This so leaves gathered early would not blow back into yard due to speeding cars and trucks. I live on a busy street.
My yard service does not bag leaves! Only we did as a family, it was expensive and took much time.
More convenient - less work bagging, etc.
We generally favor the curbside leaf vacuuming as we wouldn't have to bag, only rake onto a tarp and pull to the street. We question as to how frequently and the length of time (weeks) we would have to accomplish this task.
Every fall, we waste hours every saturday or sunday putting leaves in bags. Raking leaves in a pile by the curbside will take less time and labor than putting leaves in bags. One hour a week would be better than 3 or 4 hours doing leaves.
We have to buy so many bags. Its hard to utilize the bags. We are new to the area and we have not seen a bag pick up program in 30+ years.
labor-saving for citizens
Love the maturity of the area with all the trees, but has become a real problem time-wise and physically bagging the leaves and hauling heavy bags to curb.
Easier way to dispose of leaves. I have 1 tree by the curb, but all the neighbors tall tree leaves are in my yard!
Takes too much time to bag leaves & carry out to the curb. Oak leaves don't fall until late in the season & earlier to blow to the curbside.

Q16B: What is the most important reason you OPPOSE replacing the current leaf collection program with a curbside leaf vacuuming service?

blowing leaves are a mess and potential safety hazzard
Our house is set back and not near a curb. Therefore, I do not think it would be useful to us.
Slow moving vehicle would slow traffic
It's not worth the purchase of new specialized equipment and long term maintenance for a short duration program.
Unless the vacuum is there right away your simply going to have the leaves re blowing on everyone's lawn.
It's a mess on the streets.
Most of my leaves are in my back yard and I would have to see that they were blown to the front, Also the leaves are mulched and left on the yard.
The leaves will be blown around before they are collected. In neighboring communities where vacuuming programs are used, the leaves can be seen at curbside for days.
Wind will blow the leaves all over the place.
Unruly leaves end up all over the street and other people's yards. Unless placed out there right before pickup (which never happens) they will blow all over, even back into one's own yard. There is also the potential to destroy the grass underneath the leaves depending on the frequency of the pickup. In an ideal world, the leave would get picked up the day after they are raked, but since the city has to pick up each day of the week in a different neighborhood, that day varies from area to area. Most homeowners do not have time to rake during the week and do most of it on weekends. The city can't pick up everyone's leaves on Monday, so many of the neighborhoods will have leaves sitting on the front lawn for days, killing the grass and blowing all over. My neighborhood for example has Friday pickup. The leaves I pick up on Saturday or Sunday would have to sit out there 5 days! If they are in containers, unlimited cans or bags, they can be brought out the night before, no harm no foul.
See my answer on yard waste. I live on a pie shaped lot and do not know where leaves would be put. If they are in the road would that affect the drains if it rains or the leaves are put out early. The leaves could not be on the grass, it would ruin it. I am not opposed to the suggestion but this detail needs to be worked out. Usually most of my leaves are mulched in when cut.
Environmental and economical reasons - the city would possibly need to purchase/rent a new device to do leaf vaccuming
Because wind normally blows the leaves from the curbside back into my lawn
The unpredictability of pickup due to weather. Leaves left at the curb for an extended period of time will kill my lawn and become a nuisance.
Our leaves are ground up by the riding mower.
Cost and logistics
Leaves would be blowing all over the streets.
Most of my trees are in the back yard and i'm not about to rake leaves from the back to the street. I think leaves would get blown all over if everyone raked them to the street and they sat for several days, before pickup.
/ Cost. / Blocking traffic.
As already stated, the yard waste program is for several months starting in March and ending in Dec. It also includes the ability to dispose of grass clippings, leafs, small branches, dead plantings and other yard material. / / A curbside leaf only collection would only last in the late fall and include only leaf products. / / Do not give up the yard waste collection program for a leaf only program. Doing so would create a disposal problem.

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In my opinion, a curbside leaf vacuuming service would create more work for the homeowner. In addition, those living on a cul-de-sac may not have the frontage necessary to make a vacuuming service practical.

Because we need a more than just leaves picked up. we have a lawn service that takes care of leaves. we need the other yard waste removed. also cost to establish vacuum service is too high.

Raking and collection are often not on subsequent days. Leaving all those loose leaves by the curb will make a mess and blow the leaves back into the yard -- or your neighbor's yard. Just an added expense that isn't necessary with unlimited pickup.

I do not need this service as I have a mulching tractor to deal with grass clippings and leaves. Research conducted by Ohio State University says this method of leaf disposal is cost effective and is beneficial for lawns. / For those that rake and dispose of leaves in the fall, instituting a curbside leaf vacuuming system has little if any real benefit. Citizens must still rake leaves and transport them to the curbs in front of house. Given the limited schedule for leaf vacuuming (1X per week), leaves placed at curbside will likely be blown all over the neighborhood by the time it is collected, causing problems for everyone. / If individual households desire a turnkey solution for leaf removal, a better solution would be for individual households to contract for that service through landscaping services available throughout Cincinnati, similar to how they currently contract for grass cutting services. Asking the City of Montgomery to provide this service when many of our citizens do not want or need this service is not an effective use of tax dollars.

Cost,maintenance and storage of equipment. One can mulch leaves or purchase a large tote from Rumpke to remove leaves.

Too costly.

High cost of both purchasing equipment and running equipment.

I don't think the expense in new equipment is wise. Montgomery citizens are doers. They can police their own property. More government is not needed.

Leaves will blow away while waiting for pick-up.

I seldom use the leaf collection service. We mulch our leaves. To me it is an unnecessary expense. Also the leaves have to get to the curb someway to be vacuumed. Not sure how this would save that much time to those who say it would.

We have leaves dropping over a period of weeks. One or two passes with the vacuum system would be ineffective. / We also have limited curbside on the end of our cul de sac. This makes little room to collect leaves.

Besides what has been already stated: / / We have a solution for unlimited yard waste disposal that is better. Other communities provide this service for legacy reasons. They implemented at a time when there was no yard waste pick-up and all yard wasted went to the landfill. That is not the case today by Ohio law. It is costly and of limited benefit to a limited number of residents. It will make a mess and cause many problems. The proponents refuse to look at this objectively and have discredited their suggestion with lies and false information, contradicting even the facts gathered by the city.

see two answers ago, leaves will blow down the street to our yard since our house is located at the easternmost end of a street and leaves already blow down the street to our yard and flower beds when our neighbors bag their leaves.

We have seen how the leaves block sewers and storm drains, and the mess it generates along the roadways in other municipalities. Example: Upper Arlington (near Columbus). There is nothing wrong with Montgomery's current leaf bag system if all residents would simply pay attention to the rules.

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Service is not needed.
The mess leaves at curbside when it rains or when cars drive through the leaves.
IT'S A MESS! LOOK AT OUR NEIGHBORS WHO USE IT. I DRIVE AROUND ALL OUR NEIGHBORING CITIES AS A SALESMAN, I SEE THE MESS, I KNOW THE MESS. YOU CAN NOT TELL ME IT'S CHEAPER FOR MONTGOMERY TO SPEND BIG BUCKS ON EQUIPMENT AND MAN HOURS AND IT WILL BE CHEAPER THAN OUR PRESENT SYSTEM. HENCE MY PREVIOUS DUMB A- - COMENT TO THOSE WHO THINK IT'S CHEAPER!
I feel that it would cause job loss (even if only a for a handful of people, I am opposed to the idea).
Piles of leaves that are deposited curbside are not attractive, can blow away and are for those too lazy to pick-up their leaves.
Inconvenient. I can bag up my leaves on sunny days and take care of them on my own time (and then drag them to the curb with my regular trash). But if I have to get them to the curb for pickup on a certain day, I'm now having to do it on someone else's schedule and I'm worried I might miss pickup if we're busy in the days prior. Or my other choice is to have them out early and then they'll blow away and kill my grass.
Leaves are placed in the street instead of the yard. This makes it dangerous for walkers on streets that do not have sidewalks. It makes it more difficult driving on the street. It could make it tempting for young children to play in the pile of leaves - drivers might not realize there are children there. More piles and wind makes for leaves in the yards. Dislike having to rake from the backyard to the curb - much harder than putting in a tote! Would the option of using bags and/or yard waste containers still be an option?
A waste of natural resources.
The cost of this collection would trickle down to me as a homeowner.
1) nearly all of my trees are in the back yard just as easy to bag / 2) don't like leaves in the front tend to blow around don't like the thought of re-raking / 3) cost-benefit analysis does not seem to make sense
Too far to transfer leaves from our backyard to the curb. Don't like idea of leaves blowing all up and down the street before they are picked up.
The leaves would simply blow all over, not that hard for folks to simply mulch their own leaves.
not enough leaves to warrant that service...
I feel the leaves would go everywhere and clogging drains.
Again, it's a timing issue. Leaves aren't all down at the same time. Plus vacuum is really expensive.
Leaves on the curb result in them being blown in the street, neighbors yard or sewers as the result of natural wind. Nice idea, but too many short comings including natural wind blowing leaves everywhere not to mention the cost of the service as well as unappealing look of piles of leaves along all the road ways.
Vacuuming still requires moving the leaves to the curb in some fashion ... might as well be in a designated bag. The cost of the bag is not that great, and prevents the leaves from blowing all over the neighborhood once they have been placed at the curb.
I've seen how it "works" in Deer Park-the leaves are raked and they sit curbside where cars can drive over them or the wind carries them elsewhere.
People should be encouraged to mulch and compost leaves.
It would have to be conducted on a regular basis not just once or twice in the fall. Otherwise it could kill the grass if leaves sat in big pile for several weeks. /

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1. It cheapens the neighborhood and community in which we live. Visually, it's a blight and looks terrible. This isn't Blue Ash. There is a reason we paid more money to live in Montgomery.... we expect it to remain beautiful. / / 2. Expense- for a few months out of the year, the benefits will never overcome the cost. / / 3. Piles of will sit out for days at a time, causing them to blow into other neighbors' yards and pretty much make the entire neighborhood look like one big pile of crap. / / 4. We have to rely on personal discretion regarding this, and by in large, people are lazy. The ones who seem to be the most in favor of it are the ones who don't properly maintain their properties to begin with. They complain that bagging leaves are too difficult... So making a pile at the end of their driveway will be any easier?

Bags keep leaves contained. Takes too long to hit all the streets, leaving lots of my neighbors' blowing leaves all over my yard and the street (we used to live in Blue Ash)

While the vacuum contingent sells their proposal as a cost saving and convenient improvement for residents, I strongly disagree. First of all, for the vacuum system to work you still have to rake the leaves and get them to the curb, which means the resident, their kids or a service (who they'd be paying) would have to spend time and effort just to get the leaves to the curb. By mulching my leaves when I cut my grass, I'm accomplishing two jobs, while also nurishing my lawn. There are negative drainage and storm sewer issues that result from leaves being piled up at the curbs. I also don't want the City to be forced into purchasing the new truck, vacuum system and whatever other equipment is necessary for this program, not to mention the employee expense for at least two City employees to man the truck to perform the service. The existing program is more than sufficient. This is a clear case of neighbor "Blue Ash" envy. Once you peel away the layers of the program verses the existing program, I feel that the current system is strongly more favorabel to both the residents and the City.

It is not feasible to put leaves near the curb for automated leaf pick-up. My driveway has about 4 feet of land on either side, which is not enough room to push all of my ~.75 acres worth of leaves onto so I mulch.

/ / Branches would not be removed from yards. Leaves at curb would blow all over the street and back into yards / and clog storm drains. Vacuum equipment would be costly, require additional personnel, and would no doubt / require frequent maintenance.

I hear it costs more and I'm all about spending our dollars as wisely as we can. I would STILL have to tractor/mulch and rake to the curb. Might as well put them in cans.

As stated prior, I don't feel the city needs to take on this responsibility. The current program works just fine.

I don't want the leaves that have been accumulated in the street blowing into my yard

I live down a "private" lane and it is much easier to transport yard waste bags to the street for pick up. I also think the bags keep the debris from blowing away over the days prior to vacuuming service.

It's a visually unappealing mess in other neighborhoods. Leaves would be left on curb for several days and will blow around. it's a minimal effort to put leaves in cans or bags. Not worth the extra cost.

It would be harder than bagging it and more difficult to get the leaves to the curb.

loose leaves may be swirling around the street

I thought there was a cost increase for the city to have curbside cleanup although the convenience would be nice

Cleaner and quieter with current leaf collection. Easier for us to put leaves in bags or cans, than rake or blow to curb

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Bags/Tote are easier for me.
cost, assuming vacuum is more expensive.
I have a person who helps me with my leaves every year. I don't want to pay for a service I will not use.
Easier to put leaves in garbage cans, etc. than get to the street for pick up
Would leave mess in all front yards allowing leaves to blow around and get into sewers
Additional resources on the city and the logistics behind it. / Also \$\$ paid by the tax payers for a service that is not important and it is already being fulfilled through other programs that the city provides.
don't want increase in taxes
Most of my leaves are in the back yard and I'd rather bag and haul them to the curb during the weekly pick up time.
If it's a windy day(s) before the leafs are picked up they fly all over the place--just like they currently do now in Blue Ash.
For our neighborhood there would be no room to park and drive if leaves were raked to the curb. Winds and weather move these leaves so only a fraction are available for "vacuuming" on the scheduled day.
Cost. I am tired of my property taxes skyrocketing
I really don't have a strong opinion about this, but we live in a pie shaped yard and have a fire hydrant within that narrow pie at the curb. We really don't have the room to pile up leaves. In addition, the leaves are mostly in the back yard which would require transporting them anyway.
If the leaves are vacuumed once a week, if you drag the leaves to the front curb as you rake them, they will kill the grass near the curb if there are days before the leaves are picked up. If you wait until the DAY BEFORE pickup, it could be raining that day or you could have other things to do and the leaves would not be vacuumed away that week.
too messy and could get out of control waiting for the service to occur.
The added expense, combined increased spread of detritus suggest it is inefficient and ineffective
Leaves will blow all over the neighborhood. The grass will die underneath the accumulated leaves. Storm drains will get clogged. / / The present system is neat and timely. We are one of many who have commercial lawn services who take care of the leaves and we don't want extra cost for benefits we won't receive.
it would clutter up the sidewalks. I go for walks/runs late at night or early in the morning and would be worried it making it difficult or dangerous for me or my dog
I do not need this service. I think people should pay if they use it. This vacuuming sounds very expensive.
I mulch my leaves and do not need vacuuming
Concern that other forms of yard waste pickup, such as sticks, etc. would be curtailed and the additional cost that I am not sure can be handled in light of our current economic circumstances.
The cost of this service. Too expensive
Noise, environmental issue.
All of our leaves are in the backyard. We need to bag them to get them into the front yard anyway so we might as well get them picked up that way.
not important to me

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Having piles of leaves where they can blow into the street is a safety hazard when they end up lying wet in the street. I have concerns about loss of tire traction. It might also be a safety hazard for children if they decide to play in the leaves near the street.
sounds like more work than what i currently do (in placing my leaves in the bin)
It feels like it would be worse on our carbon footprint and noise pollution. I HATE it when residents use blowers and vacuums all around the place. Just pick up a rake and get some exercise for gosh sakes. :)
curbside leaves blowing around prior to collection
Waste of electric and oil
already answered this question.
I do not want to rake leaves from the back yard to the street. The leaves kill the grass if left there, they block the roadway if put in the street. I have a storm drain in front of my yard. Leaves collect there now when it rains. It would be even worse if this program is put into effect. Leaves would blow from the piles while waiting for pickup.
Most properties around ours use services which remove leaves, thus avoiding piles on street.
additional cost and leaves just blow into street and yard
Piles of leaves on streets waiting to be picked up. bags are more contained
We live on a very busy street and we have sidewalks. It would be difficult to put our leaves on the curb and not cover the sidewalks. Also, the leaves would blow all over the place on our busy street. It would be more of a hassle to us and would rather have more weeks...even more than 8 weeks as being discussed to collect our leaves. Some of our trees drop very late in the season too. We would rather keep the leaves in containers and have a much longer time leaf/yard waste pick up.
I can only imagine leaves blowing all over and residents abusing the system by putting their leaves at the curb days in advance.
Cost
The leaves are not secured until pick up and pose a risk to storm water management.
Big mess.
The curbside piles will kill my grass if left for more than a couple days; especially if they get wet.
my understanding of this potential change hinges on the idea that the normal weekly pick up of yard waste would be cut back which WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE. / THIS SUBJECT NEEDS TO BE BETTER QUALIFIED AS TO WHAT THE LOSS OR ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE.
Buying and maintaining enough equipment to sweep each street once a week. Leaves will clog drainage sewers and cause acidic runoff into streams.
1. The current system works. The unlimited yard waste collection removes all out fall leaves, etc. with a minimum of fuss and effort on our part. / 2. We came from a community that provided vacuum service. Leaves were raked into the gutter and, were blown about in any significant wind. Covering the piles would be even more unsightly. When there was heavy or freezing rain, it was difficult for the city to vacuum the leaves. / 3. This program would require additional city funds. Branches and other yard waste would still need to be collected. / 4. Leaves were piled in the yard, especially on weekends, and remained there until the scheduled leaf vacuuming during the week. / 5. A place for the leaves to be stored or recycled or whatever would need to be identified and paid for in increased gasoline for city trucks, etc. in addition to the Rumpke waste collection. / 6. In either case leaves must be dragged on tarps or plastic to get them to the curb or placed in containers and wheeled to the curb. I much prefer filling trashcans and wheeling them to the curb.

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I live on a busy road [REDACTED] and can't imagine how I could "put" leaves out to be vacuumed.
Leaves may be left at the roadside for many weeks and uncollected. Leaves would spread to neighbors' yards. Also, unsightly!
Leaves will most likely blow back to our yard or on the sidewalk or street .. we mulch our leaves .. curbside leaf vacuuming service would not be of benefit to us but create a leaf mess in the neighborhood
Leaves blowing all over the place when they are not in bags
It will create a huge mess and blow leaves into the street. I firmly believe some residents are just too lazy or cheap to bag their leaves and are whining about it.
Cost increase; also I mulch my leaves; would not use it.
I do not have a need for the service and all neighborhoods do not need a curbside leaf collection. That service will be more expensive.
Leaves blow around the neighborhood expensive
Our cul-de-sac lot does not have space to put leaves on or near the curb.
Some folks might sweep their leaves etc. to the curb, where it might stay, till collection day to blow all over the place. As I have noticed in Loveland.
more work, leaves will scatter, not sure when leaves would be collected on my street
There is no reason to, My leaves mulched, fit into the yard waste containers on a weekly basis, I do not even need extra bags. / / If you provide this service, it just makes the residents more lazy, and you will have problems with people putting sticks and other crap that will destroy your machines. then if you don't pick up the leaves how shitty does that look now? / / We as a community need to start making the residents accountable for the look of their yard. Unless your going to fine people who dont follow the rues, i say there is no reason to add a vac service.
There is no way we could rake all of our leaves down to the curb. The pile would be as big as our house. And it would be very messy until vacuumed up. And it would clog the storm sewer/drains. That's more than one reason (sorry).
Parking on the street. Our street is arrow enough without piles of leaves on the curb.
I would like to see a cost comparison first.
I am not raking leaves to the gutter period.
vacuuming would be messy
We have a lawn service that mulches the leaves when the lawn is mowed.
Don't see the need since I mulch over all my leaves in the Fall. I have a lot of mature trees and rarely have to rake much due to using my own mulching lawnmower. Plus a lot of people in my area have lawn service that takes care of all yardwork.
The leafs will be left on the side yard which is not apealing. Also, the leaves will start blowing off on the streets and other yards with cars moving by. We live on a busy street.
Piling in street seems like a waste since they will sit there for several days/weeks. / / Current system gets rid of them weekly.
You have to transport leaves from your back yard to the front curb. / More importantly it has the likely potential to be a mess with leaves blowing or wet leaves accumulating.
We have a lawn service that takes care of the lawn maintenance. Would think that leaf vacuum would be more expensive to residents.
clogging storm drains

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<p>1). The service will cost more, which means more taxes for something I do not use, or defunding other services I do use / 2). It is not a green choice: leaves should be shredded with a mulching lawn mower and left on the grass to return organic matter back to the soil, just like grass clipping / 3). Leaves left on the road are dangerous and congest traffic / 4). Leaves left on the side of the road for nearly a week at a time are unsightly / 5). Vacuum service is much louder than a normal "garbage" truck / 6). The people who use this service should pay the marginal cost of the service so they bare the cost and use the service at an appropriate level, versus offering the service for "free" where they pay no marginal cost, and use it disproportionately. Look at Mariemont's sticker program for weekly trash collection.</p>
<p>cost</p>
<p>Leaves curbside make the neighborhood look messy. If it rains or snows, and the leaves can't get picked up, they mat and kill the grass. For yards with lots of leaves, the leaves could block the sidewalk. For yards with little frontage on the street, they have nowhere to go with their leaves. And we get recycling credit for the leaves the way it is now.</p>
<p>Leaves can currently be placed in yard waste containers. I oppose the curbside service because leaves have to be raked to the curb and most trees are in back yards not front.</p>
<p>This vacuuming system is used by Madeira and is a disaster. The leaves collected in mass at the curb blow all over the neighborhood until the vacuum truck arrives and does its vacuuming service. Keep the leaves collected in bags or garbage bags so they can be efficiently collected.</p>
<p>Not sure of the cost or how effective it would be. It might also be difficult to get as much leaves picked up if it is windy. They would just blow back into the yard</p>
<p>It is not a good use of financial resources. The unlimited fall leaf collection is the right service for our community.</p>
<p>With vacuuming the neighbors leaves will blow into others yards before they are picked up. I do not want to clean my yard and then have the neighbors leaves blow into it!</p>
<p>The cost involved with the leaf vacuuming service.</p>
<p>We live on a heavily wooded lot. We hire a lawn service to do leaf removal. If the lawn service left the leaves at curbside rather than removing them, they would blow all over the neighborhood before the City of Montgomery got around to vacuuming them up. Also, there is a lot of other fall and spring clean-up that requires yard waste bags/Rumpke pick-up that a City-owned leaf vacuum would not accommodate, such as bush trimmings, dead annuals at end of fall, twigs, etc. etc. The only way we would support a vacuuming service would be if it were in addition to, not a replacement of, the current yard waste curbside service provided by Rumpke. And then we would only support it if it were proven to be cost-effective.</p>
<p>No rational reason to change.</p>
<p>1 I think it is more expensive. / / 2 I like the idea of returning the leaves to the yard by mulching</p>
<p>Our leaves are mulched and composted. It is an effort to move collectable material from the back to the curb. There would be an increase in noise pollution from leaf blowers in accomplishing this. Leaves from the curb would be blown over neighboring lawns. The cost-saving from this program is in question.</p>
<p>It does not present any additional benefit over the current system -- leaves still have to be conveyed from the back yard to the front of the yard at street-side -- no additional benefit at increased cost -- equipment and people resources generated in-house -- does not make sense</p>
<p>Current program is more than adequate. Strongly oppose the city spending any more to expand the program.</p>

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We have a "flag lot" and there is no place to pile leaves for pickup because our house is set back from the street with only 2-3 feet of curb.
The timing of placing the leaves by the street & the actually day of pickup could create a problem of leaves blowing around the neighborhood. I think it would create less work on my family's part to have the leaf vacuum service, but I am concerned at the increase in my property taxes, as I am retired & live on a fixed income.
Sometimes the leaves on the curb look messy, especially if it's raining.
mulching seems less expensive
We've never used the leaf collection service but it sounds as if it would cost more money to vacuum the leaves, and we wouldn't benefit from paying more money for a system that we don't use anyway.
Cost
Leaves blow around, needs equipment, employees. Works better in communities with small properties.
I believe this service would be messy and unsightly on curbs. The present system of bagging seems better.
The MOST important reason is the associated cost of buying and maintaining new equipment, which is only used for a few weeks of the year for a limited number of households. I do not think this program would be a good use of funds. Serves too few for too much. / / Other reasons I oppose the leaf vacuuming service: / / 1) I have a large heavily wooded lot and my leaves are raked from the lawn and dispersed among places in the wooded lot, in various compost piles, and as mulch in garden beds. / / 2) My curbside frontage is small due to cul-de-sac location, and there would be no place for me to place piles of leaves which wouldn't impact vehicles parking, turning around in cul-de-sac, school buses, etc. / / 3) if other residents in my neighborhood place leaves at the curb in piles to await vacuuming, the westerly wind will blow the leaves into the street and down into my property. This happens already, and the majority of leaves I rake from my yard are the leaves which blow down our east-west street and come to rest in my yard and gardens, which is at the very end of the street. I would not like to have to collect more wind-blown leaves than i already do. / / 4) Environmentally speaking, this does not encourage residents to mulch or compost their leaf waste, which is very easy to do and beneficial to the environment.
Would have to rake leaves to the curbside instead of picking them up with my vacuum lawnmower.
The additional cost and delay of pick up.
most (real) studies show this increase the cost of equipment and labor
Not enough info. From what I've read, it seems like it would be more expensive in long run. Also, how often would they provide service and would there be any regularity on day done. It would be great not to have to put leaves in cans or bags, but too many variables.
Cost of machinery, personal and equipment needed to preform work is way too much. The look of dirty leaves on the street are unsightly.
Leaves raked to the edge of the lawn will be blown around. It will be a huge mess. / Then the city would have to pay someone to come back and clean the streets. / Seems inefficient.
Would make a mess in the neighborhood and in yards waiting on the vacuum
harder to keep leaves contained and harder to transport out to curb
I live on a very busy street on a 1/2 acre lot I have 6 large maple tree in the back yard therefore it would be very difficult / to get the leaves to the front / I have a lawn service that mulches the leaves and other yard goes into my large Rumpke yard waste container and is wheeled / to the street this helps the enviornment

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Unightly and leaves blow around
It is just as difficult or more difficult to collect and pile the leaves/waste at the curb as putting it into bags or containers. As an example, I and many other neighbors I know of, normally mulch the leaves in the process of mowing the lawn.
The messiness of leaving the leaves out near the street. Wind will blow them around, especially if the leaves are left out for several days. There is also the matter of those of us who have sidewalks or bikepaths in front of our house. They are heavily used by many residents. When we exercise in Montgomery the sidewalks/bikepaths are by and large clear. When we cross over into Blue Ash, a community that does have leaf vacuuming, the sidewalks are often clogged with leaves waiting to be picked up. The Montgomery requirement of only putting out bags of leaves on trash day means any sidewalk impediment will be brief.
The current program is adequate and cost effective. I don't think it is much of a burden to collect the leaves into bags. I don't believe a more costly program is justified. Also, I believe the residents should do more recycling / composting and I think a vacuum service would encourage the "City will take care of it" concept. Finally, I live on a cul-de-sac with very limited frontage so I would not be able to participate in a leaf vacuuming program anyway; therefore, I don't want to pay for one.
See previous response...
Cost of the purchasing and maintaining the equipment.
Rather than seeing the city incur extra costs in leaf vacuuming, I would much prefer seeking more beneficial ways to use the leaves, such as promotion of home composting or mulching. If homeowners have too many leaves, the. I would suggest the City of Montgomery partner with the Hamilton County Solid Waste department. They have considered making leaves available year round to residents who practice home composting but do not have leaves beyond the fall season. Point being, work out a deal to let HCSWD pick up the leaves and redeploy them to folks all over Hamilton County who want them. If that doesn't work, perhaps the city can mulch the leaves and use them to save on fertilizer purchase for our local parks.
Several Reasons to oppose: / 1. The continuous noise from yard care service leaf blowers is already a HUGE problem, compromising our quality of life and peace during the fall months. Curbside collection would mean more obsessive leaf blowing practices. / 2. The Vacuum trucks will also increase noise pollution due to the vacuums and idling trucks. / 3. People should mulch their leaves. / 4. Leaves on curbs get blown waiting for pickup repeating the "leaf blowing frenzy"
This is an expansion of government services and is unnecessary. If Montgomery has extra cash, I would prefer that our taxes be reduced so that we can spend our money as we see fit.
It is an expensive solution for a non-problem. It would require a tremendous amount of work for us to gather our leaves, 90% of which are in our large backyard, and bring them to the front of our pie-shaped lot. We would continue to shred our leaves rather than haul them to the front of our home. We also have a large storm drain in front of our home that we try to keep clear of leaves. We already have [REDACTED] neighbors' leaves blowing into our driveway and gutter in the fall, we don't want them adding to our workload.
I don't want to have to blow leaves from my back yard to my front yard, while leaving twigs, nut shells, etc. to be picked up separately. If I were to rake them onto a tarp and pull them to the front, there would be more than just leaves.
The current leaf collection is a better way to make sure leaf collected in the bags.

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I may rake and bag on Tuesday - then put them out on our Friday morning pick up. Weather and my choice of time. Also, very deep lot - so I in reality would be bagging and then dumping on the curb rather than leaving on the curb. Seems like weather and wind would make a real mess of things on occasion. In summary, the curbside seems a step down in getting the leaves out. Can't see any time savings for me or for the Rumpke.

My house is on a cul de sac next to a storm drain, the leaves blow everywhere and clog the curb drains. Unnecessary, the current program is very effective. Personally I think it looks very unsightly when I drive through areas that have the curb vacuum system with the leaves piled up on the curb. No justification for the long term expense for cap-ex and operations. "If it's not broken don't fix it."

More expense for an unimportant activity in the grand picture of taking care of the planet. The leaves really need to stay on each person's own property -- cut to fine pieces by second cutting or put in their own compost area to produce rich soil. we do this and it is easier than collecting the leaves to put on the curb.

The cost would be much higher to have the city own and operate the vacuuming trucks. Equally important is the messiness of the leaves pushed to the curb for the whole week. Further, there would then be no more yard waste collection the rest of the year without added cost. There's be issues of gas cost to haul the waste to and from a facility, cost and maintenance of the vehicles, not to mention the cost of added personnel. (these fit under COST) I like the flexibility of ability for my yard waste to be picked up anytime during the year.

I feel that putting leaves along the curb is unsightly and makes the sidewalks more unkempt. As well, a pile of leaves can easily blow away causing leaves to scatter into the streets and potentially blocking drain systems. Raking leaves is part of owning a home - it is the responsibility of each resident to maintain his/her home and surroundings.

Wind blows down our street , but the blowing leaves fail to make the turn left the street makes an the blowing leaves wind up in our front yard. Our son lived in Madeira for a number of years and had this problem, he finally giving up on the leaf curbside vacuuming program for the wind blowing problem and the uncertainty of a fixed date for leaf vacuum removal.

Curbside leaf vacuuming does not seem as "tidy" a process: the material would be unsightly until picked up, could blow around the area, and could be washed into the storm sewers.

I think the costs, environmental aspects, possible damage to storm systems outweigh the benefits. If we could just get leaves picked up into late November, possibly early December, I think that's fine.

More chance of leaf piles littering streets and getting into storm drains. I guess it would depend how often the leaf vacuuming service would be provided (weekly?). In other cities I've lived in the vacuuming service was provided once or possibly twice in the fall and the timing sometimes didn't work with when specific trees lost their leaves.

the best and most environmentally sound practice for leaf disposal is mulching in place to avoid stormwater contamination and leaching of chemicals/ fertilizer into the water supply.

We mulch our leaves with the mulching blades on the lawn mower. We have a large, deep lot. It would take longer and be more difficult to rake the leaves to the front of the residence to be vacuumed. I also don't believe the cost would justify the purchase of these vacuums for such a short period of time they would be used. Once the fall season ends, what use would the vacuums be for the rest of the year. The money could be better spent.

We have a big back yard and it's not practical to move the leaves to the curb. Besides, we have other yard waste to be collected in bags and there will be no way to dispose them properly.

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How would sticks/small branches be collected?
It would be more difficult to keep leaves down by the curb.
First of all, it is a pain to take all the leaves to the street. Secondly, Cars will have to avoid the piles of leaves. Thirdly, the windy fall weather blows leaves all over the streets. Fourthly, the rain causes the leaves to get wet and blow into the sewers etc. plus it makes areas slippery if walking and driving etc. / We used to live in an area that had street leaf pickup and many residents found it to be a problem. We have also heard that the cost is higher than our present system. It seems ridiculous to raise the cost and cause so much inconvenience. /
Many leaves will end up in our sewer system the street, and other yards. No one can control the weather and wind can blow the leaves from one yard to the next, into the streets, and again, the sewers. Having residents either compost or use a mulching mower OR having them put them in a bag or bin greatly reduces the unwanted distribution on leaves.
Have a large back yard and getting leaves to the front would be difficult. Piles of leaves could also blow all over the neighborhood.
Leaves accumulate in the streets and blow around back into neighbor yards / Piles of leaves are dangerous for traffic
The leaves get blown around the neighborhood and if they are not vacuumed within a day the grass can be damaged.
the leaves blow all over while waiting for pick-up and the piles block roads and sidewalks.
We live on a busy street and leaves would constantly be scattered from traffic.
Unightly; high likelihood of wind blowing leaves all over the place
Curbside leaf collection looks messy and the leaves blow into the street and into the neighbor's property. Putting leaves in bags is more convenient especially for the larger 1/2 acre yards in Montgomery. How are we supposed to transport loose leaves to the front curb area for pickup?
We would not use this service. Do not want extra tax payer money spent on this.
So much of my fall leaf supply falls to the rear and side of my property. To bring it to the curb would require substantially greater difficulty -- probably bag it and then dump it (a needless exercise.) It would be great if you could do BOTH. Collect the bags from my back yard and vacuum the front yard rankings.
Expense. We should be progressive, and encourage mulching our leaves.
The things look fine as it is now. With leaf vacuuming service, what do we do with tree branches and other yard waste?
It would be difficult to get leaves to curb and they would blow all over creating more of a mess.
It's a waste of taxpayer money. Also, I don't like the idea of leaves blowing around. Using bags is more efficient.
Leaves will blow everywhere. Now can do more than just leaves (small sticks)
My yard is my responsibility and I don't want my tax dollars to pay for leaf removal.
Had it in Blue Ash. Was a lot of work to get leaves from back yard, place in a pile, stomp down to keep from blowing back on the yard. Even then, a good wind would erase much of the work and create rework. Not worth paying more for this service.
Uncontained leaves are subject to wind displacement and piles of leaves left by the street would block the drainage ditch in front of our house Piles of leaves will be unsightly and out for extended periods instead of the once per week known pick up day. Piles of leaves would damage grass

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Don't like the idea of leaving leaves at the end of our property to be picked up. Since we live at the end of a cul de sac, there is very little room to put leaves. Afraid it will hurt our grass if not picked up quickly.
I think that it will cause more problems than benefits with piles of wet leaves lying on the lawn or blowing into the landscape. I would have to do a lot of work to get my leaves to the curb. I would prefer a place that I could dump my excess and carry it to the street for pick up and know that it is contained once I used the effort to gather it.
leaves sit around for more than a week
We are concerned with leaves blowing all around while they are loose, out by the curb waiting to be picked up. In addition, the majority of our leaves are in our fenced backyard, which logistically could be challenging to get them to the front curb.
I am already paying for a lawn service that handles my leaf maintenance by mulching, collecting. Additionally, I grew up in a northern KY community with leaf vacuuming.....leaves are constantly blowing around, and when gathered curbside tend to spill into street, creating driving, parking, walking hazards.
The majority of our leaves are in our back yard. It would be inconvenient to rake them to the front curb rather than bag them as we do presently.
This is an expensive venture that is unlikely to please everyone. I simply see additional complaints coming in -- for instance, the vacuums don't come quickly enough and the wind blows the leaves back into the yard. In my neighborhood, I know of only one person who really finds raking leaves painful. Since I know this now, I will go over & help when I see her out there. (I have an ulterior purpose -- I want her leaves for my compost pile!) / /
The appearance of our streets would be extremely messy-looking, and somewhat dangerous as cars would need to drive around the piles of leaves (occasionally through them even), and storm sewers could become blocked or clogged, requiring city maintenance much more frequently. Yards with sidewalks near the street would have to pile their leaves on the house side of the sidewalk, causing harm to the lawns and also very messy.
I think it would cost the city too much to run such an operation and I don't like leaves piled up at the curb for days waiting to be picked up and having the opportunity to blow around and into the street.
I've seen other communities and it is a real eyesore. And, where do the leaves go. I've seen City of Blue Ash dump and it is a wasteland of pollution.
If the current program were to be replaced with a vacuuming service at an increased cost to taxpayers, we would be opposed to it.
I probably would not use the vacuuming service because I really have no place to put them and I would be concerned about them blowing right back in my yard. I usually blow the leaves into the woods behind my house, the direction the wind also blows
THE ADDITIONAL COST COMPARED THE THE CURRENT SYSTEM OF UNLIMITED PICKUP
Dragging a tarp to the street is much more difficult than bags
Most of the leaves in my yard come from my neighbors. I am afraid if they are piled on the curb, they will blow around to other yards...like mine. I also think people will pile them in the street because they will not want them to kill their grass which will cause problems for rain and cars. They may also want to pile them on sidewalks. I see this in Blue Ash.
The money could be better utilized to control drainage issues
finances
There are better uses for our tax money and other options available for residents to dispose of their leaves.

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Leaves blowing around the neighborhood. Looks bad to have piles of leaves at the street. Kills the grass if not collected on timely basis.
Not convenient
From previous initial reviews of this service it seems that it would be a costly venture. I don't think that everyone would need this service.
I think it is better to mow/mulch the leaves-better for the environment, and cost effective.
Clogging drains to storm sewers with leaves and don't want the piles of leaves throughout the city ALL FALL long. - it will be a mess!
Harder to get to the curb than with the Toter. Also, its messier once you get leaves to the curb waiting to be vacuumed. Wind blowing, cars driving by
Getting leaves to street is as hard as bagging. Based on the fact that trees lose their leaves at different times, it is more convenient to have them picked on a weekly basis in cans or bags.
PRESENT SYSTEM WORKS NO NEED TO CHANGE
I use leaves for garden conditioning, would not use vacuuming. Windy days could be a major problem. I oppose any cost increase for project.
More costly. Current service is fine.
They lay around in other areas with vacuuming service, look bad, blow around, create safety hazards.
It is unknown exact pick up time, will lead to leaves being left on curb for unspecified time and neighbors leaves will blow everywhere.
I am on a cul de sac and would not have room for all my leaves!
I've seen what happens in Blue Ash where leaves sit in street for a week sometimes and stain street and/or are scattered by traffic.
Leaves and debris all over street blowing in the wind
Our main opposition to the vacuuming service is SAFETY. Since leaves will be placed in the curbs on both sides of the streets and probably overing sidewalks, for areas that have them, the safety of children on scooters and bicycles or children walking to and from school buses should be a major concern. The safety of all people walking, jogging, pushing baby strollers, or riding bikes, for exercise and health reasons, also brings concerns. Then , we have to consider automobiles parked in the curb . . . outside the leaves. When you add the swirling winds of fall, the pedestrians will be in the center of the streets! The neighbors who take care of their lawns by raking leaves many times a week will be very upset with the leaves coming into their yards from the streets. / Bagging leaves may require more effort, but it keeps the leaves contained until Rumpke comes. Baggin keeps our neighborhoods neat and orderly. Bagging helps to prevent quarrels among neighbors. / Don't do anything rash. City leaders need to visit the communities that vacuum leaves this fall and see for themselves.
The leaves must be moved to the curb and then if the vacuuming is not done that day the leaves will blow all over and make quite a mess on the street and in the yards - could end up with more leaves than you started out with!
Wind Blows "Free" leaves / Street Parking Issues
If leaves are put at curbside for vacuuming they may get in storm sewer and then there will be flooding.
Bagged leaves are less likely to be blowing and spread by the wind or other factors.
I would think that the the vacuuming service would be more costly... I don't think we in Montgomery Meadows will participate... Rumpke picks up our bagged leaves and the HOA maintenance people also pick up leaves.

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Curbside puts peaves in street which can block parking. Also unsightly.