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Yard waste pick-ups continue

In addition to special brush collections, regular yard waste collection continues with a limit of three yard waste bags, 30 gallon cans, three bundles or one 90 gallon toter being picked up for free. Starting November 7 until December 9, unlimited curbside yard waste pickup will be offered, including the collection of containers of leaves. All leaves must be in either 30 gallon cans that can be dumped or in paper yard waste bags.

Any yard waste placed in plastic bags, including leaves, will not be picked up.



The home of Pat & Bill Proud, 9821 Tollgate (left), and the mailbox of Darlene & Steven Payne, 7805 Hartford Hill Ln., are among this year's Beautification Award winners.

Beautification Award winners announced

Members of the Beautification and Tree Commission have selected the 2005 Beautification Award winners. Nominations were based on an attractive and well-maintained landscape in addition to the overall appearance of the property.

Award recipients will be formally recognized at the September 21 City Council Work Session, held at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

Winners will receive a Resolution of Appreciation plaque acknowledging their beautifying efforts and an 8" x 10" photograph of their property. In addition, an award yard sign recognizes each of the following award winning properties:

RESIDENTIAL

Raymond & Ginny Erickson
10724 Deerfield Rd.

Brian & Lynn Good
11205 Grandon Ridge Circle

Steven & Lisa Good
7800 Remington Rd.

James & Elizabeth Lantz
7846 Westwind Ln.

Jim & Marjorie Motz
10750 Wellerwoods Dr.

Pat & Bill Proud
9821 Tollgate Ln.

William & Linda Wallis
7445 Stonemeadow Ln.

BUSINESS

Jaguar of Cincinnati
Robert Bailey Sr.
9620 Montgomery Rd.

MOST IMPROVED

Jim & Marian McGrath
7300 Huckleberry Ln.

LANDSCAPE NICHE

Comer & Polly Bond
10127 Montgomery Rd.

WINDOWBOX

Rhonda & Rick Sebastian
7723 Cooper Rd.

MAILBOX SETTING

Darlene & Steven Payne
7805 Hartford Hill Ln.

Kiwanis Art Show marks 50th year

This year's Montgomery Kiwanis Club Art Show marks the Golden Anniversary of the event... and the 50th anniversary of the club itself. Acclaimed as one of the finest in the Tri-State area the Art Show is Sunday, September 18. The show is held from noon to 5 p.m. in the heart of the Montgomery historic district on Montgomery Road, which will be closed to vehicular traffic from Cooper Road to Main Street.

An estimated 100 artists will

compete for more than \$2,700 in prize money and ribbons. Categories include Best-of-Show to the top artist and a \$500 art scholarship to the best high school junior or senior artist. Thousands of art works will be available for sale during the annual event.

Proceeds from the Art Show benefit the year-long charitable work of the Montgomery Kiwanis Club, including the two Key Clubs at Sycamore and Indian Hill High Schools.

City Officials

Mayor
Gary Blomberg

Vice Mayor
Gerri Harbison

Council Members
Edward Daniel
William Niehaus
Lynda Roesch
Todd Steinbrink
Ken Suer

Clerk of Council
Susan Hamm

City Manager
Cheryl A. Hilvert



to approximately seventy-five community teens who generously shared their summer vacation time to help with the City's programs and events. Many of these teens lent a helping hand to supervise young children during the four sessions of the Safety Village Program while others managed game booths at the July 4th Festival in the Park and the Bastille Day Celebration. Without their enthusiastic participation, these programs and events would not be possible. A gigantic "thank you" is extended to each and every one of these teens for the vital role they played in the success of these summer, community happenings.

COUNCIL CORNER

Montgomery City Council will meet in its regular monthly business session on September 7 at the City Hall. Meetings begin at 7 p.m., with public comment welcomed on each item before Council. Items on the agenda for consideration include:

- An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Gateway Partners, LLC pursuant to R.C. §5709.40, *et seq* for the redevelopment of property known as the Montgomery Road Triangle site (3rd reading)

- An Ordinance declaring improvements to parcels of real property located in The City Of Montgomery to be a public purpose under Section 5709.40 (B) of the Ohio Revised Code, exempting such improvements from real property taxation, authorizing the execution of a tax incentive agreement, a service agreement and such other documents as may be necessary

(3rd reading)

- An Ordinance authorizing the sale

of certain real estate known as the Montgomery Road Triangle property

pursuant to an urban renewal and redevelopment plan (3rd reading)

Recent Council Actions

AUGUST 3 BUSINESS SESSION

- A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Humana, to provide medical coverage for full-time employees (passed 7-0)

- A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Dental Care Plus to provide dental coverage for full-time employees (passed 7-0)

- A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Jefferson Pilot Financial to provide life insurance coverage for full-time employees (passed 7-0)

- A Resolution to adopt recommendation of the Montgomery Tax Incentive Review Council with respect to the compliance of all Tax Increment Financing Districts within the City Of Montgomery (passed 7-0)

- An Ordinance

authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Gateway Partners, LLC pursuant to R.C. §5709.40, *et seq* for the redevelopment of property known as the Montgomery Road Triangle site (passed to 2nd reading)

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Accessible play area now open

All children can now enjoy the play equipment in Montgomery Park. The City's new accessible play area features a new design and entry layout at each of the three play areas, opening the park to children who require a wheelchair for mobility.

The equipment available includes an arm-powered swing set, an elevated sand and water play table,

ground level play panels and an accessible sand digger. In addition, the park now has a paved walkway throughout the park with an accessible bridge and picnic area that opened up the entire park, making it more user friendly and fully compliant with provisions of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

Costs for the improvements were covered by the City of Montgomery and a Hamilton County Community Development Block Grant.

Brush pick-up to resume September 26

The Montgomery Service Department will again provide a fall curbside bulk collection of brush and limbs. The fall program is scheduled to begin September 26 and will be continue over a 5 week period. The week for each neighborhood's brush pick up is determined by the day of regular trash collection schedule.

TRASH PICK-UP DAY	WEEK OF BRUSH PICK-UP
MONDAY	SEPT. 26 - 30
TUESDAY	OCT. 3 - 7
WEDNESDAY	OCT. 10 - 14
THURSDAY	OCT. 17 - 21
FRIDAY	OCT. 24 - 28

■ Vines and branches with thorns will not be picked up.

■ Limbs must be between 3 feet and 10 feet in length and between 1/2 inch and 8 inches in diameter. Shorter branches, twigs and clippings should be

placed in yard waste bags and/or cans to be picked up by Rumpke on your regular waste collection day.

■ Brush and limbs must be placed at the edge of road or along the curb with the "cut" ends of brush toward the street in small piles. Please do not create large stacks or interwoven piles with "cut" ends placed in different directions as this makes the material difficult for crews to separate for collection.

■ Stumps, root balls and logs

are not to be placed curbside for brush collection but may be placed out for yard waste collection on regularly scheduled trash days. Each item, however, cannot weigh more than 60 pounds.

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■ Brush piles that are tied into bundles or are tangled will not be picked up.

For information about the curbside brush pick-up service, call City Hall at 891-2424.

Since a daily schedule for each neighborhood cannot be predetermined, residents must have brush at the curb by the Monday morning of the collection week.

Collection Guidelines:

■ Brush containing nails, metal, stones or excessive dirt will not be picked up.

CodeRed recently used

Introduced in 2004, Montgomery's CodeRed emergency warning system was recently activated for a missing person incident. The incident marked the second time the high speed emergency telephone calling system was used in the City.

The CodeRed high-speed calling system is capable of mak-

ing up to 60,000 telephone calls to deliver a recorded message from emergency personnel. With CodeRed, emergency crews can electronically designate a geographic area, record an emergency message, then telephone every home and business located in the designated area. CodeRed can be activated for hazardous chemical spills, local criminal activity boil water alerts, and homeland security issues.

While an initial database of telephone numbers has been programmed into the system, to be sure your contact information is accurate, each resident or business is urged to visit the City's website at www.montgomeryohio.org and click on the CodeRed Emergency Communications link to register contact information. Residents who have recently moved, changed telephone numbers or use a cellular telephone for their home number are especially urged to update information.

CodeRed allows emergency personnel to focus attention on the crisis while a single person activates the CodeRed system to quickly alert affected residents, whether the alert is for a neighborhood or the entire city.

Back to school... back to safety!

School will soon resume, with it comes the annual reminders that too often are taken lightly until a time of tragedy. Motorists must be extra cautious and observe local traffic laws at all times, especially on residential streets where children will be walking to school or standing on the side of the road waiting for buses. Officers will be strategically located along various roadways ready to issue citations as a friendly reminder to obey posted speed limits.

Parents also need to be mindful of safety and are urged to consider these safety tips:

■ Use reflective strips on book bags and jackets to increase visibility for motorists.



■ If your child walks to school, choose a safe route ahead of time and make sure the child knows the way. Avoid going through parks, vacant lots, fields and other places where there aren't many people around.

■ Whenever possible, have children walk to and from school with a friend, neighbor, brother or sister, but never alone.

■ Be sure your child knows

his/her home phone number, address, your work number and how to use 9-1-1 for emergencies.

■ Be sure your child knows never to talk to strangers or accept rides or gifts from strangers. Remind your child if a vehicle pulls up and the driver is a stranger or someone your family hardly knows, get away from the car and run to the closest house or business and yell for help. Even if they have a cute puppy, kitten or offer candy, never get into a stranger's car!

■ Children who ride the bus to school should not stand in the road. Be alert to all traffic. Just because the child sees the car doesn't mean the driver sees the child.

Gettin' Fit for Fall...

DOGGIE DAY AT THE POOL

Monday, September 5; 5 - 8 p.m.; Montgomery Pool. Join us for Doggie Day at the pool. Dogs of all breeds and sizes are invited to go for an end of the summer dip at the Montgomery Community Pool before we officially bid the summer farewell. Dogs must be people friendly and non-aggressive toward other dogs and—of course—a swimmer. *Pets of members are free. Non-members with pooches are \$3.*

YOUNG REMBRANDTS DRAWING CLASSES

September 30-November 18 (8 classes): Preschoolers (ages 3½ to 6): Friday mornings, September 30-November 18 (8 classes); 10:30 am - 11:15 am; Classes held at Swaim Park Lodge and are limited to 10 participants. Elementary (ages 6-12): Wednesday evenings, September 28-November 16 (8 classes); 4:30-5:30 pm; Classes are held at Terwilliger Lodge and are limited to 20 participants. For all the budding artists in the area, this creative art class takes us from fish to teddy bears and rainbows through innovative step-by-step drawing methods to keep kids active and interested regardless of artistic ability. Instructors are experienced in providing a positive, nurturing environment for learning and experimenting with their creativity. We provide all materials for each student. *Cost is \$75. Register at City Hall by Sept 20.*

COWBOY CALL-OUT

Columbus Day – School's Out Trip: *Monday, October 24; Meet at lower Swaim Parking lot (ZigZag) at 9 am; pickup at 4 pm.* Break out of school for a day in the wild west on horseback. Ages 8-14 can join us for this trip to Indiana for a horse back adventure through 600 acres of

trails through woods and over streams. We will stop for hot dogs and marshmallows on a camp fire, then finish with a hay ride before returning. Kids must wear jeans and boots or gym shoes. *Cost is*

\$40 and includes lunch. Limit to 25 participants. Register at Montgomery City Hall by October 5. Three chaperones needed – to volunteer call 792-8348.

Fat Buster FALL Fitness

TUMMY TUCKS

September 27 - November 17; Tuesdays and Thursdays; 6-7 pm; Annex Building.

Join us in this innovative Pilates class geared towards using core body muscles: abdominal, obliques, back, and gluteals, to get effective results in your mid-section. This workout gets results in all the problem places by working on lengthening of the spine, proper alignment and posture, and a strong center to give you a slimmer profile. Some equipment provided. *Register at Montgomery City Hall by Sept 20. Limit 20 participants. Cost \$60R/\$65NR*

KARDIO KIDS

September 27 - November 17; Tuesdays and Thursdays; 4:15-5 pm; Annex Building.

Did you know that kids who engage regularly in physical activity tend to do better in school? And that health related behaviors acquired during childhood and adolescence are more likely to be carried into adulthood? Your 6-10 year old can come to this class to enjoy a combination of cardiovascular exercise, light strength training and stretching through fun games and activities. More importantly, the certified instructor will teach the children why activity is important and how to make it a part of their lifestyle. Sign up now for this after school workout that teaches the value of fitness and is loads of fun! Some equipment provided. *Register*

at Montgomery City Hall by Sept 20. Limit 20 participants. Cost \$50R/\$55NR

20/20/20... BOOMERS' STYLE

September 27 - November 17; Tuesdays and Thursdays; 9-10 am; Annex Building.

Looking for a class specifically designed to meet the needs of Baby Boomers? Well, you've found it! This class offers light cardiovascular exercises, light strength training, and light stretching for 20 minutes each. The instructor has experience in teaching to people over 50, and will teach to your fitness level taking into account common physical concerns and the value of gaining and maintaining muscle strength. Some equipment provided. *Register at Montgomery City Hall by Sept 20. Limit 20 participants. Cost \$60R/\$65NR*

HAVING A BALL

Saturdays, October 1 - November 19; 8:30-9:30 am at the Annex Building.

This new 8-week class uses a Swiss therapeutic ball to emphasize basic strengthening and stretching exercises with Pilates movements for balance, core control and flexibility taught by Certified Fitness Instructor Monica Stamper. Dress comfortably and bring mat, ball, towel, and water bottle. *Register at Montgomery City Hall by Sept 20. Limit 20 participants. Cost \$40R/\$45NR*

How to reach us



City Hall
891-2424

Police Department
(non-emergency)
985-1600

Fire Department
(non-emergency)
985-1633

Service Department
792-8355

**Planning/Zoning/
Building**
792-8309

**Code Enforcement
Action Line**
792-8316

New business welcomed

Ute's Unique Lifestyle Jewelry and Accessories recently opened at 7789 Cooper Road in Cooper Station. Owner and designer, Ute Kremer, describes the store as a unique "girly stuff" experience.

Ute designs and creates Lifestyle Jewelry for everyday wear as well as wedding day jewelry for brides and their wedding party.

The store is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and evenings by appointment. For information, call 984-8837.



Terry's Tree Tips

By Terry Willenbrink,
City Arborist

Autumn is an important time to tend to your trees. Here's a rundown of what needs to be done:

Early Autumn

Feed half-hardy shrubs to make the plants less susceptible to disease and frost damage.

Plant conifers and other evergreens while ground is moist and still warm

Mid-Autumn

Plant new trees and shrubs, stake plants likely to be vulnerable to strong winds

Late Autumn

This is the time for gathering leaves and adding them to the summer's compost pile. Continue to plant deciduous trees and shrubs.

Protect tender specimens of trees and exposed conifers which are prone to windburn by surrounding them with windbreak material

Cover winter and spring-flowering shrubs with netting to deter birds from eating the immature flower buds

Harvest Moon & Chilifest return October 1

Swaim Park will again be the setting for Montgomery's annual Harvest Moon and Chilifest, planned Saturday,

October 1. The evening begins at 5 p.m. when the Montgomery Fire Department begins Chilifest, where you can

not only taste all types of chili, but enter a gallon of your very own recipe in the competition. Also featured will be Skyline chili and cheese conies, pop, beer and ice cream. The fire department will offer several hands-on exhibits and demonstrations. Proceeds from food and beverage sales will be used to purchase fire & EMS equipment.



Those interested in entering the chili contest must register with the fire department at 985-1633 by 5 p.m., Friday, October 1

Harvest Moon activities open at 6 p.m. to celebrate the harvest season with hayrides, dollar pony rides, music, and storytelling around the bon fire with marshmallows to roast.

Free pumpkin painting and cookie decorating will be offered under the tent, along with other family activities to highlight the festiveness of a traditional harvest.

Chilifest ends at 8 p.m., while Harvest Moon continues until 9 p.m.

Gangsters Galore: Speakeasy to open (and close) September 16

Boas, flappers, dapper dons, suspenders and fedoras will be welcomed September 16 when Carlos and Johnny's is converted to a one-night only Speakeasy. Sponsored by the City of Montgomery, the night will include dinner in the Fireside Room with stories about the two detectives, Carl and Johnny, who raided the place and the memorabilia from the most famous gangster of the prohibition era, Al Capone.



After dining and socializing, the dinner buffet will be cleared to make way for gaming tables to be rolled out on

the floor. Blackjack, Texas Hold'em, roulette and craps will be the entertainment with each guest starting with \$2,000 gangster "cash." The top three money holders at the end of the night will walk away with prizes worthy of their skills at the table.

Tickets are on sale at City Hall and are limited to the first 60 guests. Cost is \$40 each or \$75 per couple. One glass of wine is provided with dinner, along with a cash bar. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with dinner beginning at 7 p.m. Gaming will be offered from 8:30-10:30 p.m. Music and mingling will go on till close. Proper "gangster and gal" attire is encouraged.

International Reception planned

Community members whose homeland is other than the United States are invited to attend Montgomery's International Reception sponsored by the Sister Cities Commission. The social event is scheduled for Sunday, October 9, from 4-6 pm at Terwilliger Lodge in Dulle Park.

Participants should bring a favorite covered dish, appetizer or dessert representative of their native country. Ethnic costumes and/or entertainment shared by the international guests (musical instruments, songs, dancing, etc.) are always welcome.

To make your reservation to attend this event, or to suggest a community member who

would appreciate an invitation, please call 891-2424.

Bastille Day Diaper Derby Winners

The Diaper Derby made its debut at this year's Bastille Day Celebration held on Saturday,

July 16. Carpetland-Carpet One donated a large, colorful piece of carpet for the event feature and Pampers® donated an assortment of cuddly entry prizes in addition to a generous supply of diapers for the top three winners. Adorable baby participants, coaxing parents



and enthusiastic on-lookers made the event very entertaining.

We congratulate the following babies for their crawl-

ing expertise:

First Place: Will Darrah
(3 month's supply of diapers)

Second Place: James Gilvary
(1 month supply of diapers)

Third Place: Matthew Bonn
(1 month supply of diapers)



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ALL AROUND TOWN...

Annual Fall Plant swap planned September 24

The Beautification and Tree Commission will host its seventh annual

Fall Plant Swap on Saturday, September 24, from 9-11 am in the City Hall parking lot. The event affords community members the

opportunity to share their divided perennials while obtaining new varieties.

The commission recom-

mends that the perennials be labeled with the plant name and its sun or shade preference. Participants should also come prepared with bags or containers to transport new samples. Each year the "Swap" tables display a great variety of perennials that include black-eyed Susan's, daylilies, hostas, lamb's ears, lirope and many others.

Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) lodges. In some cases, residents say the caller mentions that donated funds support D.A.R.E. and other programs offered by the police department, prompting a donation with the false assumption that they are giving directly to the Montgomery Police Department.

The FOP has a proud history of supporting many programs and charitable organizations throughout the world. Indeed, many Montgomery officers are members of local lodges. However, residents and business owners considering donating should fully understand that FOP lodges are independent organizations, but not an organization of the Police Department, which does NOT solicit for donations over the telephone.

For more information, call 792-8329.

The Police Department does NOT make telephone solicitations

With some degree of frequency, the Montgomery Police Department receives phone calls from residents about telephone solicitations sounding as though they are being made on behalf of the department from local

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

September • September • September

5	Labor Day Concert	Blue Ash Town Square	6 pm
5	Labor Day	City Offices Closed	
5	Montgomery City Pool Closes		
7	Council Business Session	City Hall	7 pm
8	Parks & Recreation Commission	City Hall	6:30 pm
9	Health District Immunizations	Safety Center	8:30 - 11:30 am
12	Beautification Comm.	City Hall	8 am
12	Arts Commission	City Hall	7 pm
12	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
12	Police Wellness Walk	Swaim Park	7 pm
14	Landmarks Commission	City Hall	7 pm
16	Gangsters & Gals Progressive Dinner <i>(see story on page 5)</i>		
17	Cardboard Recycling	7315 Cornell Road	10 am - 1 pm
18	Kiwanis Art Show	Downtown Montgomery	12 - 5 pm
20	Sister Cities Commission	City Hall	7 pm
21	Council Work Session	City Hall	7 pm
24	Fall Plant Swap	City Hall Parking Lot	9 - 11 am
26	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
26	Environmental Advisory Group	City Hall	7 pm
27	Board of Zoning Appeals	City Hall	7:30 pm