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Brush chipping begins in September

Montgomery's semi-annual brush chipping program will begin the last week of September. Watch for the September Bulletin for complete details on when you will see the crews in your neighborhood. Should you have any questions regarding the program in the meantime, feel free to call City Hall at 891-2424.

During yard waste pickup season, brush may be placed at the curb for Rumpke to pick up. The brush must be tied in bundles of no longer than four feet in length and weighing no more than 60 pounds each. Each bundle of brush is part of the three items you may place out for yard waste collection each week.

Remember, if you have more than three items, you can get a sticker to place on your extra cans, bags or bundles for pick-up over the three item limit. These stickers cost \$1.50 each and are available at the Montgomery Kroger or at City Hall.

Montgomery thanks its event sponsors

The month of July was filled with family fun events that were made possible by many critical and appreciated partnerships between community-minded area businesses and the City of Montgomery. Without these partnerships, many of the unique features that enhance these events and add to your family's enjoyment would not be offered.

The fond memories built in our community through the interactions at these events is one of the goals of the sponsors. The City values the voluntary support of community-minded businesses and wants to offer a special note of appreciation to each of the major sponsors listed at the top right.



Major sponsors include:
Ohio National, Clossons, Air France, Mojo, Montgomery Square, Fifth Third Bank, Bethesda North and Key Bank.

Others joining in partnership:
Germano's Restaurant, Horan and Associates, James Free Jewelers, Tele-Vac

Environmental, Audio Visual Impact, Inc., Cincinnati Pool Management, Huff Realty, Kroger, Donnellon Donnellon and Miller, Frost Brown Todd LLC, Blue Ash Montgomery Rotary, Gradison McDonald, Pampers, Montgomery Care Center, and Pipkins.

City honors local soldier upon return from Iraq

Montgomery shared the pride of a returning Iraqi War Veteran on a personal level when Lance Corporal Jason Paul Brisken appeared before City Council on July 5, during which he was honored with a special proclamation.

A 2002 graduate of Moeller High School, the Montgomery resident joined the United States Marine Corp to further the cause of freedom for the Iraqi people. During his second tour of duty, Jason was seriously injured by a roadside bomb while on patrol with the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force in the Rimadi, a hot spot for ongoing hostilities.



Above: Lance Corporal Brisken receives a special proclamation in his honor from Mayor Harbison and Vice-Mayor Suer. Right: Brisken is pictured during his service in Iraq.



The special Council presentation honored the Marine "for his bravery, heroism and personal sacrifice and wholeheartedly

welcomes him back to Montgomery as a true hero of our community and of the United States of America."

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to members of the 2006 Bastille Day Committee for coordinating and sponsoring a wonderful Bastille Day celebration to honor our City's friendship with our Sister City-Neuilly-Plaisance, France. The committee worked diligently since January to provide a well organized and enjoyable summer event for our community members. An enormous THANK YOU is warmly extended to the following volunteer leaders for devoting an extensive amount of their personal time for this unique, community happening!
Becky Cole, Chair; Marcellene Shockey, Publicity; Carroll Grimes & Jonathan Keith, Restaurant Recruitment; Claire Houchell, Wine Booth; Melissa Frederiksen, Diaper Derby, Michelle Myers, Pen Pal Exhibit; Martine Greco, Richard Hahn and Marcia Scherocman, Committee Members and Mayor Gerri Harbison, Committee Advisor.

Council to hold public hearing on new IDC

City Council will hold an August 23 public hearing regarding a Planning Commission recommendation to adopt an Interim Development Control District (IDC) for the properties on the east side of Montgomery Road between Marketplace Lane and the Montgomery Safety Center. The Commission is recommending the IDC due to an interest in controlling potential

development in the area.

The City is currently conducting a review of the Comprehensive Community Plan, which was last updated in 1986. The review indicated a need for a thorough study of the area, which includes the largest undeveloped privately owned tract of land in the City, as well as a number of commercial uses. A study

could take several months, requiring an IDC to prevent development that would not be consistent with the land use patterns recommended by the planning study. Currently the area is zoned for general commercial development on the south and multifamily residential to the north.

The public hearing will be held just prior to the August 23 Council work session at 6 p.m.

COUNCIL CORNER

Montgomery City Council will meet in its regular monthly business session on August 2 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 declaring improvements to parcels of real property located in the City of Montgomery to be a public purpose under section 5709.40 (c) 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 (second reading)
- A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Humana, to provide medical coverage for full-time employees

- A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Dental Care Plus to provide dental coverage for full-time employees
- A resolution to adopt recommendation of the Montgomery Tax Incentive Review Council with respect to the compliance of all Tax Increment

Financing Districts within the City of Montgomery

- A resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply to the Ohio Board of Building Standards to certify the Building Department for code enforcement
- An ordinance adopting the Residential Code of Ohio for one-, two-,

and three-family dwellings, as supplemented

- An ordinance correcting Section 91.21 offenses involving underage persons and declaring an emergency
- An ordinance accepting publicly dedicated property and certain easement rights on Main Street and Remington Road

Recent Council Actions

JULY 5 BUSINESS SESSION

- A resolution adopting a tax budget for 2007 (passed 5-0)
- A resolution supporting the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program and authorizing the filing and execution of a grant request to the Ohio Attorney General's office for the continuing efforts of the D.A.R.E. program (passed 5-0)
- A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into

a contract with the Hamilton County General Health District for public health services during 2007 (passed 5-0)

■ A resolution adopting a five year strategic plan for the City of Montgomery (passed 5-0)

■ A resolution accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with R. B. Jergens Contractors, inc. for the 2006 Montgomery Gateway Streetscape and Access Drive

improvements (passed 5-0)

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Montgomery to host 2007 Homearama

Montgomery's newest neighborhood, the Vintage Club at the Reserve, will be the host site for the Greater Cincinnati Homebuilders' Association 2007 Homearama. The Vintage Club, being developed by Great Traditions Land Company, is a 70 acre Planned Unit Development designed to combine a mixture of residential housing, office, and retail uses.

The first phase, which was recently approved by Montgomery Planning Commission, will include 40 "estate" lot homes similar to the Reserve of Montgomery. The 18 lots that the Homebuilders Association have designated for the Homearama show are located

within this section, abutting Weller Park and the north edge of the Reserve.

Phase I of the development also includes 22 "courtyard" homes on smaller lots with near zero side lot lines. The homes will abut the rear of Harpers Point.

The 2007 Homearama is scheduled for June 9 to 24. Lot selection for individual homebuilders will be held on August 16, with home construction to begin next January.



To support the 2007 Homearama, Montgomery and Hamilton County are working with Great Traditions on future development of the commercial section along Montgomery

Road. The City will also work with the Homebuilders and Great Traditions to accommodate the traffic generated during Homearama.

Currently all construction traffic must enter from Montgomery Road. For Homearama, it is anticipated that visitors would enter from Kemper Road and exit out onto Montgomery Road. The City will continue to update residents on the Vintage Club project and Homearama in future Montgomery *Bulletins*.

Classic Car Show to debut at Weller Park

Montgomery's Inaugural Classic Car Show will make its debut in Weller Park

on Saturday, August 12. As many as 200 classic cars ranging in styles from the 20s to the 80s will be on display from 5 to 8 p.m. If you own a classic car or have a beloved garage project, register to show it off. For \$10 per vehicle, you can register in advance online at www.montgomeryohio.org or the day of event two hours before the show starts for any remaining spots.

Judging for a variety of categories, including a People's

Choice award, will be from 5 to 8 p.m., with Award Presentations from 8 to 9 p.m.

Classic rock and jamming tunes from Red Idle will add to the atmosphere of the classics on display. Please, no coolers or glass bottles will be permitted in the park. Drinks and food will be for sale by the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Montgomery Police Department as fundraisers for local causes.

Gangsters & Gals to roar into town September 15

Boas around the shoulders of flappers and dapper dons with suspenders and fedoras will all be accepted for entrance into the Montgomery Speakeasy on September 15. The night will include dinner and a glass of wine 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 around the table, the dinner buffet will be cleared to make way for the 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 worth of gangster cash in their pocket. The top three money holders at the end of the night will walk away with prizes worthy of their skills at the table. (*The*

bottom three may just meet Neal Knuckles to go swimming with the fishes.)

Tickets will be available at Montgomery City Hall starting August 16 and will be limited to the first 60 guests. Cost is \$45 each or \$85 for a couple for all the fun, fast stepping and faster dealing you can handle.

One glass of wine is provided with dinner; other alcohol is available on site as a cash bar. Carlos and Johnny's in downtown Montgomery will host the event, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Dinner begins at 7 p.m., followed by gaming from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music and mingling will continue until the joint closes.

No one will get past Mario the Masher and Lucky Lou at the door without tickets! Proper "gangster and gal" attire is encouraged.

Ready, set, CRAWL!



Visitors to this year's Bastille Day Celebration enjoyed great food, drinks, musical entertainment and fun activities for the children. Here the spectators prepare for the Diaper Derby.

Fun things to see and do for the Fall

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

Ages 2-12

Weller Park; 9 to 11 am; Thursday, August 3. Check out city service vehicles. Fire engines, ambulances, dump trucks, tractors, police cruisers and swat vehicles will be on display. Kids can get behind the wheel of their favorite vehicle and talk to their drivers. This is a free event.

PIRATE CAMP

Ages 6 to 13

(Meet at Terwilliger Lodge) Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday; August 7 to 9, 10:30 am to noon. Ahoy mates! Join us as we explore the world of pirates with new drawing adventures! Pirates, treasure maps, sunken treasures, parrots, a grand pirate ship and more will inspire us as we draw, using cartoon and realistic drawing techniques. Students will complete several drawings each day using the unique Young Rembrandts drawing method. All materials provided and include: pencils, color pencils, sharpies and markers. *Cost is \$48 Min. 6/Max 20*

HISTORICAL GIRL CAMP

Ages 6-13

(Meet at Terwilliger Lodge) Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday; August 7 to 9, 1 to

2:30 p.m. Here is your chance to draw a variety of girl dolls in many different costumes and accessories from different periods in time. We will learn to draw the basic doll figure, then place the figure in several varying time periods. Pencils, color pencils, markers and Sharpies will be used. *Cost is \$48 Min. 6/Max 20*

LANDSCAPES WITH EASE

Teens/Adults

Meet at Pioneer Park (Gazebo); Saturday, September 23; 1 to 4 p.m. **No art experience necessary. Drawing is a learnable skill.** Experience contour sketching, general principles in composition, shading, texturing and color. Bring a beverage, hat, sunglasses and art supplies for experimentation (pastels, ultra fine pt. Sharpie, ball point pens, etc). Register at City Hall or at www.montgomeryohio.org. *Cost: \$30 (Supplies provided)*

DIVE-IN MOVIE: NANNY MCPHEE

Montgomery Community Pool; Friday, August 11; Dusk (about 8:30 pm); Join us for a film and float Dive-In Movie event featuring *Nanny McPhee*, an animated film rated PG. Nanny McPhee comes to the house of Mr. Brown and his seven ill-behaved children. They have dispensed with 17 nannies before her and see Nanny

McPhee as no different. However, she seems to have mystical powers that start to control them and lead to startling consequences in this magical comedy. *Cost is \$3.00 at the gate for non-member residents and guests. Pool pass holders are free. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and sit back to enjoy a fun night out with the family. The concession stand will be open for your popcorn, drinks and snacks.*

Think ahead to Fall fitness

TUMMY TUCKS

September 19 to November 9; Tuesdays & Thursdays; 6-7 pm; Annex Building. This innovative Pilates class is geared towards using core body muscles (abdominal, obliques, back, and gluteals) to get effective results in your mid-section. Taught by a Tri-Health certified instructor, 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 September 15. Limit 20 participants. Cost \$60R/\$65NR*

20/20/20...BOOMER'S STYLE

September 19 to November 9; Tuesdays & Thursdays; 9 - 10 am; Annex Building. This 16-class schedule offers cardiovascular exercises, strength training, and 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 September 15. Limit 20 participants. Cost \$60R/\$65NR*

Swimmers: Move over for Rover!

Talk about the Dog Days of Summer! On Monday, September 4, you can swim with your family dog on the last day of operation at the Montgomery Community Pool. Dogs of all breeds and sizes are invited to go for an end of the summer dip from 5 to 8 pm before the pool closes



for summer. Dogs must be people friendly and non-aggressive towards other dogs and — of course — be able to swim.

Pets of members are free. Guests may bring their pooches for \$3. Please

remember to be courteous of others and clean up after your pets (it's the law).

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

Labor Day Concert

The Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra Labor Day concert will be performed in the Blue Ash Towne Square (Rain Site - Sycamore Junior High School, 5757 Cooper Road, Montgomery) on September 4 at 6 p.m. With a theme: "Betting on Beethoven," the program will include excerpts from Beethoven's Seventh Symphony and The Coriolanus Overture. Try to identify the schools in the fun-filled Football Fight Song Finale!

Visit the BAMSO web site at www.bamsso.org for more details on the Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra's 2006 Season.

Did you know?

Did you know that a \$25 gift will install a Commemorative Brick in front of Montgomery City Hall in honor of a special someone in your life?

A \$150.00 gift will plant a single tree in honor of your family, a loved one, or an organization special to you.

An acknowledgement card will be sent to the person or family of the individual honored, as well as to the contributor. Tree selection and park location is at your request. The City cannot guarantee specific requests on tree species and planting location, but will make efforts to honor requests or propose an appropriate alternate.

Your gift will provide beauty and value, while enhancing the City Hall building. Most of all, your gift will be a legacy to the City, helping create an attractive and pleasant place to live, work, and play.

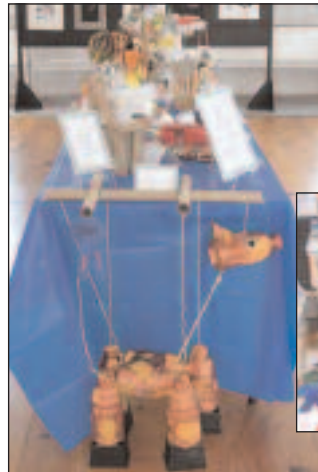
Contact Susan Hamm at 792-8314 for more information regarding these and other gifting programs.

Winners announced in sculpture contest

Aluminum cans, milk jugs, and cardboard boxes aren't just for the Rumpke recycle bin... they are the elements of famous artwork in the second annual Montgomery Recycling Sculpture Contest.

Sponsored by the City and the Environmental Advisory Commission as a way to educate residents about the importance of recycling, the contest provided residents an opportunity to use their creativity while educating others about the values of recyclable materials. Not to mention that many won a prize for their imagination and creativeness.

Eleven entries were received and exhibited at the Universalist Church on Bastille Day. Prizes were awarded to



Pictured here are just a few examples of how area residents transformed what some may see as trash into what others see as art.



Olivia Salach, Emily Bender, Amy Sanker, Michael Lang, Chris Schipper, Matthew Schipper, Scott McLaughlin, Mary Cole, Liz Bender, Victoria Lang, Joyce Spreckelmeier, and Pammy Sanker.

The City and the Environmental

Advisory Commission extends a grateful "thank you" to participants and to Bath and Body Works, Cincinnati Bengals, Cincinnati Reds, Friends & Co. Hair Salon, Hamilton County Solid Waste District, Neon Lites Café and Rumpke for donating the prizes.

Tips to deter (or attract) deer to your property

The City office has received questions and complaints about deer causing damage to residential gardens. An article appeared recently in the Cincinnati Enquirer that offers the following advice on what types of plants to use in your gardens:

Plants that deer like to eat include aronia, amelanchier, azaleas, clematis, daylilies, forsythia, holly, honeysuckle, hosta, Japanese maple, juniper, lily of the valley, mugho pine, pachysandra, red twig dogwood, trumpet vine, tulips, viburnum, yew and practically any fruit-bearing tree.

Under normal conditions, when food is plentiful, these are among the **plants deer will avoid**:

Flowers and foliage: *Allium, artemesia, astilbe, baby's breath, bee balm, bleeding heart, buddleia, coneflower, euphorbia, foxglove, hellebores, lamb's ear, licorice plant, Montauk daisy, moss pinks, mullein, ornamental*

rhubarb, Russian sage, salvia, Siberian iris, snapdragon, yarrow and yucca.

Ferns: *Alaska, cinnamon, Clinton's shield, Fortune's holly, Japanese painted, Japanese red shield, maidenhair, ostrich, royal and tassel.*

Ground cover: *Fragrant sumac, germander, scented cranesbill and sweet woodruff*

Ornamental grasses and sedges: *Elijah Blue fescue, feather reed grass, Japanese sedge, miscanthus, muhly grass, Northern sea oats, panicum, pennisetum, phalaris and Scottish tufted hair grass.*

Shrubs: *Barberry, boxwood, butterfly bush, daphne, lavandula, potentilla and spruce.*
Herbs: *Catnip, mint, oregano, tansy, thyme and wintergreen.*

Selecting plants that deer avoid during normal conditions may save homeowners from the

additional cost and inconvenience of replacing plants damaged or destroyed by foraging deer that are present throughout the community.

You can also purchase several types of deer deterrents at local stores to put around your plants, but you will need to be reapply it often, especially after a rain.



Also protect your trees from deer rutting by covering the tree trunk with a deer guard. It should be applied to your trees from August until late December.

If deer should rut or scrape a tree, clean up the wounded area by cutting the broken or loose bark off the tree, with a clean knife or set of pruning shears, then allow the wounded area to heal itself. Never use a tree wound dressing or cement. Tree wounds need oxygen to heal properly and dressings prevent that from occurring.



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ALL AROUND TOWN...

Volunteer Fair invites you to join the team

Montgomery's second Volunteer Fair is scheduled for September 28, 2006, in City Hall. For the convenience of our community members, two sessions will be offered: 9-11 am and 4:30-7 pm.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about our City's volunteer leadership opportunities-service on our boards and commissions, in addition to a myriad of episodic (short term) volunteer opportunities-staff support and assistance for City projects and events. City Council Members, City staff and current volunteer leaders will be

available at these informal sessions to provide detailed information about specific, volunteer opportunities.

The 2006 Volunteer Handbook, a valuable resource for community participation, will also be distributed at the event.

Stop by, meet your City leaders and learn more about the invaluable role that volunteers play in our community.

Sites available in Hopewell Cemetery

The City still has gravesites available at Hopewell Cemetery. These gravesites are located in the southeastern corner of the cemetery, near Montgomery Road.

The gravesites are \$750 each. Either flush-mounted or monument-style markers will be permitted in this new cemetery section. For information, contact the

City of Montgomery at 891-2424.

Owned and operated by the City of Montgomery, the cemetery is the burial

location for many of the city's first settlers and founding fathers. The Pioneer section of the cemetery is designated as a "Landmark" property.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

AUGUST • AUGUST • AUGUST

2	Council Business Session	City Hall	7 pm
3	Touch a Truck	Weller Park	9:00-11:00 am
7	Arts Commission	City Hall	7 pm
7	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
9	Landmarks Commission	City Hall	7 pm
10	Parks & Recreation Commission	City Hall	6:30 pm
11	Health District Immunizations	Safety Center	8:30-11:30 am
11	Dive-In Movie	City Hall	8:30 pm
12	Classic Car Show	Weller Park	5-9 pm
14	Beautification Commission	City Hall	9 am
15	Sister Cities Commission	City Hall	7 pm
19	Cardboard Recycling	7315 Cornell Road	10 am-1 pm
21	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
22	Board of Zoning Appeals	City Hall	7:30 pm
23	Council Work Session	City Hall	7 pm
24	Sycamore Schools reopen		
28	Environmental Advisory Group	City Hall	7 pm