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Dispose of old gear

If you have old computer or electronic equipment collecting dust in your basement, consider disposing of it in an ecologically friendly way.

The Hamilton County Solid Waste District will sponsor its 5th annual Computer/Electronic Recycling Event during the summer.

For your convenience, the City of Montgomery is offering residents a local drop off site and will transport all electronic materials collected.

Equipment which can be dropped off for the collection includes: monitors, terminal, CPUs, scanners, printers, keyboards, mice, fax machines, cables, laptops, mainframes, tape and disk drives, cell phones, computer speakers, PDAs and backup batteries.

Items can be dropped off at the Service Facility, 7315 Cornell Road, across from Sycamore High School on June 29 (4 - 7 p.m.) or July 8 (10 a.m. - noon).

For more information, call City Hall at 891-2424.

Improvements have never been more affordable

Hamilton County residents planning a home improvement or repair project may want to consider a loan discount program available through Hamilton County's Home Improvement Program (HIP). Homeowners who obtain loans through this program receive a **3 percent discount** on the interest rate offered by a participating bank. Borrowers with good credit may be able to obtain a **fixed rate as low as 3.99 percent** by utilizing this program.

Participation in the program is **not limited by income** and

carries only a few restrictions. Owners of one and two family homes with assessed values of less than \$300,000 (*as determined by the Hamilton County Auditor*) may apply. Owners of buildings with three or more units are also eligible, regardless of assessed value. Loan proceeds can be used for almost any improvement or repair project, such as room additions, kitchen/bath/basement remodeling, furnace/roof/window replacement, siding or landscaping. Funds cannot be used for installation of luxury

items, such as swimming pools or hot tubs, or to purchase appliances. Loans are limited to a maximum of \$50,000 and must be repaid within 5 years.

Additional information and a loan application are available on Hamilton County's website at www.hamilton-co.org or by contacting Patrick Hanrahan at (513) 946-8234. Applications and program brochures are also available at any branch of Fifth Third, Key, North Side, National City or US Bank, all of which participate in the loan discount program.

Bastille Day celebration planned for July 15

As Montgomery plans to celebrate American pride on Independence Day (*see page 3*), plans have also been announced for Montgomery's daylong Bastille Day celebration on Saturday, July 15. Held from noon to 11 p.m. on Montgomery Road between Remington and Cooper Roads, area restaurants will feature a variety of French cuisine and wine to honor of the City's friendship with sister city Neuilly-Plaisance. Of course, there will be plenty of local flavor as well with ribs, pizza, funnel cakes, fries and beer. Entertainment will be provided during the event, with The Menus returning as the headlined act from 8 to 11 p.m.

Entertainment for the whole family will abound, including a Corn Hole tournament, tri-cycle and bike competition and the famous Diaper derby. Watch for details in next month's *Bulletin*.

Join the extensive team of volunteers working on event day to help make this community celebration a success. Adult volunteers are needed to work in the beverage ticket booth, the children's game ticket booth and

the wine booth from noon-11 pm. Teen volunteers are needed to manage the children's game booths from noon until 8 pm. A two hour minimum commitment is required for all these volunteer positions.

Nominations sought for Beautification Awards

The annual beautification awards program, sponsored by the Beautification and Tree Commission, provides an excellent opportunity to recognize Montgomery community members for their efforts to beautify their properties. Nomination categories include Residential, Business/Church, Landscape Niche, Window Box, Mailbox Setting and Most Improved (*requires "before" and "after" photographs*).

Volunteer judges will critique the properties from a curbside view only. Backyards will not be considered in the judging process.

Nomination forms are available at City Hall, Kroger, Pipkins and on the City's website. Nominations can also be placed on the Beautification Awards Hotline (792-8345).

The deadline to submit nominations is June 30.

City Officials

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Mark Combs
Barry Joffe
William Niehaus
Lynda Roesch
Todd Steinbrink

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Susan Hamm

City Manager
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to members of the Arts Commission who organized a very successful appraisal in the Park fund raising event at Terwilliger Lodge on May 7. The opportunity for community members to acquire a verbal appraisal for their antiques and collectibles drew a large audience of aficionados anxious to obtain a monetary value for their "treasures." A grateful "thank you" is extended to the Arts Commission for incorporating this event into their 2006 project schedule. Commission member and professional appraiser, Mark Mallette, is to be especially acknowledged for working non-stop during the three hour event to share his expertise and to ensure that all the appraisal requests were addressed. Assisting with the event were current Arts Commission members Lisa Pellegrino, Kathy Hollo, Rosie Stocker, Cliff Goosmann and Andi Wilson.

COUNCIL CORNER

Montgomery City Council will meet in its regular monthly business session on June 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:

- A Resolution accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Evans Landscaping, Inc. for the 2006 Swaim Park pond improvements
- A Resolution accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with R.A. Miller Construction Co. Inc. for the 2006 Curb Replacement Program
- A Resolution accepting a bid and authorizing the City

Manager to enter into a contract with Bansal Construction Inc. for the Cooper Road and Main Street Signal Modifications Project

- A Resolution accepting a bid and authorizing the City

Manager to enter into a contract with Adleta, Inc. for the 2006 Weller Road Improvements Project

- A Resolution approving the update of the Solid Waste Management Plan of the Hamilton County

Solid Waste Management District

- A Resolution authorizing the sale of a 1993 International Saulsbury Rescue Pumper Fire Truck

Recent Council Actions

MAY 3 BUSINESS SESSION

- An Ordinance Establishing Schedules of Municipal Compensation (*passed 7-0*)
- An Ordinance Establishing the Environmental Advisory Commission (*passed 7-0*)
- An Ordinance Rezoning Property Abutting Montgomery Road and Main Street From a Point South

of Cooper Road to Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway (*passed 7-0*)

- An Ordinance Rezoning Property Fronting Montgomery Road and Kemper Road and Approving an Application for a Planned Unit Development Overlay District and General Development Plan for such property (*passed 7-0*)
- A Resolution

Accepting a Bid and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Barrett Paving for the 2006 Street Resurfacing Program (*passed 7-0*)

- A Resolution Accepting a Bid and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Langenheim & Thomson Co. for the 2006 Renovation of City Hall (*passed 7-0*)

Volunteers sought for leadership positions

Two City commissions are seeking members to complete their leadership teams.

The Arts Commission focuses on promoting art in our community. Two of the commission's most recent and very successful events included the 19th annual Photography Competition and the Appraisal in the Park.

The Arts commission meets the first Monday of each month at 5 pm in City Hall. Members are

currently planning the Children's Art Activity Booth for the July Bastille Day Celebration and a new project-a series of informal, Sunday art workshops.

The Beautification & Tree Commission spearheads numerous City events and projects including the Basket Planting Project, a spring and fall Plant Swap, Beautification Day, the Beautification Awards Program and the Children's Marigold Project.

This commission meets at 9 am on the second Monday of each month in City Hall. Being a skilled gardener is not a requirement for this commission. A willingness to assist with "hands on" projects, however, is important.

If you're interested in these volunteer positions or would like to attend one of the group's June meetings, contact Joyce Yock, Volunteer Coordinator, at 792-8329.

Montgomery honors America!

Independence Day celebrations offer fun and reflection

As noted on the front page of last month's *Bulletin*, Montgomery is preparing to honor America during the annual Independence Day celebration. Enjoy a patriotic concert on July 3, then pay tribute to freedom by viewing the July 4th Parade... or — better yet — be in the parade!

"Rhapsody in Red, White and Blues" free patriotic concert planned July 3

Closson's and Ohio National Financial Services have joined together to sponsor this year's patriotic performance of the Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony. Held in Montgomery Park, the July 3 concert "Rhapsody in Red, White and Blues" will be performed from 7:30-9:30 p.m. as a tribute to the armed forces, national patriots and hometown heroes.

The melodic presentation of traditional patriotic music will include a tribute to the musical heritage of New Orleans, vocal renditions of some of the great patriotic classics and Independence Day classic marches performed by the Cincinnati Brass Band. This year's event will recognize the oldest veteran from each branch of the military in attendance with a gift certificate from James Free Jewelers. A balloon release by the audience will honor America and mark the fifth anniversary of the annual concert.

In addition to the generous support of Ohio National Financial Services and Closson's as presenting level sponsors, a variety of other business and organizations are responsible for underwriting the cost of the event. They include: Myer Y. Cooper; Montgomery Square; Fifth Third Bank; Bethesda North Hospital; James Free Jewelers; Germano's; Donnellon,

Donnellon and Miller; Cincinnati Pool Management; CDS and Associates; and Tele-Vac Environmental.

Montgomery's July 4th Parade begins at 10 a.m., followed by festival

There is still time to participate in Montgomery's 2006 Independence Day Parade on Tuesday, July 4th. Registration forms are available for download at www.MontgomeryOhio.org or by calling 792-8329.

Parade units will assemble at 9 a.m. at designated locations on Cooper Road. The parade begins at 10 a.m., making its way to Montgomery Park,

where the July 4th Festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If interested, consider volunteering to help organize or judge the parade units on event day or offer your convertible to transport government officials. Call 792-8329 for details.

The Blue Chip Jazz Band and Kevin Fox will provide the musical entertainment for the Independence Day celebration. In addition, kids' games, pony rides, food booths from area restaurants, the popular Pet Show, a GSSA sponsored mini soccer clinic and more will be featured at the event.

Hey kids: plan to be in the parade!

Decorate your bike and ride in the Parade! Meet at 9:30am at the Montgomery Elementary parking lot on July 4th and bike to Montgomery Park in the Independence Day Parade. All youth, ages 5 and older are invited to be creative with your bike by adding streamers, cards, tassels, balloons, flags, flowers...anything you can think of to celebrate Independence Day!

Plan to do some decorating at home and then put on the final touches at the assembly area. No advance registration required for this event.

Landmark Ornament features Village Hall

Montgomery's former Village Hall is this year's featured ornament offered by the Montgomery Landmarks Commission. This year's offering marks the 10th in a series of landmark ornaments made by Barker Ornaments of Oxford, Ohio. The cost of each ornament is \$7, with proceeds from the sale of the ornaments going to help with maintenance of City-owned landmark buildings.

All of the ornaments will be on sale at City events including the 4th of July Festival, Bastille Day and the Kiwanis Art Show. They are also available for purchase at Montgomery City Hall. For more information, call Kaye Gaffney at 791-9025.

Did you know?

Liquor fines during the prohibition era provided the funds to erect the building in 1925. It was the first permanent home for



Montgomery's government. Montgomery's well known "Liquor Court" was responsible for generating several thousand dollars for village coffers from the fines collected.

Bert L. Baldwin, mechanical, electrical and structural engineer, submitted a \$3,733 bill on June 23, 1926, for building a council chamber and jail in Montgomery. Constructed of bricks, the building was on the northwest corner of Shelly Lane (formerly West Street) and Cooper road. In 1959, an extensive remodeling job was started. The basement was remodeled into a clerk's office, the police department and a caucus room. A

lavatory was also installed at this time. The old jail cell was at the rear of the building on the first floor. In 1960, County Judge Richard Mittendorf held court every Monday evening. In September, 1969, the village government moved into its new building on Montgomery Road at Schoolhouse Lane.

For a number of years this building was used one night a week by the Montgomery Building and Loan Company and was later purchased by Silverton Loan and Building. In 1976, the real estate firm of Century 21-Hartz and Restle bought it and remodeled it for its Montgomery branch office. Partners in the Norwood based firm were Dick Hartz, Bob Restle and Marty Ferris.

On August 3, 1977, City Council unanimously voted for Landmark status for the building. Over the years the building has been an antique shop, gift shop and is now a children's clothing store.

The best summer bargain is all wet!

A \$200 family pass to the pool offers 14 full weeks of cool summer fun for the whole family, including two Dive-In Movie nights, Splashtacular July 4th event and a beach party!

Online registration is possible at www.montgomeryohio.org or sign up at the pool.

Swim lessons offer a life-long skill

All swim lessons run Monday – Thursday for a 2-week time

frame with Fridays as a make-up day in case of cancellation. Lessons are taught by a trained instructor and will be taught with the instructor in the water with the participants with a 1:6 ratio. Register online or at the pool. Lessons are \$30 per session for current pool members and \$45 per session for non-members.

Children must be at least 4 years of age to participate. Parents and siblings are NOT permitted on the pool deck during lessons, so please be

sure your child is willing to go with the instructor and classmates. No refunds will be given once the first class begins.

Classes must have a minimum of 4 participants, maximum of 6 participants, to be offered. Registration is limited to one session per child, no advanced registration allowed so as to be sure the child has progressed to the next level. Details on the skill levels are available by visiting www.montgomeryohio.org.

Mini Camps offer great opportunities

Kids will have a blast at the Mini-Camp Bonanza! Spots are going fast and are limited so don't wait to get on board with a summer of FUN! The days of heading off to camp for weeks at a time are over and kids are looking for something new to spark their curiosity and interest. Visit www.MontgomeryOhio.org for details. Kids should bring a packed lunch and a snack, plenty to drink and appropriate clothing. Events need at least 15 participants, and close out at 25.

COWBOY CAMP Ages 8-14
(Meet at Montgomery Park)
Monday & Tuesday, June 12 & 13, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.;
Wednesday, June 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This camp takes us roping and riding, trailblazing, paintballing and singing around the campfire..
Cost: \$110

DINOBLAST! Ages 6-10
(Meet in Swaim Park) Monday - Wednesday, June 19 - 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Take a detailed look at dinosaurs, their teeth, strength, height and diet. Spend some time with dinosaurs at the Cincinnati Museum Center in the Natural History Museum. Try your hand at a dinodig!
Cost: \$50

EXPLORE MORE Ages 10-14
(Meet at Swaim Park lower parking lot) Thursday & Friday, June 22-23, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Head out for adventure through area caverns, then hang on for an incredible ride down the River Rapids! Cost: \$50

WACKY WATER WORLD Ages 8-14
(Meet at Montgomery Park)
Wednesday & Thursday, July 5 & 6, from 9 am to 2 pm), and on Friday, July 7, from 9 am to 4 pm This adventure takes you down slip and slides, through squirt gun wars, to the pool for splash contests and slide races and—eventually—over the cliff at the Beach Water Park. Cost: \$50

ARCHERY AVENGERS Ages 8-14
(Meet at Pioneer Park)
Monday, July 11, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Camp will be held at Camp Joy to take on the challenge of honing your skills with a bow an arrow. Learn to shoot from a distance and even compete in a skills challenge.
Cost: \$65

WILD OHIO Ages 6-10
(Meet at Pioneer Park)
Monday & Tuesday, July 17 & 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Get wild and explore for bugs, creek critters, woodland creatures and more in this backyard

adventure that teaches us to respect and appreciate nature that surrounds us. Cost: \$40

SCIENCE SEEKERS Ages 7-12
(Meet at Dulle Park)
Wednesday - Friday, July 19 - 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Learn what makes things work and explore everything from how ice cream is made to what allows an airplane to fly and a ship to float. Cost: \$50

SPLASH CAMP Ages 10-15
Monday-Thursday, July 31 - August 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit Boomerang Bay (Mon.), Coney Island (Tues.), Splash Moraine (Wed.), The Beach Waterpark (Thurs.).
Cost: \$40 per day (\$45 non-residents) or \$150 for all four days (\$170 non-residents).
Bring a packed lunch or money for lunch.

ADVENTURE CAMP Ages 10-15
(Meet at Swaim Park with a packed lunch/lunch money and gear!) Monday - Thursday, July 24 - 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Camp Joy Venture Out (Mon.), horseback riding (Tues.), paintball (Wed.), canoe the Licking River (Thurs.)
Cost: \$40 per day (\$45 non-residents) or \$150 for all four days (\$170 non-residents).
Limited to 25. Call City Hall at 891-2424.

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

Dive-In for a movie

Join us for a film and float Dive-In Movie event at the pool June 16 at dusk (about 8:30 pm) to see *Madagascar*, an animated film rated PG. The setting is the New York Central Park Zoo where a lion, giraffe, zebra and a hippo are best friends living a blissful domesticated life in captivity. When one of them turns up missing, the others search for him only to find themselves on a ship headed to the exotic island of Madagascar. Cost is \$3 at the gate for non-member residents and guests. Pool pass holders are free. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and enjoy!. The concession stand will be open for snacks.

Use nature to reduce insect garden pests

Recycle those pots and trays

Recycle your plastic garden flower pots and trays

What can you do with all those plastic flower pots and tray from the nursery you have left-over after planting your flower beds? Stop feeling guilty – there is a way to recycle them!!

The City of Montgomery and the Environmental Advisory Group is offering residents a convenient, local drop off site at the Service Facility, 7315 Cornell Road, across from Sycamore High School. The flower pots and trays can be dropped off between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on May 20th and June 17th.

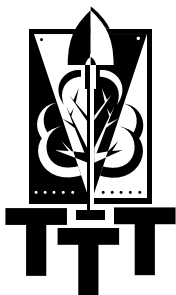
The flower pots and trays that are dropped off will be picked up by Cool Blue Nursery for reuse at their nursery.

For more information, contact the City of Montgomery at 891-2424 or visit our web-site at www.montgomeryohio.org.

Natural garden pest control includes the use and encouragement of beneficial insects to

reduce the presence of damaging pests on agricultural land or in your garden. It operates under the assumption that a healthy, non-chemically dependent garden will be naturally more resistant to pests, as well as filled with a variety of flowering plants and shrubs.

A healthy, diverse garden will attract beneficial creatures, such as dragonflies, praying mantis and ladybugs, which feed on pests.



Attracting and keeping beneficial insects

Reduce or eliminate the use of broad-spectrum pesticides in your garden. Birds, pollinators, and other beneficial insects are often far more sensitive to pesticides than the pests you might be trying to kill. Once pesticides eliminate the beneficial insects, pests are free to multiply without a natural check. As pest populations rise, you may be tempted to spray more frequently, but pesticides leave genetically resistant strains of pests to breed, creating an increasingly resistant pest population. The harder it becomes to kill the pest, the more you'll need to spray and the fewer natural predators you'll have to help you out.

Provide food and water for the

adult forms of beneficial insects. Although many beneficial insects perform their pest control services only during an immature stage; the adult stage feeds on nectar and pollen. You can attract and keep a wide variety of beneficial insects in your garden by including flowering plants that are rich in pollen and nectar (see list below). Some adult beneficial insects also need water to sustain them so consider providing irrigation or other sources of water through dry periods.

Insectary Plants

The flowers on these plants have nectar and pollen that attract beneficial insects:

Aster

Baby blue eyes (*Nemophila*)

Calendula (*Calendula*)

Chervil (*Anthriscus cerefolium*)

Coriander (*Coriander sativum*)

Cosmos

Dill (*Anetum graveolens*)

Elderberry (*Sambucus mexicana*)

Fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*)

Queen Anne's Lace (*Daucus carota*)

Rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis*)

Sunflower (*Helianthus*)

Sweet alyssum (*Lobularia maritima*)

Yarrow (*Achillea*)

Probably the best natural method of controlling such pests as bagworms and tent caterpillars is to simply to remove the bagworm or nest from the tree and kill the insects by burning or squashing them. Watch next month's bulletin for information on natural bug sprays that will eliminate undesirable insects without harming the insects that are beneficial to your plant gardens.

For more information, contact Terry Willenbrink at 792-8355 or visit the International Society of Arboriculture at <http://www.isa-arbor.com>.

Teens sought for summer volunteer assignments

Teens are encouraged to lend a hand with the City's upcoming summer programs and events. Volunteering is a great way for young adults to share some of their vacation time with their community while gaining work experience and future documentation for college and job applications. Call Volunteer Coordinator, Joyce

Yock, at 792-8329 for more information or to request an application for any of these teen volunteer opportunities: Summer Recreation Camp Assistants; Safety Village Assistants and Game Booth Managers for the July 4th Festival in the Park and/or the July 15th Bastille Day Celebration.

June/July Volunteer Opportunities

June 5 Heritage District Container Flower Planting Project (10 am)

June 16 "Dive in Movie"-Event Assistants-City Pool (8:30 pm)

June 17 Recycling Project Assistants-Service Dept. Bldg. (10 am-1 pm)

July 4 July 4th Parade-Organizers & Unit Judges (8:30-10 am)

July 4 Pet Show Assistants (Times to be determined)

Upcoming needs to be scheduled:

Park Flowerbed Maintenance Team

Beautification Awards-Judges

ictorian Bench Restoration-Service Dept. Bldg.

Clerical Assistance-Finance & Payroll Depts.

For more specific information about any of these short term or flexible scheduling projects, contact Joyce Yock (792-8329).





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ALL AROUND TOWN...

MWC announces lecture series

The Montgomery Woman’s Club has announced its 44th annual lecture series. Speakers for the 2006-07 season are:

Bill Hemmer
September 27 & 28

Jane Seymour
October 25 & 26

James Bradley
November 29 & 30

Candice DeLong
February 14 & 15, 2007

Joel Siegel
March 21 & 22, 2007

Lectures are Wednesday and Thursday mornings at Paramount Kings Island Theater and Wednesday evenings at Sycamore Junior High School. Tickets for the series are \$90 each.

For information, call 684-1632 or visit www.angelfire.com/oh3/montgomery. Proceeds fund educational needs,

including the Sycamore Student Cultural Series and need-based scholarships for area residents.

Free Summer Lunch Concerts begin July 5

Bring your lunch from noon to 1 p.m. each

Wednesday in July for a free concert in Swaim Park. This year’s performances include:

July 5: Julie Spanglar & Roger Klug

July 12: Larry Ford

July 19: TBA

July 26: Craig Wilson

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS
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3	Kiwanis Fishing Contest	Swaim Park	9 am - 12 noon
5	Arts Commission	City Hall	7 pm
5	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
6	Sycamore Schools last day of classes		
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	Recreation Dept. Summer Camp begins		
12	Beautification Comm.	City Hall	9 am
14	Landmarks Commission	City Hall	7 pm
16	Dive-In Movie	City Pool	8:30 pm
17	Cardboard Recycling	7315 Cornell Road	10 am - 1 pm
19	Safety Village Week begins		
19	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
20	Sister Cities Commission	City Hall	7 pm
21	Council Work Session	City Hall	7 pm
26	Second week of Safety Village begins		
26	Environmental Advisory Group	City Hall	7 pm
27	Board of Zoning Appeals	City Hall	7:30 pm
30	Beautification Nominations Deadline		

Be considerate when cutting your grass

When mowing your grass near the street, be careful not to blow the clippings into the roadway. Clippings cause a serious safety hazard for runners and bicyclists since they can become slippery. In addition, the clippings will eventually wash into the storm drain system, where it can cause backups and blockages.