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Yard Waste Collection Resumes

Beginning February 27, yard waste will be collected without charge on a weekly basis for all one and two-family residential homes. The free service will again have a three bag, can or bundle limit, or one 90 gallon yard waste toter. Additional cans, bags or bundles will require one \$1.50 Rumpke waste sticker per item. Additional 90 gallon toters will require three stickers. Stickers are available for purchase at Montgomery Kroger or Montgomery City Hall.

Loosely place yard waste in trash cans labeled "yardwaste." Paper yard waste bags, available at grocery or hardware stores, may also be used.

Place the yard waste on the opposite side of your driveway from your regular trash and leave the lids off the cans. No plastic bags will be accepted. Brush should be bundled in sizes no more than four feet in length and two feet in diameter and fastened with cotton twine. Limbs also need to be cut into four foot lengths and can be no larger than six inches in diameter.

Pool memberships available March 13

Memberships for the Montgomery City Pool will be available starting March 13. Those registering early will also receive five free passes to bring guests to the pool, a \$30 value. A limited number of passes will also be made available for non-residents, so residents can plan to meet their friends who live outside Montgomery.

Membership forms will be mailed directly to all residents and businesses. Forms are also available at City Hall and online at www.montgomeryohio.org.

The Montgomery Pool features many benefits, including an onsite basketball court, two cornhole sets, gazebo for family gatherings or summer celebrations (at a nominal charge), expanded menu of healthy choices at the concessions, monthly special events for the family, a water slide, kiddie pool, zero-depth entry and diving boards. In addition to recreational activities, programs also include swim lessons, water aerobics, swim team and professional staffing.

The pool opens daily starting Memorial Day weekend. Regular hours of operation are from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. For the first few weekdays, however, the pool will be open from 3 to 8 p.m. while area schools are still in session.

Private Rentals

The pool will be available for private evening rentals, making it a popular site for family reunions, birthdays, graduation parties or other group events needing a unique setting. Rentals include two hours of private use, life-guard staffing, and full use of all facility amenities such as grills, gazebo, courts, cornhole equipment and slide.

	Resident	Business	Non-Res
Family	\$200	\$260	\$395
Singles	\$100	\$125	\$175
Seniors	\$75	\$85	\$95
Resident Couple:		\$145	
Resident Family plus Childcare Provider:		\$280	

(PROVIDER MUST BE AT LEAST THREE YEARS OLDER THAN OLDEST CHILD)

Rental details are available at the City's website or by calling 891-2424.

Swim Lesson Registration

Open registration for swim lessons begins May 1 for pool members (May 15 for non-members). Details on times, lesson level swim requirements and session dates will be published in the April Bulletin and are currently available at the City's website.

Makos Make a Splash

Swim team registration begins March 13 for returning members, then opens to all pool

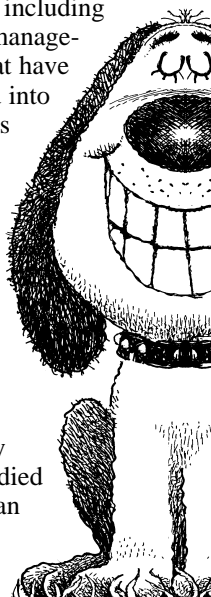
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Dog Park study continues

The Dog Park Advisory group, a study group of City of Montgomery staff and residents, will present information on the concept of a dog friendly off-leash recreational area at a joint meeting of the Montgomery Parks and Recreation Commission and Montgomery City Council on March 9 at 6:30 p.m. The area under consideration is approximately 1.2 acres within the 21 acre Pioneer Park. The creation of securely fenced off-leash dog play areas are being incorporated into new and existing parks nationwide. With an estimated 45 percent of Montgomery residents owning dogs, the study group has explored the concept's feasibility, as well as community interest in the establishment of such an area. Extensive research has

been completed about off-leash recreational areas including a review of best management practices that have been incorporated into successful projects both locally and nationally. The advisory group's information is now available for review on the City's website or at Montgomery City Hall.

Since the advisory group's report studied a location within an existing park, the plan included objectives for a safe, community-



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City Officials

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William Niehaus
Lynda Roesch
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to members of our ten volunteer, leadership groups who did a fantastic job representing their respective board, commission or advisory group at the first, annual Volunteer Fair held at City Hall on January 26. The volunteers provided stimulating and informative displays at the event and were on hand to provide a synopsis of the vital role their group plays in our community. A grateful "thank you" is extended to all these volunteers for their efforts to promote additional civic participation in our City.

COUNCIL CORNER

Montgomery City Council will meet in its regular monthly business session on March 1 at the City Hall. Meetings begin at 7 p.m., with public comment wel-

comed on each item before Council. Items on the agenda for consideration include:

- An Ordinance extending Gateway Interim Development

Control Overlay District (*3rd Reading*)

- A Resolution terminating the Streetlight Assessment Program

- An Ordinance

enacting and adopting the 2006 Recodification to the Code of Ordinances and declaring an emergency

- An Ordinance amending Chapter 154: Water Management, Sediment Control And Flood Damage Prevention

- An Ordinance adopting amendments to the Montgomery Zoning Code

- An Ordinance adopting Gateway District Regulations

Recent Council Actions

FEBRUARY 1 BUSINESS SESSION

- An Ordinance amending Temporary Sign Regulations (*passed 3rd Reading, 7-0*)

- An Ordinance Adopting Revisions to the Land Usage Code

to Implement the Montgomery Road Corridor Design Standard (*passed 3rd Reading, 7-0*)

- An Ordinance Extending Gateway Interim Development Control Overlay

District (*passed 1st Reading, 7-0*)

FEBRUARY 15 WORK SESSION

- An Ordinance extending the Gateway Interim Development Control Overlay District (*passed 2nd Reading, 7-0*)

2005 City tax returns due April 17

The City of Montgomery tax forms have been mailed. If you feel you have received a form in error, please call (513) 891-2424 and ask for the Tax Office.

Due to April 15 falling on a Saturday, the City will be following the Federal and State guidelines, and the 2005 completed tax returns and/or extension requests will be due on Monday, APRIL 17.

In addition to our regular hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, the Tax Office will be providing extended hours for the convenience of residents during tax season, using the following schedule:

Monday, April 3:
8 am - 6 pm

Saturday, April 8:
9 am - noon

Tuesday, April 11:
8 am - 6 pm

Saturday, April 15:
9 am - noon

Monday, April 17
8 am - 6 pm

Taxpayers should bring W-2 form(s), applicable Federal 1040 form and any supporting federal schedules to receive appropriate assistance. The Tax Office will prepare your local return without cost.

Appointments are not necessary.

Montgomery tax returns and/or extension requests are due on or before **APRIL 17** this year.

For more information, call (513) 891-2424 and ask for the Tax Office, or log onto the City's website www.montgomeryohio.org and click on "Tax forms and Information."



Volunteer Fair generates resident interest

Jodi Keith, Beautification and Tree Commission member, shares information about the commission's projects and events with one of the guests at Montgomery's first, annual Volunteer Fair held January 26 at City Hall. For information about Montgomery's Volunteer Program, call 792-8329.

Montgomery hosts annual photo contest

All photographers are encouraged to focus their attention on Montgomery's 19th annual Photo Competition scheduled for Sunday, March 19, from 1 - 4 p.m. at the Universalist Church. Sponsored by the Arts Commission, the contest is open to students, amateurs and professionals.

Participants may enter photographs in the following three categories:

Montgomery Moments:

Open to all photographers but photos must be taken in Montgomery.

Captured Visions: Open to all photographers. No restriction on photo location.

Student Category: Open to only junior and senior high students. Students may, however, enter any of the three categories.

No more than three entries per photographer will be accepted. A non-refundable entry fee of \$5 (student) or \$10 (adult) is required for each entry. To enter the competition, pick up an entry form at

City Hall or at local photo labs and framing galleries. You may also request a brochure by mail by calling 891-2424 or visit the City's website at www.MontgomeryOhio.org. Corson Hirschfeld, nationally

published and exhibited photographer, will jury all qualifying entries. Up to twenty cash prizes of \$100 will be awarded at the photo reception. A "best of show" award will also be presented to one student and one adult entrant.

Photographers will have an opportunity to sell their creative works at the conclusion of the awards ceremony on March 19.

The deadline to enter is Friday, March 10.

Winners announced in BAMSO competition

The winners of the 19th Annual Blue Ash/Montgomery Young Artist Competition were announced at the Orchestra's Holiday Concert in December, 2005. Violinist,

Benjamin Hoffman, a sophomore at Clark Montessori High School, was awarded first prize. He will be a featured soloist with the Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra during their Memorial Day concert, May 29 at 6:00 PM in the Blue Ash Towne Square. Second prize was shared by pianist Connie Wu, a freshman in the Math, Science and Technology Center at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in



Benjamin Hoffman



Jeff Taylor



Connie Wu

Lexington, Kentucky and oboist Jeff Taylor, a senior at Princeton High School.

The Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra, sponsor of the Blue Ash/Montgomery Young Artist Competition, began its 2006 Concert Season with a Valentine's Concert at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church.

For more information please check their website, www.bamsso.org or call Susan Pace, Business Manager, Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra, at (513) 232-0949.

Residents of Blue Ash, Montgomery and surrounding communities are encouraged to support the Orchestra through membership in the Friends of the Symphony or the Symphony Guild, which promotes cultural and educational projects and plans social and fund raising events.

Galette des Rois attracts 70

On January 15, the Alliance Francaise de Cincinnati and the Montgomery Sister Cities Commission celebrated a family gathering called "Galette des Rois". The celebration is in remembrance of the Three Wise Men's offering of gifts to the newborn Jesus.

In France, the "Galette des Rois" is celebrated on the Epiphany and is usually a just-for-family celebration. The "galette" is a cake-like pastry in which is hidden a small figure with a crown on his head. In the French home, the "galette" is served to all members of the family. The

person getting the slice of "galette" with the crowned figure becomes the King or Queen of the family for the day. It's a fun family event that has been passed on through many generations.

About 70 people assembled at Terwilligers Lodge, which became a home away from home for the French families and friends who met from all parts of Cincinnati to celebrate the French custom. This year, children enjoyed a special magic performance.

Tickets are sold each year to the traditional event, which is always open to the public.

Swim Team... *continued from page 1*

members beginning April 3. The 2006 Montgomery Makos Swim Team has a limit of 30 members per age division. Participation in the team is \$85 for the first swimmer and \$60 for additional swimmers in the family.

An informational meeting for parents will be held at 7:30 p.m. on April 25 at Terwilliger's Lodge in Dulle Park.

The Makos Swim Team is a member of the Tri-County Swim League, which schedules six or seven season meets, local swim invitations and league championships at Miami University at the end of July. The Montgomery

Makos focuses on individual skill development, teamwork and summer fun.

Summer practices will be held from 8:30 - 11 am for one hour sessions, based on age and skills. Orientation and introduction to the coaches will be held on May 31 and June 1 at 4:30 or 6 pm. The dates of the meets will be announced in early April.

For information about the swim team, call the Mako's Parent Organization President Missy Ciricillo (247-0304) or Vice-President Lynn Gottshalk (793-3658). A parent's packet and detailed schedule are available on the city website at www.montgomeryohio.org.

Are you ready for bathing suit season?

KARATE

Mondays and Wednesdays; 6:30 - 7:30 pm OR 7:30 - 8:30 pm; Annex Bldg.

Join instructor Tom Hardy in this year-round course for all ages in Taekwondo Korean Karate. You may join at the beginning of any month by registering prior to the 10th of that month. If you register for three months, receive a FREE uniform. Emphasis is placed on self-defense, stretching, kicking and promotion to the next belt. *Cost is \$35R/\$40NR per month.*

TUMMY TUCKS

March 21 - May 11; 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 March 15. Limit 20 participants. Cost \$60R/\$65NR*

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

March 21 - May 11; Tuesdays & Thursdays; 9 - 10 am; Annex Building. 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 March 15. Limit 20 participants. Cost \$60R/\$65NR*

TONE

March 20 - May 10; Monday 7 Wednesdays; 5 - 5:45 pm; Annex Building. A certified instructor will help you sculpt your large muscle groups

through a progressive strength training routine and when coupled with a on-going movement, strengthen your heart and lungs for a total health workout. TONE will move you through a thorough cardiovascular aerobic routine set to music in combination with an

aggressive strength training workout. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes, bring a bottle of water, mat and 2 lb-5 lb weights. Some equipment available on site. *Register at Montgomery City Hall by March 15. Limit 20 participants. Cost \$45R/\$55NR*

Programs for youth

YOUNG REMBRANDTS PRE-SCHOOL DRAWING CLASS

Ages 3 to 6 years

April 5 - May 31 (Wednesdays); 4 - 4:45 pm; Terwilliger's Lodge (No class on April 12) Young Rembrandts instructors provide a positive, nurturing environment for your child. We'll concentrate on the skills of drawing and coloring, but also work on developing fine motor skills, focus, listening, staying on task, spatial organization and patience. Classes are 45 minutes, all materials are provided. *Call City Hall at 891-2424 to register. Class size: minimum is 6 and the maximum is 10 artists. Cost \$75 (8 week program)*

YOUNG REMBRANDTS ELEMENTARY DRAWING CLASS

Ages 6 to 12

April 5 - May 31 (Wednesdays); 5 - 6 pm; Terwilliger's Lodge (No class on April 12) Young Rembrandts' innovative, step-by-step drawing method can teach any child how to draw regardless of artistic ability, giving them skills to express their creativity that will last a lifetime. We provide all materials and brand new subject matter every week, ranging from animals, landscapes, still lifes, even art history. Our philosophy is to give children a very positive, nurturing environment, as we teach fundamental drawing techniques. You will see increased ability, self-confidence and self-esteem. *Call City Hall at 891-2424 to register. Class size: minimum is 6 and the maximum is 20 artists. Cost \$75 (8 week program)*

YOUNG REMBRANDTS CARTOON DRAWING CLASS

Intermediate/Ages 8 to 13

April 19 - May 31 (Wednesdays); 6:30 - 8 pm; Terwilliger's Lodge (No class May 3) Learning to draw can be lots of fun especially when creating silly characters, funny expressions, and drawing sequences that tell jokes! This program combines Young Rembrandts' innovative step-by-step drawing method with light-hearted subject matters that engage children, their sense of humor and their vivid imaginations. *Call City Hall at 891-2424 to register. Class size: minimum is 6 and the maximum is 20 artists. Cost \$75 (6 week program)*

SPRING BREAK-A-WAY

Ages 8-14

March 27-30; 9 am - 4 pm; Annex Building. Adventure awaits with daily excursions Monday through Thursday. We will be taking off on a variety of field trips with fun packed days of activities. Monday: Horseback riding at Salt Creek Ranch; Tuesday: Sports Plus Complex (*ice skating, laser tag, rock wall, lunch included*); Wednesday: Newport Aquarium/Omnimax movie; Thursday: Paintball Country (pizza provided). *Cost: \$40/day / \$150week (\$45day / \$170week NR).* Trips limited to 25 registered and paid. Waiver forms need to be signed. Bring a pack lunch and snacks for Monday and Wednesday, and dress appropriate for each trip. Register by March 20.

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

Did you know?

Most of Montgomery's parks have picnic shelters or gazebos that can be reserved for private parties free of charge. Areas include: Montgomery Park, Dulle Park, Pioneer Park, Swaim Park and Weller Park. Reservations for these shelters are taken from March 1 through the end of October. To reserve a date, call City Hall to check availability and place a hold on your date. Within a week, come in to fill out the reservation paperwork. The reservation entitles the user to the exclusive use of the shelter itself, but not any of the other park amenities, which remain open to the public. For information or to place a hold on a date, call City Hall, 891-2424.



March & April Episodic Volunteer Opportunities

Each month the Bulletin will now include a listing of episodic volunteer opportunities for folks who would like to participate in our community without committing to a large time requirement. Sharing your time and talents to assist with any of the following projects and events would be most appreciated:

Sensory Sundays:
Set Up/Take
Down/Food & Wine
Servers

Service Department:
Recycling Project

Recreation Department
"Spring Bash":
Chaperones for
Daily Trips

Finance & Payroll
Departments:
Clerical Help

Heritage District Pansy
Planting Project

Bastille Day
Committee:
Event Planning

July 4th Pet Show:
Event Planning

Arbor Day Tree
Seedling Project

For detailed information, please contact
Joyce Yock, Volunteer
Coordinator (792-8329).

HGTV seeks unique improvement projects

Does your house have a unique look that you created yourself? If you're an amazing, out of the box do-it-yourselfer who has completed a unique home project ...

HGTV is looking for you!

HGTV (Home and Garden Television) and Weller/

Grossman Productions are looking for unique, cool and creative projects designed and done by real people *without* the help of contractors/designers. They're searching for individuals across North America that would like to share their fun stories and incredible results.

This fun and inspirational new program chronicles everyday people and their amazing "did it myself" design endeavors and the one-of-a-kind projects that transformed their homes! From unbelievable room reinventions, to cool outdoor creations, innovative kids rooms, wild wall treatments, playful pet projects, and more ... we're looking for ideas that break the design mold and make people say "wow!"

Now is the time to think about pruning plants & trees

Winter is the time to think about pruning many plants in the garden. Never prune for the sake of pruning, prune only the plants that need pruning. Roses are a good example of plants that need pruning, as do raspberries, clematis and—sometimes—hydrangeas, lilacs and others. Here are a few suggestions:



is the ideal time to prune apple and pear trees. Prune to open up the trees for better light exposure and good air circulation through the tree.

FLOWERING TREES:

Most can be pruned now. Pruning now will result in the loss of flowers, so you may want to prune these trees after they have finished flowering. Or prune now and then use the flowering branches in arrangements.

So, if you've transformed your garage into a wine room or bowling alley, built Fido his own futuristic pad, designed the most exotic or themed room on the block, created an incomparable fantasy playroom for the kids — or done something else spectacular and uniquely special to your home yourself, we're looking for you!

To apply, e-mail a description of the project (with pictures in zip form) of the area you've improved, and your contact info to **LOOK WHAT I DID!** at LWID@welligrossman.com.

Dog Park... *continued from page 1*

supported off-leash recreation area that provides social, educational and recreational opportunities for the enjoyment of dog owners, and their dogs while maintaining the beauty of the park and other current recreational uses enjoyed in Pioneer park. The report examined securing and defining the off leash area with a waterproofed split rail fence similar to the split rail fence surrounding Hopewell Cemetery. Additional site amenities in the studied design include coated fencing attached to the split rail fence, double gated entries to separately fenced areas for either small or large dogs, addition of perimeter plantings to compliment the existing natural screen buffer between the proposed site and

Sycamore Creek, drinking water provisions and strategically placed dog waste disposal bags and collection containers.

The study also includes information about specific operational and maintenance issues that could be incorporated based on the group's research or from responses received from the recent community survey about the establishment of the off leash recreational area.

The public is encouraged to attend the March 9 session to learn more about the studied site design, as well as to provide additional feedback to the City on the information included in the advisory group report and presentation.



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ALL AROUND TOWN...

Antiques Show & Sale set March 18/19

The Montgomery Woman's Club Antiques Show and Sale will be held Saturday, March 18 from 10 a.m. to 6

p.m., and on Sunday March 19 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$7 at the door for both days. This show is one of the longest running and most prestigious successful antique

shows in the Midwest. In its 34th year, the show will feature more than 80 dealers from 11 states displaying some of the country's finest examples of American and English antique fur-

niture, crystal, silver, china, jewelry, pewter, folk arts and more. For more information, call 852-1901.

Last Sensory Sunday to be held March 19

The last Sensory Sunday event will be held March 19, featuring The Faux Frenchmen, Germano's Fine Italian and artful vignettes created by Morgan Kooshesh. Tickets are available at City Hall for \$25. For more information, call 891-2424..

Immunization costs increase by \$10

The Hamilton County Health District offers immunization services at the City Safety Center, 10150 Montgomery Road, the second Friday of each month from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Recent changes have been

made to fees: The cost for each vaccine has not changed, but the administration fee the Health District charges per person at its immunization clinics has increased from \$5 to \$15.

■ *For children up to 19 years old, there is no charge for vaccine, but parents will have to pay the \$15 administration fee per child receiving vaccines. (No one will be turned away based on inability to pay.)*

■ *Some adult vaccines are also available at the immunization clinics. Adults (over age 19) may have to pay for the cost of the vaccine in addition to the \$15 administrative fee.*

Call (513) 946-7882 or visit www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org for more information.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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1	Council Business Session	City Hall	7 pm
5	Sensory Sunday (reservations required)	Terwilliger Lodge	5 pm
6	Arts Commission	City Hall	5 pm
6	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
8	Landmarks Commission	City Hall	7 pm
9	Council/Parks & Rec. Comm. Dog Park discussion	City Hall	6:30 pm
10	Health District Immunizations	Safety Center	8:30 - 11:30 am
13	Beautification Commission	City Hall	9 am
13	Pool Registration and Swim Team sign ups begin	City Hall	8 am
17	St. Patrick's Day		
18	Cardboard Recycling	7315 Cornell Road	10 am - 1 pm
18	MWC Antiques Show and Sale	Sycamore HS	10 am - 6 pm
19	MWC Antiques Show and Sale	Sycamore HS	11 am - 4 pm
19	Sensory Sunday (reservations required)	Terwilliger Lodge	5 pm
20	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
21	Sister Cities Commission	City Hall	7 pm
22	Council Work Session	City Hall	7 pm
27	Sycamore Schools spring break begins		
27	Rec. Dept. Spring Break Camp Week begins		
27	Environmental Advisory Group	City Hall	7 pm
28	Board of Zoning Appeals	City Hall	7:30 pm