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No plastic bags, please

Plastic grocery store bags cannot be placed in your recycling bin for recycling. The only locations that accept this type of bag for recycling are area Wal-Mart stores. The local stores participating in the grocery bag recycling program are Wal-Marts at:

3430 Highland Avenue
Cincinnati

10420 Colerain Avenue
Cincinnati

7975 Tylersville Square
West Chester

1505 Main Street
Hamilton

3201 Princeton Road,
Fairfield.

Rather than have to recycle the bags, reduce the need for them:

Request paper bags

Use canvas bags for your groceries.

Check with your child's school to see if they have a project to recycle plastic grocery bags.

Questions regarding recycling of plastic bags can be directed to Enviro-Bag at 1-800-866-3954.

BAMSO opens with concert of remembrance

Montgomery remembers our Veterans

Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra, directed by Michael Chertock, will kick off its 2006 season with a free Memorial Day concert themed "Young at Heart."

The Monday, May 29 concert will begin at 6 p.m. at the Blue Ash Towne Square, Cooper and Kenwood Roads in the center of Blue Ash. In case of rain, the performance will be held at Sycamore Junior High School, 5757 Cooper Road, in Montgomery.



The program's theme, "Young at Heart", will be reflected in Tchaikovsky's acclaimed Overture Fantasy to Romeo and Juliet, plus selections from Stravinsky's Firebird Suite and the Dance Suite from West Side Story, itself a 20th century Leonard

Bernstein retelling of the Romeo and Juliet story. The 2005 Blue Ash/Montgomery Young Artist Competition winner Benjamin Hoffman will perform during the first movement of Eduard Lalo's Symphony Espagnole for Violin and Orchestra.

As in past years, the Blue Ash Youth Symphony Orchestra, directed by Dale Swisher, will perform after the intermission. The concert's concluding selection honors Veterans with an Armed Forces Medley Salute played by both orchestras.

The concert is free and open to the public. Lawn chairs, blankets and picnic suppers are encouraged. Drinks and light snacks will be sold at the park. For more information, visit www.bamso.org for more details on the orchestra's 2006 Season.

...and celebrates freedom they gave us!

Early details have been released about this year's annual Independence Day celebration "Rhapsody in Red, White and Blues." The free concert, presented by Closson's and Ohio National Financial Services, is planned July 3 from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Montgomery Park.

The Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony will perform a melodic presentation of traditional patriotic music and great American Blues. The annual celebration features a stirring patriotic tribute to those in the armed forces, national patriots and local hometown heroes. As in previous years, local civic organizations — such as the Rotary Club and the Boy Scouts — will offer concessions at a modest cost.

Watch for more details in

upcoming *Bulletins*, however, make plans now to help celebrate America's freedom.

This year's celebration is possible through the generous support of local businesses which have partnered with the City of

Montgomery. Those already committed to funding the celebration include: Ohio National Financial Services, Closson's, Cincinnati Pool Management, Myers Y. Cooper, Bethesda North Hospital and Germano's.

Come and join in the parade

Strike up the band; get your marching shoes on; design a float or decorate your classic car in patriotic fashion for Montgomery's long time tradition—the annual Independence Day Parade! This year's event is scheduled for Tuesday, July 4.

Parade entries will assemble at designated locations on Cooper Road at 9 am with the official kick off at 10 am. Parade

registrations can be obtained by calling 792-8329 or at www.MontgomeryOhio.org.

Want to be part of this patriotic event but being a parade entry is not your bag? Consider a volunteer role as a parade day organizer, entry judge or convertible driver transporting officials along the parade route. Call Joyce Yock (792-8329) to lend a hand with this event.



City Officials

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Barry Joffe
William Niehaus
Lynda Roesch
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**Clerk of Council
Susan Hamm**

**City Manager
Cheryl A. Hilvert**

COUNCIL CORNER

Montgomery City Council will meet in its regular monthly business session on May 3rd 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 Establishing Schedules of Municipal Compensation (3rd Reading)
- An Ordinance Establishing the Environmental Advisory Commission (3rd Reading)
- An Ordinance Rezoning Property Abutting Montgomery Road and Main Street From a Point South of Cooper Road to Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway (3rd Reading)
- 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 (3rd Reading)
- A Resolution Accepting a Bid and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Barrett Paving for the 2006 Street Resurfacing Program

■ 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

Recent Council Actions

APRIL 5TH BUSINESS SESSION

- An Ordinance adopting amendments to the Montgomery Zoning Code (*passed 7-0*)
- An Ordinance amending Chapter 154: Water Management, Sediment Control And Flood Damage Prevention (*passed 7-0*)
- An Ordinance adopting Gateway District Regulations (*passed second reading, 7-0*)
- A Resolution accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Terry Asphalt Materials, Inc. for the 2006 Bituminous "Black Mat." Surfacing project (*passed 7-0*)
- A Resolution accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Trend Construction for the construction of the Tollgate Lane Sidewalk Project (*passed 7-0*)
- A Resolution

accepting a bid and authorizing lawn mowing contracts in the City during 2006 (*passed 7-0*)

■ An Ordinance establishing schedules of municipal compensation and declaring an emergency (*passed first reading, 7-0*)

■ An Ordinance establishing the Environmental Advisory Commission (*passed first reading, 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 first reading, 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 first reading, 7-0*)

APRIL 19TH WORK SESSION

- An Ordinance adopting Gateway District Regulations (*passed 6-0*)
- An Ordinance establishing schedules of municipal compensation (*passed 2nd reading, 6-0*)
- An Ordinance establishing the Environmental Advisory Commission (*passed 2nd reading, 6-0*)
- An Ordinance rezoning property abutting Montgomery Road and Main Street from a point south of Cooper Road to Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway (*passed 2nd reading, 6-0*)
- 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 2nd Reading, 6-0*)

Totally closed for just one weekend

Cooper Road bridge repairs begin June 7

Work is slated to begin June 7 on improvements to the Cooper Road bridge over I-71. In addition to upgrades, the Ohio Department of Transportation will raise the bridge another 18 inches higher over the interstate highway. The increased height will provide additional vertical clearance for vehicles on I-71 as they pass beneath the Cooper Road bridge.



Except for two occasions, all traffic on Cooper Road will be reduced to one lane of travel to cross the Cooper Road bridge until the project's expected completion on August 23. The entire bridge will be open for limited use by participants in the July 4 parade, and so spectators can assemble and watch the parade as in years past. The second exception will be over the course of one weekend (yet to be determined) when the bridge will be entirely closed to all motorized and

pedestrian traffic to allow the bridge to be raised to its final elevation.

The closure is expected to be confined to a single weekend closure up to 56 consecutive hours. Crews will close the bridge at 10 p.m. on a Friday night. Work will continue around the clock so that one lane of the bridge can be re-opened by 6 a.m. the following Monday. This closure date will most likely occur during either the last weekend in July or one

of the first two weekends in August.

During the period when the bridge is reduced to one lane of travel traffic will be controlled by a temporary traffic signal.

During the bridge project, pedestrians will be able to utilize either the existing sidewalk on either the north or south side of the bridge, except during the weekend that the bridge is completely closed.

Signs for sidewalk closures will be posted in advance of the bridge work providing notice for pedestrians to cross Cooper Road at existing crosswalks at Village Green Drive or Delray Drive, as may be necessary during construction.

For additional information residents may call Montgomery Public Works Director Bob Nikula at 792-8311 or the Ohio Department of Transportation at 932-3030.

Safety Village returns for June 19 opening

The City of Montgomery will conduct its Safety Village this summer for children entering Kindergarten or First Grade (5-6 years of age). Safety Village is a one-week, summer safety camp where children learn about various aspects of child safety. Children will learn to make wise decisions in potentially dangerous situations, as well as how to handle emergencies they may encounter. Students will also learn basic rules of pedestrian and traffic safety, in addition to fire, personal, animal, water and school bus safety.

Safety Village will be held in Swaim Park for two one-week sessions. The first session is scheduled for June 19 - 23. The

second session will be held June 26 - 30. There will be a 9 a.m. to noon morning class and an afternoon class from 1 - 4 p.m. each day.

A Montgomery Police Officer, and a certified teacher, with the assistance of junior high school, high school and college students, will instruct the children. Safety specialists will visit the classes and teach about their area of expertise. The Montgomery Police and Fire Departments coordinate and direct the program.

Children who reside in the City of Montgomery may attend free of charge. Non-residents will be charged \$25 each. Payment is due upon registration. Checks

should be made payable to the City of Montgomery. Registration for City of Montgomery residents begins May 1 at 8 a.m. and ends May 7 at the Montgomery Safety Center. Beginning May 8, registration will be on a first come-first served basis.

REGISTRATION MUST BE MADE IN PERSON AT THE SAFETY CENTER. NO MAIL-IN REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Teens interested in volunteering to assist the staff with this summer program, should contact Joyce Yock, Volunteer Coordinator (792-8329). Registration forms may be obtained from the Montgomery Police Department 10150 Montgomery Rd., or call 985-1600 for more information.

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

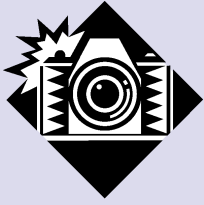


Photo contest winners announced

The following photographers were awarded a \$100 prize for their entry in the 19th annual Photo Contest sponsored by the Arts Commission:

Captured Visions - Jim Brockman, Linda Erhart, Barrett Frobose, Clifford Goosmann, Peiter Griga, Katherine Merritt, Todd Moore, Sara Petticrew, Tom Rielage and Evan Wolff. Student - Jordan Bucey, Kristen Corbett, Mercedes Escobedo, Faith Fairbanks, Allison Ivers, Kevin Mastman, Samuel Spencer and Katie Vota
Best of Show (Captured Visions) Stacey Tatter and Best of Show (Student) Sarah Miller.
Many of these award winning photographs will be exhibited at the Appraisal in the Park on May 7, and the Bastille Day Celebration on July 15.

Help wanted for Beautification Day

Ever wonder who plants the 20,000 colorful flowers in Montgomery's medians, ramps and parks? Would you like to be part of this highly visible and rewarding volunteer project? You're in luck! It's not too late to reserve a flowerbed for your family, church group, school club, civic organization, business or neighborhood association.



Beautification Day 2006 is scheduled for Saturday, May 20. Volunteers will meet at 9 am in the City hall parking lot for registration, supplies, flowerbed assignments and a continental breakfast.

Wear comfortable, gardening attire; bring a trowel for planting and be amazed by the

colorful landscape that results from this incredible, volunteer team effort!

Youth groups are also welcome to participate in this annual, beautification endeavor by planting a City park flowerbed. However, they must be accompanied by adult supervisors.

For more information on this project or to reserve a flowerbed, call Joyce Yock (792-8329).

Sponsored by the Beautification & Tree Commission,

Antiques appraisal event set May 7

Now that your basement, attic and garage have been subjected to a spring cleaning, bring those family "treasures" to the "Appraisal in the Park" to obtain a monetary value.

The event, sponsored by the Arts Commission, is scheduled from 1-4 pm at Terwilliger Lodge in Dulle Park. Mark Mallette, ASA, CAI, of Mallette & Associates, Inc., will conduct the appraisals.

A \$5 fee will be charged for each antique or collectible verbal appraisal with a maximum of three appraisals per person. Register and pre-pay in advance at City Hall to obtain a time slot priority. Registrations taken on event day will follow. Questions? Contact Joyce Yock (792-8329).



Registrations (cash only) taken on event day will follow. Light refreshments and raffle items will be available. Proceeds benefit the Montgomery Arts Commission community projects.

May Volunteer Opportunities

- Beautification Day (see article above) May 20
- Service Dept.-Recycling Project May 20
- Service Dept.-Victorian Bench Restoration (TBD)
- Service Dept.-Holiday Tree Lights-Repair (TBD)
- City Hall Finance & Payroll Depts.-Clerical Help (TBD)

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



Teen Summer Volunteer Opportunities

A variety of volunteer opportunities are available for teens this summer. In addition to having the opportunity to "give back" to their community, the teens will gain valuable experience that can be documented to fulfill high school requirements and for college and job applications.

Interested teens should contact Joyce Yock (792-8329) to request a Youth Volunteer Form or visit the City's website www.MontgomeryOhio.org for a detailed listing of the following summer programs and events:

Recreation Camp Assistants

Nine "themed" camp programs
June 12-Aug. 3
Volunteer reporting and ending times vary
Minimum Age-16
Reporting locations vary
Program lengths vary from 1-4 days.
(A minimum commitment of one themed program is required.)

Game Booth Managers

July 4th Festival
Tuesday, July 4th
10:45 am-2 pm
Montgomery Park
Minimum Age-13

Children's Game Booth Managers

Bastille Day Celebration
Saturday, July 15
12-8 pm
Downtown Montgomery
Minimum Age-13
(A minimum two-hour shift is required.)

Safety Village Teacher Assistants

Weeks of June 19 and 26;
Morning Session: 8:45 am-12 pm
Afternoon Session: 12:45-4 pm
Swaim Park
Minimum Age-13
(A minimum one-week—am or pm session—commitment is required.)

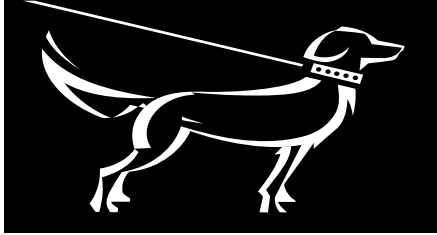
Please be a responsible pet owner

Are YOU a super scooper?

Residents are reminded to be a courteous and conscientious pet

owner when walking dogs throughout the community. City

ordinance 90.11 requires all dog owners (except bona fide guide dogs for the blind) to immediately clean up after their pets.



This clean up requirement includes both public and private

property, unless the person in charge of the dog owns the private property where the droppings are deposited.

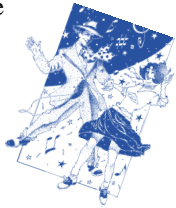
It is important for all dog owners to recognize that, while penalties and fines for non-compliance of clean up

requirements are possible, the ordinance should simply serve as a reminder to dog owners utilizing public sidewalks and public parks of the importance of being a good neighbor and responsible pet owner by helping to keep the community clean, safe and enjoyable for all residents, visitors.

To see the ordinance in its entirety, stop by Montgomery City Hall or log onto www.MontgomeryOhio.org. For more information, call 891-2424.

Greasers & Skirts Night Out to be May 12

Whether you are more like Sandra D. or a typical pink lady, wore a letterman jacket or a leather jacket, you will be back in style for an old fashioned night on the town at this event, planned for Friday, May 12. Bring your gum smacking attitudes to this dinner and gaming night at Montgomery Inn.



Tickets limited to the first 70 guests. The evening will include cocktails, ribs or chicken dinner with all the trimmings, and gaming typical of the back alley at a sock hop. Tickets are \$35 and include a drink, dinner and all the fun a Beatles' crazed teeny bopper can have rolling a

good game of craps against the bricks!

Cocktails start at 7 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m., followed by gaming contests from 9-11:30 p.m. Costumes, from lucky

strikes rolled in your sleeve to sweater sets and kerchiefs, are encouraged.

Call 981-2424 for ticket sales and information or check online at www.montgomeryohio.org.

Cancer Society to conduct Relay for Life benefit

Relay for Life, the American Cancer Society's signature event, is a unique, challenging and fun happening to raise awareness of cancer and the work of the American Cancer Society, as well as honor cancer survivors.



Relay is a team event and the teams commit to having one member of the team walking or jogging on the track throughout the 18-hour period. A community party

atmosphere is created by camping out, enjoying entertainment, food, games, and camaraderie, all while raising money to benefit the American Cancer Society.

The event for the Montgomery area will be

held on May 12 & 13 at Cincinnati Country Day School. For more information on this fun benefit event, contact Erin DeBow at 561-2008 or Karen Carroll, 874-4889.

Did you know?

The Universalist Church, located at the corner of Remington and Montgomery Road, is a city-owned building that may be rented out for weddings or other types of events? The cost to rent the church is \$350.00 which entitles the renter to the use of the facility on their chosen date and in the event of a wedding rental, also the evening preceding the date in order to conduct a rehearsal.

Although not the oldest church in Montgomery, it is undoubtedly the best known. The church was built by a small group which had separated from the Hopewell Presbyterian Church. It bears a striking resemblance to the Presbyterian Church in Montgomery, N.Y.

The church houses many of its original furnishings: the pulpit, benches, bookcase, organ, Bible, and lighting fixture. The bricks were made on the site, and you'll notice some of them have a house-key imprint.

For many years the church bell was the village fire alarm. In 1960, the church was doomed for destruction, to be replaced with a service station. Tom Behrens, former mayor, and his wife Edith, purchased the church and then organized the restoration of the building. In 1987, Mr. Behren's heirs donated the church to the City of Montgomery. This was the first National Register Building in Hamilton County (1970).

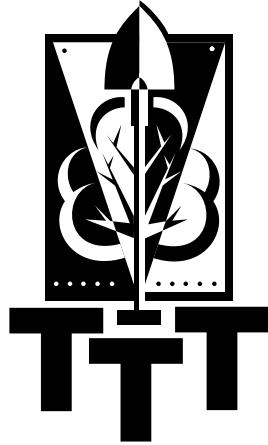
Terry's Tree Tips

Reduce energy costs (and more) with a shovel



To the Beautification & Tree Commission that organized and executed four April projects for our community. Working with Service Dept. staff, they conducted a marigold seed planting demonstration with second grade classes in three schools. This was followed by the annual basket project that was spearheaded by commission members and, with the additional assistance provided by 29 volunteers, resulted in the planting of 225 hanging baskets for the City's streetscape. The last week of April found members bagging and tagging tree seedlings. These were distributed to students in grades K-2 in honor of Arbor Day. And, finally, at the end of the month the commission hosted the 11th annual Plant Swap and workshop in the City Hall parking lot providing garden lovers an opportunity to trade both plants and garden tidbits of information. A grateful "THANK YOU" is extended to the current commission members: Jodi Keith; Lee Levy; Renie Taylor; Sid Cohen and Suzan Capozzoli for sharing numerous hours of their time to help make these "hands on" community projects a big success!

A properly selected tree planted in an appropriate location can reduce energy usage for home heating and cooling, act as a windbreak, reduce noise, control erosion, clean the air and increase property values. Planting a tree is an investment in time, money, and the future.



Here are a few tips to insure that you get a good return on your investment. Please select a spot for your tree by considering its mature size especially when choosing a tree for planting near your home or beneath existing electric or phone lines.

Digging the hole

Before you begin digging the planting hole for the tree you must call the Ohio Utility Protection Service at 1-800-362-2764. This "one call" system will locate all buried utility lines that you may not be aware of in your yard. In Ohio it is the law to "call before you dig". If you dig through and damage an underground utility line you could be injured, experience a service disruption and incur financial responsibility for repairs to damaged utility lines.

The planting hole should be dug to a depth that is 2" less than the tallest portion of the root ball. The width of the planting hole should be between two and three times as wide as the root ball. It is better to that the tree is planted slightly higher rather than slightly lower than the adjacent ground elevation.

Planting the tree

Container grown trees should be carefully removed from the container. Once removed, carefully prune circling roots and those matted at the bottom.

For trees that are balled and burlapped there is no need to prune roots as this has already been completed. Instead once the tree and root ball are positioned in the planting hole and will not be moved or re-positioned, focus your efforts on removing burlap from the top and sides of the root ball.

You don't need to remove all of the burlap on the sides however it is helpful to remove as much as you can without causing the tree to be shifted unnecessarily. For backfilling the planting hole mix equal parts of the soil removed from the planting hole, a rich composted material and any type of fertile loamy material such as commercially available topsoil that has been fortified with peat moss. Gently firm the soil in layers and regularly check that while backfilling the tree remains straight and "plumb". Lightly compacting the soil helps to eliminate air pockets that may cause problems for the tree and root growth.

If the tree is planted in a location subject to high winds or is top heavy with a small root ball it may be necessary to stake the tree for stability. Never leave trees staked for longer than needed and certainly no longer than one year.

Adding Mulch

Applying a good mulch material will help protect tree roots from temperature extremes, helps to conserve moisture in the soil, eliminates

competition for soil nutrients and should eliminate the need for trimmers near the thin bark of the newly planted tree. Be sure to keep an area 1 to 2 inches from the tree trunk clear of all mulch.

There are many mulching materials available and the selection of mulch is often based on appearance and personal preference. Whatever mulch material is chosen, the continued health and vigor of the tree should never be compromised by increasing the overall mulch thickness to more than 3 inches. Adding mulch to a thickness greater than 3 inches causes a myriad of problems, none of which are good for the tree!

Water Regularly

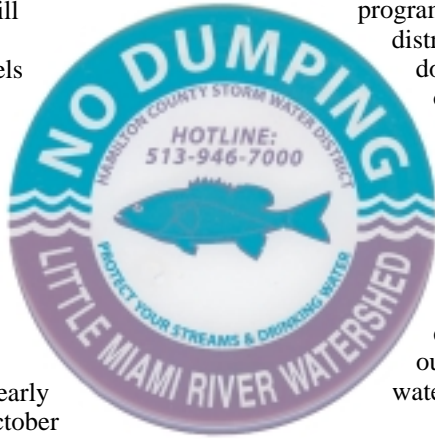
It is best to water a tree immediately after it is planted. Thereafter, water the tree on a regular basis using about 15 gallons during each watering cycle during the first growing season. Depending on daytime temperatures and wind conditions, the watering schedule should be adjusted from once a week during milder temperatures to as often as every other day when temperatures are above 85 degrees. Watering should be directed toward the base of the tree and be applied slowly so that the water has an opportunity to soak into soil around the root ball. Applying water directly to the foliage is neither recommended nor healthy for the tree. Watering should be gradually reduced in late September as photosynthesis slows and the tree prepares for winter dormancy.

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

Stormwater labeling could use a little help

As reported in the October 2005 Montgomery Bulletin, the City of Montgomery will begin installing storm drain labels on all public storm sewer catch basins this year.

In order to meet the objective of having every storm drain in Montgomery clearly identified by October 2007, the City is recruiting local groups or individuals that would like to volunteer their



time to install storm drain labels and distribute door hangars describing the labeling program. The distribution of door hangars offers helpful tips on how everyone can make a positive impact on water quality in our local waterways.

Storm drain labeling can be fun and informative and typically involves only a few

hours to complete. The Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District (HCSWCD) has agreed to assist the City of Montgomery by providing a brief presentation to interested groups prior to their storm drain labeling efforts that describes watersheds, storm water run-off and how individually and collectively everyone has an impact on water quality in our local waterways.

If you have a group that may be interested in helping out with the labeling project please contact Public Works Director Bob Nikula at 792-8311 for additional information.

Hamm, Vanderhorst earn professional honor

Two City of Montgomery employees are being honored by the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Greater Cincinnati Chapter by being awarded with Public Administrator of the Year awards.

Matthew Vanderhorst, the City's Information Technology Director, is receiving the Early Careerist award which is presented to an individual who, though early in his career, has demonstrated the dedication and commitment to the ideals, ethics, and professionalism required to pursue a career in public administration and public service. Matthew is also being recognized for consistently demonstrating enthusiasm and commitment to the tenets of public administration via his involvement in professional and/or public service organizations. Matthew was nominated for this honor for his considerable efforts in redesigning the City website, his administrative and leadership of a comprehensive information technology department, and by expanding his responsibility to include the management of the City's customer service team.

Susan Hamm, the City's Administrative Coordinator and Clerk of Council is receiving the Support Services award which is presented to an individual who consistently demonstrates commitment to the ideals and ethics of a public service employee in a support role. Susan is being recognized for her professionalism, dedication, and efficiency in providing public administration support to citizens and the City's organization.

In particular, Susan was instrumental in leading several new initiatives in the city, including the new automated trash system that was introduced in 2004 and partnerships with the Hamilton County Solid Waste District for computer and mercury thermometer recycling events in 2005. Susan is also the staff liaison to the Montgomery Environmental Advisory Group

and is active in all of the City recycling efforts. As the Clerk of Council she is responsible to the

City Manager, Montgomery City Council and the Law Director for pending legislation as well as recordkeeping of Council and Committee of Council minutes and actions.

Susan's efforts are tireless in responding to the many groups and people that she calls her customers.

Both, Matthew Vanderhorst and Susan Hamm are quality examples of City of Montgomery employees and embody the City's mission of "Taking responsibility together to provide superior services." Matthew and Susan, along with other ASPA winners, will be recognized for their efforts at the Public Administrator of the Year Awards Luncheon on April 28 at The Phoenix in downtown Cincinnati.



Is your street being resurfaced?

Each year, Montgomery identifies a number of streets to be resurfaced. The program is an ongoing project to maintain neighborhood roadways. Work is undertaken at varying times during the summer, beginning in mid-May. The maintenance effort is expected to be completed by mid to late August. The following streets have been included in this year's program:

Adventure Lane
(from Huckleberry northward)

Bramblewood Circle

Hollowood Circle

Creeknoll Court

Shadowhill Way
(from corp line to Windhaven Court)

Deershadown Lane
(from Deerfield Road eastward for 380 feet)

Fairwind Drive

Driftwind Court

Southwind Drive
(from Trailwind Drive southward)

Baywind Drive
(from Windzag Lane westward)

Remington Road
(from corp line westward for 150 feet)

Seasonal Programs

provided by the Montgomery Recreation Department

Program Registration

Please register at least three days prior to the start of the program, or by the noted deadline.

All registration takes place at City Hall, 10101 Montgomery Road. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Registrations must be made in person or by mail unless otherwise indicated.

Checks should be made payable to the City of Montgomery.

No refunds will be issued unless you cancel at least three days prior to the start of the program.

There is a \$25 Cancellation fee for all programs.

Montgomery Recreation reserves the right to cancel any class due to low enrollment.

Questions?

For further information, please call 792-8317 or 792-8348.

SUMMER CAMPS

MINI-CAMP BONANZA!

The days of heading off to camp for weeks at a time are over. Today's savvy kids are looking for something to spark their interest and keep them interested! Mini-Camp Bonanza is just the ticket! New this year, kids will be picking and choosing from a series of themed 2-3 full-day camps that appeal to their interests ranging from the Wild Wild West to Wacky Water World. Check out the City's website for specific details on themes, dates and just how many adventures will fit into one summer of fun. Kids should pack a lunch, a snack, plenty to drink, and appropriate clothing. Prices include field trips, transportation, guests, activities and supervision. Here's what's already planned:

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. Learn about roping and riding, trailblazing, singing around the campfire, and more! There's even gonna be some shooting when the cowboys take on the Indians in a paintball challenge. Cost: \$110 Min: 15 Max: 25

DINOBLAST!

Ages 6-10

(Meet in Dulle 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.

Even try your hand at a dinodig!
Cost: \$50 Min: 15 Max: 25

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 of the Licking River! Cost: \$50 Min: 15 Max: 25

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 You're gonna get wet! The 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 Min: 15 Max: 25

ARCHERY AVENGERS

Ages 8-14

(Meet at Pioneer Park) Monday, July 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We'll head out to Camp Joy to take on the challenge of honing your skills with a bow and arrow. Learn to shoot from a distance and even compete in a skills challenge. Cost: \$65 Min: 15 Max: 25

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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 Min: 15 Max: 25

SCIENCE SEEKERS

Ages 7-12

(Meet at Dulle Park) Wednesday - Friday, July 19 - 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Curious minds will want to delve into 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 Min: 15 Max: 25

SPLASH CAMP

WHITE WATER THRILLS!

Ages 10-15

Monday-Thursday, July 31 - August 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pack a swim suit and towel, sunscreen and lunch for a line up of white water thrills! It's fun in the sun at such water adventure locations as Boomerang Bay, The Beach Waterpark, Coney Island and more. Cost: \$40 per day (\$45 non-residents) or \$150 for all four days (\$170 non-residents). Limited to the first 40 to register!

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. Tired of having nothing to do...sign up now! Travel through the backwoods of Indiana on Horseback, team up with a friend for a high-impact day of paintball or canoe through the rustic hills of the Ohio Valley. If you want to get a heart pounding rush...come to The Beach and test your wits on the Cliff or the Aztec Adventure. Cost: \$40 per day (\$45 non-residents) or \$150 for all four days (\$170 non-residents). Limited to the first 25 to register! Call City Hall at 891-2424.

DRAWING CAMPS

Train a young mind to harness the power of imagination in one of these drawing camps, all held at Terwilligers Lodge. Taught by talented artists, these opportunities could spark a career interest.

SUPERHERO CARTOON CAMP

Ages 6 - 13

Monday-Wednesday, June 26-28, from 10:30 a.m. to noon

Pow! Bang! Wow! Now you can learn to draw your own comic book superhero. Each day we will complete several drawings while we explore a variety of characters. We will learn to draw the basic muscular superhero body and adapt it to the character of our choice. We will learn to draw action and movement while we complete the scenes around our superheroes, using pencils, markers and sharpies. Our collection of drawings will be impressive! *Cost: \$48. Min: 6 Max: 20*

SUMMER ART CAMP

Ages 6 - 13

Monday-Wednesday, June 26-28, from 1 - 2:30 pm

This is the most popular Young Rembrandts camp. Children will be exposed to three different media. Day one will emphasize drawing skills while completing one large drawing with markers. Day two we will learn cartooning techniques while being introduced to some fun new characters. Day three we will learn pastel techniques as we complete a 12 x 18 pastel piece. The step-by-step Young Rembrandts teaching method insures success and fun with all media! Please wear an old shirt or a smock on Day three. *Cost: \$48. Min: 6 Max: 20*

JUNIOR ZOO CAMP

Ages 5 - 7

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday; July 10, 12 & 13; from 10:30 am to noon

Join us as we learn to draw a

variety of animals found at our local zoo. We will draw giraffes, zebras, lions, tigers, birds and more. Our final day will result in one large scene of the zoo, divided into several habitats and incorporating the many animal friends we have learned to draw. Pencil, markers, sharpies and color pencils are used. *Cost: \$48. Min: 6 Max: 20*

HORSE DRAWING WORKSHOP

Ages 7 - 13

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday; July 10, 12 & 13; from 1 to 2:30 pm

Here is a chance to learn to draw a notoriously hard-to-draw subject, the horse. We will learn to draw the horse head on Day One and the horse body on Day Two. On Day Three, we will revisit drawing the horse head, but we will introduce a new medium—pastels. Everyone will be successful! Students will use pencils, color pencils and pastels to complete their drawings. Please wear an old shirt or smock on Day three. *Cost: \$48. Min: 6 Max: 20*

HISTORICAL GIRL CAMP

Ages 6 - 13

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday; August 7-9; from 1 to 2:30 pm

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 we will place this doll figure in several varying time periods. Our dolls will each have coordinating outfits that fit the scene. The final day will consist of many historical dolls together in a large scene. Pencils, color pencils, markers and sharpies will be used.

PIRATE CAMP

Ages 6 - 13

Monday- Wednesday; Aug. 7-9; from 10:30 am-noon

Join us as we explore the world of pirates with new drawing adventures using cartoon and realistic drawing techniques. All materials provided and include: pencils, color pencils, sharpies and markers.

Pool available for private functions

The Montgomery Municipal Pool is available for private evening rentals for up to 400 people during times it is not open to the public. This is a great opportunity for employee functions, family reunions, birthdays, graduation parties, or whatever your special need to have a unique event with entertainment built right in. Rentals include two hour exclusive use of the pool and all of its facilities, including the gazebo and grill, waterslide, diving boards, basketball courts and corn hole sets. The cost also includes certified lifeguards.

If a day venue is more appropriate, consider renting the Montgomery Pool Gazebo for your special occasion. Youth birthday parties and summer celebrations will be set apart in the beautifully landscaped gazebo with it's private grill where summer time aromas of hamburgers sizzling will bring your guests together after a cooling swim.

Groups that rent the shelter will be allowed to bring food into the pool area to be served and eaten under the shelter.

For costs and rental details, call City Hall at 891-2424. Detailed rental information and contracts are posted at www.montgomeryohio.org under pool or rentals.

SWIMMING

SWIM LESSONS

Swim lessons are offered Monday through Thursday for a two-week time frame, with Fridays as a make-up day in case of cancellation. The first session runs from June 5 - 15.

Registration for pass holders begins May 2 (*May 16 for non pass holders*).

All lessons are taught by a trained instructor in the water with the participants. Classes are planned so that no more than six students are with an instructor. Four sessions are offered for the summer season. 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 four

participants, with a maximum of six participants, to be offered. Registration is limited to one session per child, with no advanced registration permitted for later levels in order to be sure the child first masters the skills in the current class in which enrolled. Skill levels are at www.MontgomeryOhio.org.

FUN WITH ME SWIM CLASS

Get wet and wiggle introductory swim lessons for an interactive parent-child setting in the water for ages 6-18 months (Level 6) or ages 18 to 36 months (Level 7).

SPLASH AND PLAY

This Level 8 class is an early-age water play environment designed to help little ones get more comfortable with being in the water, splashing and playing safely in the baby pool. Children, ages 1-4, must be supervised by a parent for this explorative class.

SKYHAWKS

If you're into competition and a variety of sports, this unique Skyhawks series is just for you. Programs meet Monday through Thursday, with Friday set aside as a make-up day. Participants should bring snacks and plenty of water to keep hydrated.

SKYHAWKS MULTI-SPORTS

Ages 3-14

(Meet at Weller Park) Monday - Thursday, July 31 - August 3
Participants will enjoy a variety of sports. Three age groups will be offered to provide plenty of fun and challenge for participants. Visit www.MontgomeryOhio.org for a list of what participants will need to bring and details of what is provided as part of the program.

SKYHAWKS: AGES 8 - 14

1 - 4 p.m.

This fast paced program is designed to teach the basic skills in a fun and enjoyable atmosphere. Participants are challenged daily in each of the sports by structured exercises and fun games. Participant-to-coach ratio is approximately 12:1. In Multi-Sport camp we will play baseball/softball, basketball, soccer, kick ball and much more. *Cost: \$60 Min: 12 Max: 48*

MINI-HAWKS: AGES 5 - 7

10 a.m. - noon

Mini-Hawk is an introductory program for young children. Mini-Hawk helps participants explore soccer, baseball and basketball in a day-program setting. There is no pressure, just lots of fun, while the young athletes participate in all three sports through unique games. Our Mini-Hawk coaching staff is trained to meet the special needs of young children. Staff are committed to helping children start off on the right foot, as they take their first steps into athletics. Participant-to-coach ratio is approximately 8:1. *Cost: \$54 Min: 12 Max: 48*



TINY HAWKS: AGES 3 - 4

9 - 10 a.m.

Skyhawks newest program for 3 and 4 year olds helps children fine-tune their motor skills in soccer, t-ball and basketball. No pressure, just lots of fun while these tiny athletes learn the basics through unique Skyhawks games. Our Tiny-Hawk coaching staff is trained to meet the special needs of young children. Our staff is committed to creating a positive introduction to sports. Children must be potty-trained to attend. Pull-ups are not allowed. Participant-to-coach ratio is approximately 6:1. *Cost: \$36 Min: 10 Max: 24*

SKYHAWKS LACROSSE

Ages 9-14

(Meet at Weller Park) Monday-Thursday, July 10-13, from 4-7 p.m. A fun week of skill-building activities designed to improve your stick handling, cradling, passing, shooting, and defensive skills. Boys and Girls will be separated into separate camps. *Cost: \$60 Min: 12 Max: 32*

SKYHAWKS SOFT LACROSSE

Ages 5-8

(Meet at Weller Park) Monday-Thursday, July 10-13, from 4-7 p.m. The Skyhawks Soft Lacrosse camp is an introductory level program for ages 5-9. Participants will enjoy a fun week of skill-building activities. All programs are co-ed unless otherwise listed. Our soft lacrosse program is non-contact and skill-based. *Cost: \$60 Min: 12 Max: 32*

SKYHAWKS CHEERLEADING

(Meet at Dulle Park) Monday - Thursday, June 26-29; 4 - 7 pm. (Group A: Ages 9-12)(Group B: Ages 5 - 8) Cheerleading offers a week of cheers, chants, and lots of fun games. Participants will be taught proper motion and jumping techniques for all aspects of cheering. The week will end with a Friday performance for the parents. *Cost: \$60 Min: 12 Max: 32*

Reserve a park shelter now through October

Most of the parks in the City of Montgomery have picnic shelters or gazebos that can be reserved for private parties free of charge. The parks that have such structures are: 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 of that phone call, you will need to come in to complete the reservation paperwork. This reservation entitles the user to the exclusive use of the shelter. The reservation, however, is for the shelter only and not any of the other park amenities, which are open to the public during operating hours. For more information or to place a hold on a date, call City Hall at 891-2424.

SPORTS

LITTLE LEAGUE OF BICYCLE RACING

Ages 8-14

(Meet at Pioneer Park; Meets are held in other locations in Loveland, Lebanon, and Montgomery) Mondays, June 12-August 7, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., plus 4 or 5 events. Fun and Skill building with low-key, team-based competition. Learn and develop basic bicycle racing skills on a grass oval track. Test skills against other local teams. Riders must supply a properly functioning bike and helmet. For detailed



information call 403-1951. To register call City Hall at 891-2424. Cost: \$45 (\$55 for Non-Residents) includes a T-shirt and events.

TENNIS

Note Date Changes

(Meet in Weller Park) Mondays, June 12, 19 & 26; PeeWees (5-7) meet from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.; Juniors (8-15) meet from 10:30-11:30 a.m. **JUNIORS IS FULL** (6+) meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. (all ages): \$15.

GOLF

(Meet at Kings Island Golf Center) Adults (16+): Thursdays, May 4, 11 & 18, from 5:30-7 p.m.; Juniors (Ages 8-15): Wednesdays, June 14, 21 & 28, from 6-7 p.m. Final sign up dates are: May 3 for



Adult Session and May 31 for Junior Session. Class size limited to 10. Cost: \$40 Juniors/\$60 Adults

TAEKWONDO

SUMMER SPECIAL

Mondays and Wednesdays at Annex Building;

Group 1: 6:30 -7:30 p.m.; Sign-up for three summer months for just \$100 including your uniform!

In class, emphasis is placed on self-defense, kicking, stretching and promotion to the next belt. This is a year-round course for all ages interested in Taekwondo Korean Karate. Classes are available on a month-to-month basis Cost: \$35R/ \$40NR per month.



You're invited...

Come join us at Pioneer Park on May 17 at 5:30 p.m. for this year's Healthy Ohioans Fitness Walk. Healthy Ohioans—Small Steps, Big Strides is a statewide health and wellness initiative to increase awareness of the importance of healthy lifestyles and to change unhealthy habits for healthy ones—one small step at a time. You are encouraged to walk at least one mile towards the goal of Ohioans walking over one hundred thousand miles in one day. No registration necessary, just bring yourself and your walking shoes and join the City staff for a one mile walk and talk at Pioneer Park. Bring family and friends and take the initiative to be healthy.

AND MORE

DRAWING LANDSCAPES WITH EASE

OUTDOOR WORKSHOP FOR TEENS AND ADULTS

Saturday, May 13; 1 - 4 pm; Pioneer Park (the Gazebo) Forget your intimidation as you learn to draw the beautiful things around you. Drawing is a learnable skill. Explore visual techniques to help you develop confidence and fascination. Experience contour sketching, general principles in composition, shading, texturing and color. Bring a beverage, your hat, sunglasses and other draw-



ing art supplies for experimentation (pastels, Ultra fine point. Sharpie, ball point pens, etc). Cost: \$30 (sketch pad, pencils, crayons & erasers included) Bring any drawing art supplies for experimentation

TUMMY TUCKS

Tuesday & Thursdays; May 23 - July 18 (16 classes, no class on July 4); 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 May 15. Limit 20 participants. Cost \$60R/\$65NR

20/20/20 BOOMER STYLE

Tuesdays & Thursdays; May 23 - July 18 (16 classes, no class on July 4); 9 - 10 am; Annex Building. Designed to meet the needs of Baby Boomers, 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 May 15. Limit 20 participants. Cost \$60R/\$65NR



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ALL AROUND TOWN...

Lifesaving CPR class to be offered May 8

Would you know what to do if someone you loved started choking, stopped breathing, or went into cardiac arrest? The City of Montgomery Fire Division will offer an introductory course on CPR on Monday, May 8.

This course, entitled CPR for family & friends, is being offered free to any Montgomery resident. This course is offered quarterly at the Montgomery Safety Center, 10150 Montgomery Road.

The class starts promptly at 7 p.m., lasting until approximately 10 p.m. The class is an introductory course from the American Heart Association,

which involves instructional training, without the need for a practical or written test.

To reserve your spot for this important learning opportunity, call the Montgomery Fire Division at 985-1633. If you would like to take this course, but can't make the May 8 date, watch the Montgomery *Bulletin* for the date of the next class.

Indian Hill water report now available

The Indian Hill Water Works has issued its Water Quality Report for 2005. According to the Water Works, no EPA maximum allowable contaminant levels were exceeded in the supply throughout the year. A copy of the report has been sent to each customer's current

address on record with the Billing Office.

If, for some reason, you did not receive one, contact the Billing

Office at 561-6679. The Water Quality Report can also be viewed on the Water Works page of the Village of Indian Hill web site at

www.ihill.org. If you have any questions about the report, please contact Jim Fox, Water Works Superintendent, at 576-8460.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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1	National Historic Preservation Week begins		
1	Arts Commission	City Hall	5 pm
1	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
3	Council Business Session	City Hall	7 pm
6	Wilder Swaim	Open House	1-4 pm
8	Beautification Commission	City Hall	9 am
10	Landmarks Commission	City Hall	7 pm
11	Parks & Recreation Commission	City Hall	6:30 pm
12	Health District Immunizations	Safety Center	8:30-11:30 am
15	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
16	Sister Cities Commission	City Hall	7 pm
20	Cardboard Recycling	7315 Cornell Road	10 am - 1 pm
20	Beautification Day	City Hall Parking Lot	9 am - noon
22	Environmental Committee	City Hall	7 pm
23	Board of Zoning Appeals	City Hall	7:30 pm
24	Council Work Session	City Hall	7 pm
27	Montgomery City Pool Opens		
29	Memorial Day		
29	Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Concert	Blue Ash Town Square	6 pm