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Yardwaste collection ends Dec. 8

After December 8, yard waste collection will end until March 2007. Crews, however, will make a sweep through neighborhoods to collect Christmas trees, wreaths and swags placed at the curb on the three Saturdays following Christmas.

Residents who want to participate in the City's tree, wreath and swag curbside collection program will not be required to attach a yard waste sticker to the items.

*To have your holiday tree, wreath or swag collected simply place it at the curb and Rumpke will pick it up on one of the following three Saturdays:
December 30
January 6
January 13*

Each item must be completely free of all plastic, flocking, tinsel and decorations.

Downtown wrapped in annual holiday beauty

Thanks to a phenomenal team of volunteers under the direction of resident Ruth Harrison and Montgomery Women's Club member Arlene Wojcieszak, the City has been decorated in holiday fashion. The annual project that incorporates hundreds of wreaths, bows and



garlands is spearheaded by members of the Montgomery Woman's Club and the Beautification and Tree Commission.

This year's project included two stages. Twenty-nine volunteers assisted with the Saturday morning "fluffing" and bow

attaching process while the actual decoration-hanging happening was accomplished the following Monday by 42 volunteers. The City is grateful to all these volunteers that generously shared their time to create a warm and welcoming holiday atmosphere in our Heritage District that each year receives countless accolades from both our residents and visitors to the community.

Holiday events planned for entire family

Holiday fun for the whole family awaits as Montgomery teams up with Ohio National Financial Services and Bethesda North Hospital to present a spectacular and festive series of holiday events.

Most of the activity will occur on Saturday, December 2, beginning with the Holiday in the Village Tree Lighting event from 4 to 6 p.m. Carriage rides, music and crafts will be presented throughout the downtown, with the lights being illuminated at dark. A concert will be performed by the High Street A Cappella Holiday Choir at 7 pm in the historic Universalist Church.

Bethesda North Hospital's Lite Up a Life event in the main lobby will also be presented from 6 to 8 p.m.

Ohio National will present its 5th annual Victorian Holiday Village featuring lights, child-sized houses decorated with holiday scenes, free cocoa and cookies, free photos with St. Nick and more. The Victorian Holiday

Village is offered free of charge (guests are asked to bring at least one non-perishable food item as a donation.) The village will be open 5 to 8:30 p.m. on December 2, as well as other days of operation.

A FREE Trolley will be in

operation from 4:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. with stops at Neuilly-Plaisance Square at Cooper and Montgomery Road, Twin Lakes, Bethesda North Main Lobby, and Ohio National Victorian Holiday Village entrance. Look for the snow man markers to board the free holiday trolley.

Help snow plow crews serve you better & faster

The winter season is here, and with it comes the potential for dangerous weather. Crews have been readied for any eventuality of Mother Nature, but there are a few ways each resident can help ensure a prompt snow response by crews.

During snow emergencies, a snow emergency can be declared that prohibits residents from parking vehicles on the street. Other items, such as portable basketball hoops, can also create big problems for

snow plow operators. These items are actually prohibited from being placed in the public right of way at all times. However, not all residents observe this rule, creating significant problems for snow plow operators.

Particularly during snow emergencies, make sure that not only your cars are removed from the roadways, but that any other portable structures are also out of the way to avoid damage both to our equipment and your property.

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to retired resident **Ron Giffin** who volunteered to lend a hand to assist the Service Department employees. In the last three months Ron has contributed approximately 200 hours of his time working on a myriad of tasks in the parks and at the Service Department facility.

Most recently, he designed and made the wood snowman cut-outs that will welcome guests at the December 3, Holiday in the Village event.

A grateful "thank you" is extended to Ron for sharing his time and extensive talents to enhance our community.

COUNCIL CORNER

Montgomery City Council will meet in its regular monthly business session on December 6 at City Hall. Meetings begin at 7 p.m., with public comment welcomed on each item before Council. Items on the agenda for consideration include:

PENDING LEGISLATION

- An ordinance for the allocation of earnings tax revenues and amending Section 44.14 of the Montgomery Code of Ordinances (3rd reading)
- An ordinance establishing a Vintage Club Capital

Construction Fund (3rd reading)

■ An ordinance creating the Vintage Club Tax Increment Financing Fund (3rd reading)

■ An Ordinance Establishing a Special Revenue Fund for the Maintenance and Operation of the

Municipal Swimming Pool (3rd reading)

■ An ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Montgomery during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007 (3rd reading)

■ An ordinance granting a storm sewer easement within Weller Park to Vintage Club Associates, LTD (2nd reading)

Recent Council Actions

NOVEMBER 7 BUSINESS SESSION

■ An ordinance establishing a procedure for the receipt and disposition of personal property (Passed, 6-1)

■ An ordinance for the allocation of earnings tax revenues and amending Section 44.14 of the Montgomery Code of Ordinances (Passed 2nd reading, 7-0)

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■ A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor (Passed, 7-0)

■ A resolution accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Morton International, Inc., Morton Salt Division, for the purchase of de-icing rock salt (Passed, 7-0)

■ A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Bobcat Company for the purchase of skid steer loader and attachments (Passed, 7-0)

■ A resolution authorizing internet auction of surplus personal property and authorizing a contract with Propertyroom .Com, Inc. (Passed, 7-0)

NEW LEGISLATION

■ A resolution adopting a Five Year Capital Improvement Program for the City of Montgomery

■ A resolution authorizing an amendment to the current contract with Donnellon, Donnellon and Miller for legal services to the City of Montgomery

■ A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept the proposed 2009-2010 option years with Rumpke of Ohio, Inc.

■ An ordinance amending ordinance No. 14, 2006 with respect to property declared to be a public purpose

Chocolate aficionados sought for holiday class

It's an event that area chocoholics can really sink their teeth into: the annual Gourmet Sweets & Treats event, where participants learn firsthand how to create mouth-watering truffles. This year's gathering at Terwilliger Lodge is planned for

Wednesday, December 6 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Representatives from Cocolo's will fill the session with "chocolate education" and demonstrations. Participants will also learn how to create a

chocolate centerpiece!

The cost of class is \$20 per participant, which includes instruction and samples to take home (IF you dare to share!). Call 891-2424 or register online. (At least 15 reservations needed.)

BAMSO to present annual holiday concert December 3

The annual Kindel Memorial Holiday Concert will be performed at the Montgomery Assembly of God Church, 7950 Pfeiffer Road, at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, December 3. Highlights include Leroy Anderson's A Christmas Festival, Bach's Brandenburg Concerto #2 in F Major, and The Festival Sounds of Hanukkah by Bill Holcombe. The Cincinnati Children's Bel

Canto Choir, under the direction of Robyn Reeves Lana, will take the stage for traditional carols, Deck the Halls and What Child is This, as well as Mozart's much loved Ave Verum and the Lullaby Carol by Eleanor Daly. Mezzo-soprano Catherine Fishlock returns for a gorgeous rendition of O Holy Night. The Jubilant Singers, directed by Jim Akin, perform

two selections, are then joined by the Bel Canto Choir and the Cincinnati Choral Society for three choruses from Handel's Messiah.

As in past years, the winner of the Orchestra's Annual Young Artist Competition will be introduced at the concert. Greater Cincinnati has an extraordinary number of exceptionally talented young musicians, so the competition is fierce. The winner will

perform with the Orchestra at one of the 2007 concerts.

This year's Holiday Concert Supporter is EDB's Diamond Showroom. Additional support is provided by the City of Blue Ash, the City of Montgomery, the Fine Arts Fund, the P&G Fund, the Ohio Arts Council and the Montgomery Women's Club.

The concert is free and open to the public.

CCO performs December 2

The Cincinnati Community Orchestra will perform a free concert on Saturday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Church of the Savior, 8005 Pfeiffer Road. The concert, entitled "Tunes & Tales," will include Music by Grieg, Respighi, Menotti

& more. The concert will last about one and a half hours and will include an intermission with free refreshments. For more information, visit the Cincinnati Community Orchestra's website at www.thecco.org.

Breakfast with Santa!

Share the excitement of the holidays with the whole family. Santa will make a stop at Terwilliger's Lodge on Saturday, December 16, for breakfast from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Following an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast served by Montgomery firefighters, Santa will visit with the children for pictures and a review of their wish list.



The breakfast is \$5 a plate (\$20 for the entire family). Tickets are available at the door.

All proceeds benefit the Holiday Family Fund, which supports local families in need with gifts and toys shared in the generosity of the holiday spirit.

Afghan, ornaments available for holiday gifts

As you plan your holiday gift list, remember the new 2006 holiday ornament featuring the landmark former Village Hall now available, along with nine of the other ornaments issued to date. Ornaments include: the Blair-Barker House, the Weller House, the Pioneer Building, the Crain-Conklin House, the Yost Tavern, the Universalist Church, the Wilder-Swaim House, the Hopewell-Montgomery Presbyterian Church, the Hopewell Church window and the Snider House.



ornament is \$7. The stained glass window ornament is included free when the rest of the ornaments are purchased as a set. All proceeds benefit the Historic Trust Fund, which pays for repairs and maintenance of city-owned landmarks.

Another great gift idea is the custom-designed afghan depicting the Montgomery bicentennial quilt. The quilt pays tribute to Montgomery landmarks as well as other notable sites of interest. This unique, custom-designed afghan would

make a colorful accent for a chair, sofa, bed or table. This one-of-a-kind afghan is a warm gift idea to be a treasured heirloom. It is an

excellent gift for residents who have moved away. The 100 percent cotton jacquard woven afghan, measuring 54" x 70", is currently on display in the lobby of City Hall and can be purchased for \$60.

Planning underway for return of Sensory Sundays

Sensory Sundays returns on February 25, March 11 and March 25 at Terwilliger's Lodge. A delightful collage for the senses, this event caters to sight with a variety of art displays, hearing with the talents of area musicians and taste with specialty samplers from local chefs.

Music features a return of vocalists Mary Ellen Tanner and Larry Kinley, and Darren Bell and his band. Restaurants include the new hotspots like

Amor de Brazil and other talented chefs preparing taste-tempting treats.

Make plans to enjoy this three-part music and art series, held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Look for detailed information and ticket sales in the January *Bulletin* and the Sensory Sundays brochure. Tickets are on a first-come basis, limited to 90 guests and can be purchased at Montgomery City Hall starting January 10. Call 891-2424 for information.

Each is available throughout the year at City Hall, Timeless Traditions and at the Wilder-Swaim House anytime it's open. The cost of each

A message from City Council

City benefits from partnership with BAMSO

This feature appears regularly, allowing Montgomery's elected officials to communicate directly with residents.



This month's message by Council Member Lynda Roesch

As part of the strategic plan the City of Montgomery adopted in 2006, the City committed to entering into public and private partnerships which would enhance the services the City offered its residents. An example of such a strategic partnership is the Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra. This particular partnership has several positive aspects. First, it creates an alliance with a neighboring city—Blue Ash. This is important because many times cities have to work together in regional units to carry out projects, and a partnership like this can foster good working relationships with other communities. Second, the partnership allows the City to deliver an amenity—quality concerts of programs that the whole family can enjoy. This type of activity helps to set Montgomery apart from other communities.

The City of Montgomery is heavily involved in the Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra (BAMSO). Members of Montgomery City Council and the Montgomery Arts Commission sit on the

Board of the Symphony. They also serve on BAMSO's committees and help raise funds for BAMSO. As an example, in September, 2007, there will be a fundraiser gala celebrating the Symphony's twentieth anniversary.

Beginning in 2001, the Blue Ash Symphony, the predecessor of BAMSO, performed a July 3rd patriotic concert in Montgomery Park as a way to kick off Montgomery's Fourth of July celebration. The July 3rd concert has had a growing attendance since its inception. The first year approximately five hundred attended. Last year several thousand members of the audience enjoyed the program which traditionally pays tribute to all things American, including our troops. Last year the program featured a salute to New Orleans; this year the concert will feature the sounds of the Big Band era. In 2003, the City of Blue Ash and Montgomery agreed to join together in the sponsorship of BAMSO. Montgomery now offers BAMSO concerts twice a year: the annual July 3rd patriotic concert and a Valentine's Day concert. The 2007 Valentine's Day concert is scheduled for February 18th at 6 p.m. at St. Barnabas Church and will feature romantic music from Broadway, Chopin and Saint Saens. Also, several

members of BAMSO perform at the Montgomery's City Hall during the Fine Arts Sampler Weekend in February when council chambers are opened for viewing the Ansel Adams photograph collection.

The Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony is a not-for-profit organization which is sponsored by both the cities of Blue Ash and Montgomery. Although both cities contribute to the Symphony, the Symphony also solicits grants and donations from organizations and individuals to meet operating expenses and continue to offer programs that appeal to a wide range of audiences.

BAMSO pays its musicians, many of whom perform regularly with other orchestras such as the Cincinnati Symphony. That makes BAMSO a professional orchestra, led by conductor Michael Chertock. BAMSO also sponsors a young artist competition. The young artist winners are featured during the Symphony season. The Symphony's season includes a Memorial Day and Labor Day concert in the Blue Ash Towne Square. In addition, the Symphony also offers a holiday concert. The holiday concert this year will be December 2nd at 7:30 p.m. at the Assembly of God Church on Pfeiffer Road in Montgomery.

Montgomery welcomes Dollhouse Portrait Arts

Unique gift ideas are one stop away at Dollface Portrait Arts. Treasured moments caught on camera are transformed into unique art. Dollface Portrait Arts features fun and whimsical photos to pop art designs, as well as classical to vintage. Art is completely hand painted by carefully selected artists. Dollface Portrait Arts features local talent, such as photography from

Tom McFarlane and oil paintings from Meg Robinson. These fine art works may be featured on jewelry, handbags, blankets, puzzles, mugs, paperweights, cufflinks, etc.

Handbags can be custom made to show off a little loved one or treasured pet. Or apply those images to custom jewelry. Or create a one-of-a-kind item for use as home decor, such as wall

murals to tile, shower curtains, pillows, blankets, notecards, wallpaper and more.

Open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Dollface Portrait Arts is located in one of Montgomery's beautiful historic landmark buildings at 7795 Cooper Road, Montgomery, Ohio. For more information, call 791-3655.

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(non-emergency)
985-1600

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(non-emergency)
985-1633

Service Department
792-8355

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

**Code Enforcement
Action Line**
792-8356

Swaim to feature holiday stories

Holiday storytelling for kids of all ages will be presented from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, at the Wilder Swaim farmhouse on the corner of Zig Zag and Cooper Roads. This family holiday event is presented by the Montgomery Historical Preservation Association, which has decorated the farmhouse in nostalgic fashion.

Student creativity ignites safety awareness

Did you know?

There is no mystery to how Montgomery received its name. The city's founders were from Montgomery, New York. Traditionally, Montgomery's founding families are known to be Cronimus, Jacob, and David Felter (although no records have been found that show David Felter in Hamilton County before 1808), Cornelius Synder, Jacob Roosa, Nathaniel Terwilliger, and Christian Crist.

All of these families were of a Dutch or German descent. It was around 1795 when the first families settled here in Montgomery, some records show families such as the Roosa's not arriving in Montgomery until the years of 1798-1799.

These founding families settled around the present site of Bethesda North Hospital. Much of the community's rich history is attributed to these founding families.

Watch for more historical facts about Montgomery in the January Bulletin!

After hearing from Montgomery firefighters about various fire safety topics in October, Montgomery Elementary students in kindergarten to third grade had an opportunity to visualize what they learned in the annual Safety Poster Contest.

More than 30 entries were considered in this year's contest, presenting safety slogans and images. Winners included Alexis Hamer, Hyeyun Chae and Andy Torres. Grand prize winners were Caroline Gao, Ami Miyachi,

and Lorae Stojanovic, who won they also had lunch with the firefighters.



Mrs. Stojanovic is on the left and Lorae Stojanovic (middle) are pictured with Caroline Gao. Lorae and Caroline (along with Ami Miyachi who was not able to attend the lunch) were grand prize winners.

Terry's Tree Tips

Terry's favorite evergreens for Cincy area

Here is a list of Terry's favorite evergreen trees that grow well in the Cincinnati area. Generally speaking, the best time to plant evergreens is from mid-September to when the ground freezes (usually mid-December).

Picea abies/Norway Spruce (grows to 40-60 feet high): Excellent, dark green needles, a vigorous grower. Over planted, but a good choice for the Cincinnati area.

Picea omorika/Serbian Spruce (grows to 50-60 feet high): One of the most graceful and beautiful spruces with narrow, pyramidal growth. Very adaptable, grows best in partial sun.

Picea orientalis/Oriental Spruce (grows to 50-60 feet high): Dense, compact, narrow pyramidal growth. Good for tighter areas.

Picea pungens/Colorado Spruce (grows to 30-60 feet high): Gray green to blue green color, very adaptable. Likes full sun.

Picea pungens/Colorado Spruce "Fat Albert" (grows to 15 feet): Dense, upright pyramidal form. Outstanding small, blue-needled tree.

Pinus strobus/Eastern White Pine (grows to 50-80 feet high): Needles that are light to bluish green in color, likes fertile, moist, well drained soil. Will tolerate some shade. Branches are often lost in strong storms.

Pinus flexilis/Limber Pine (grows to 30-50 feet high): Does best in moist, well-drained soil. Prefers sun to partial shade. Dark green slightly twisted needles.

Tsuga Canadensis/Canadian (Eastern) Hemlock (grows to 40-70 feet high): Softly and gracefully pyramidal in youth becoming pendulously pyramidal with age. Excellent for groupings or screenings, one of our better evergreens.

Abies concolor/White (Concolor) Fir (grows to 30-50 feet high): Slow to

medium grower with soft bluish green needles. Probably the best fir for the Cincinnati area. Will withstand heat, drought and cold equally well. Does best in rich, moist, well-drained gravelly soil (dislikes heavy clay) Note: Cincinnati is too hot for most firs.

Metasequoia glyptostroboides/Dawn Redwood (grows to 70-100 feet high): Fast growing, does best in moist, well-drained soils in full sun. Neat, uniform conical habit

Taxodium distichum/Common Baldcypress (a deciduous conifer) (grows to 50-70 feet high): Very adaptable to very wet, or sunny, dry locations. Leaves bright yellow-green in spring, soft green in summer, rich orange to pumpkin brown in autumn. I get the most calls on this tree telling me they are dying. Remember, the leaves appear late May to mid-November. Baldcypress trees can be found in Montgomery at the Gateway Falls on Pfeiffer Road and around the lakes in Swaim and Pioneer Parks.





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ALL AROUND TOWN...

New City Calendar to be mailed this month

The city's new calendar, entitled "*Montgomery's Roadside Retreats,*" will be mailed to residents by the end of the month. The

beautiful artwork, depicting Montgomery settings, was provided by the 2006 Sycamore High School Senior Art Class under the direction of Margaret Copfer. The calendar is a valuable resource that

notes regularly scheduled Council and Board/Commission meetings, as well as a myriad of recreation and community events. Additional copies can be purchased at City Hall for \$3 each.

Residential Directory enters fifth edition

The 2007/2008 edition of the Montgomery Residential Telephone Directory is now being prepared by Montgomery Boy Scout Troop 258. For the first time, coupons will be offered to advertisers. Orders for business advertisements in the Directory will be accepted by calling Bob Stucker at 948-7564 (793-0620 evenings) through December 20. The Directory lists Montgomery residents alphabetically and by street address. The publication also lists important contacts for government, education and civic organizations. It also contains a history and fold-out map of Montgomery, along with indices to advertisers, both alphabetically and by type of business. This fifth bi-annual edition

of the popular Directory will be available for sale in early 2007.

Low interest loans for improvements

Hamilton County Commissioners have enhanced the Home Improvement Program (HIP). Participation is now available to owners of one and two family homes with assessed values up to \$350,000, up from the previous limit of \$300,000. In addition, HIP loans are available for commercial properties with values up to this limit. Owners of residential buildings with three or more units are eligible regardless of property value.

For information www.hamilton-co.org or call (513) 946-8234. Info is also available Fifth-Third, Key, North side, National City, PNC or US Bank.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

DECEMBER • DECEMBER • DECEMBER

2	Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony	downtown Montgomery	4-6 pm
2	Wilder Swaim House decorated for the holidays		2-4 pm
2	CCO holiday concert	Church of the Savior	7:30 pm
3	BAMSO holiday concert	Mont. Assembly of God	7:30 pm
4	Arts Commission		5pm
4	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
6	Council Business Session	City Hall	7 pm
11	Beautification and Tree Commission	9630 Todd Drive	9 am
13	Landmarks Commission	City Hall	7 pm
14	Parks & Recreation Commission	J. Arthur's	6:30 pm
16	Cardboard Recycling	7315 Cornell Road	10 am - 1 pm
16	Breakfast with Santa	Terwilliger Lodge	8:30 -10:30 am
18	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
19	Board of Zoning Appeals	City Hall	7:30 pm
19	Sister Cities Commission (Meeting CANCELLED)		
20	Council Work Session	City Hall	7 pm
25	CHRISTMAS City Offices Closed (trash delayed one day)		
26	City Offices Closed (trash pick up as usual)		