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Yardwaste Collection Continues

In addition to the city's brush collection (see page 5), regular yard waste collection is still underway with a limit of three yard waste bags, three 30 gallon cans, three bundles or one 90 gallon toter being picked up for free.

Starting November 7 thru December 9, there will be unlimited yard waste pickup including containers of leaves. All leaves must be in either 30 gallon cans that can be dumped or in paper yard waste bags. The cans or bags must be placed at the curb.

Please note that any yard waste placed in plastic bags, including leaves, will not be picked up.

Off-leash rec area not to be placed in parks

On Wednesday, August 23, Montgomery City Council adopted an ordinance which stated that it would not place an off-leash recreation area in any existing city park without a vote of the electorate.

This action was taken in an effort to reach a compromise with citizens who submitted an initiative petition that would have required a vote of the electorate for any change in a park, green space or recreation area in the City.

City Council agreed to this action due to the potentially damaging outcome of the initiative petition had it been referred to the November ballot and adopted by the citizens. This issue would have required

citizens to approve, at a general election, almost any improvement, modification or change that was planned for any park, green space or recreational area. Such a requirement would have created additional cost to taxpayers and would have resulted in delay of up to two years for the implementation of any planned project.

"I am pleased with the outcome of this decision," said Mayor Gerri Harbison. "On one hand, we were responsive to those citizens who did not wish to have a dog park in Pioneer Park. On the other hand, City Council effectively handled the initiative petition that would have created a real threat to the way we had successfully conducted business in Montgomery. This process

has effectively involved citizens, elected officials and staff in a collaborative effort to address improvement projects and citizen desires in our city."

This action by City Council will end discussions on the concept of an off-leash recreational area for the City. The City had been studying the idea as a result of citizen requests.

"This was a difficult decision to make as we had citizens who were on both sides of the issue of the dog park. However, City Council felt it was in the best interest of the community to reach a compromise on this issue and to move forward with the many other important issues and projects that are facing our community," said the Mayor.

Harvest Moon to offer a time-honored tradition

Celebrate the harvest season at Swaim Park during the Harvest Moon festival on Saturday, October 7, from 6 to 9 p.m.



The annual celebration will offer hayrides around the park, music, and storytelling around the

bon fire with marshmallows to roast. Pony rides will also be available for just \$2.

Under the tent, there will be pumpkin painting and cookie decorating (free) and other

family activities such as line dancing.

Be sure to stop by Chili Fest from 5 to 8 p.m. for a hot and tasty meal and cold beverage or

enter your favorite recipe to be judged by fire department personnel before joining us for an evening in the light of the Harvest Moon.

Chili Fest to spice up the autumn night

The Montgomery Fire Department will serve up its annual Chili Fest at Swaim Park on October 7, from 5 - 8 p.m. Dig up those recipes and dust off your secret spices and enter a gallon of your best chili in the festival. Non-cooks also are invited to attend to taste and judge the chili.

The Festival also features Skyline chili and cheese cones,

soft drinks, ice cream (and beer for the adults). The Fire Department will offer several hands-on exhibits and demonstrations. Proceeds from food and beverage sales will be used to purchase fire & EMS equipment.

Those interested in entering the chili contest must register by calling 985-1633 by 5 p.m. on Friday, October 6.

City Officials

Mayor
Gerri Harbison

Vice Mayor
Ken Suer

Council Members
Mark Combs
Barry Joffe
William Niehaus
Lynda Roesch
Todd Steinbrink

Clerk of Council
Susan Hamm

City Manager
Cheryl A. Hilvert



to 86 community teens who generously shared their summer vacation time to lend a hand with the City's programs and events. Many of these teens accepted a large time commitment supervising young children for one or more of the four sessions of the Safety Village Program or a session of the Summer Camp Program. Numerous others made a short term commitment to manage game booths at the July 4th Festival in the Park and the Bastille Day Celebration.

Without the enthusiastic participation of these teens, many of our community programs and events would not be possible. A gigantic "thank you" is extended to each and every one of these teen volunteers for the vital role they played in the success of our City's summer happenings.

COUNCIL CORNER

Montgomery City Council will meet in its regular monthly business session on September 6 at the City Hall. Meetings begin at 7

p.m., with public comment welcomed on each item before Council.

Items on the agenda for consideration include:

■ An ordinance declaring improvements to parcels of real property located in the City of Montgomery to be a public purpose under section 5709.40 (c) of the Ohio

Revised Code, exempting such improvements from real property taxation, authorizing the execution of a tax incentive agreement, a service agreement and such other documents as may be necessary (3rd reading)

Recent Council Actions

AUGUST 2 BUSINESS SESSION

■ An ordinance declaring improvements to parcels of real property located in the City of Montgomery to be a public purpose under section 5709.40 (c) of the Ohio Revised Code, exempting such improvements from real property taxation, authorizing the execution of a tax incentive agreement, a service agreement and such other documents as may be necessary (2nd reading, passed 5-0)

■ A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Humana, to provide medical coverage for full-time employees (passed 5-0)

■ A resolution authorizing the City

Manager to enter into a contract with Dental Care Plus to provide dental coverage for full-time employees (passed 5-0)

■ A resolution to adopt recommendation of the Montgomery Tax Incentive Review Council with respect to the compliance of all Tax Increment Financing Districts within the City of Montgomery (passed 5-0)

■ A resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply to the Ohio Board of Building Standards to certify the Building Department for code enforcement (passed 5-0)

■ An ordinance adopting the Residential Code of

Ohio for one-, two-, and three-family dwellings, as supplemented (1st reading, passed 5-0)

■ An ordinance correcting Section 91.21 offenses involving underage persons and declaring an emergency (passed 5-0)

■ An ordinance accepting publicly dedicated property and certain easement rights on Main Street and Remington Road (1st reading, passed 5-0)

AUGUST 23 BUSINESS SESSION

■ An Ordinance Restricting Development Of An Off-Leash Recreation Area In Existing Parks, Within The City of Montgomery And Declaring An Emergency (passed 5-0)

■ An ordinance adopting the Residential Code of Ohio for one-, two-, and three-family dwellings, as supplemented (2nd reading)

■ An ordinance accepting publicly dedicated property and certain easement rights on Main Street and Remington Road (2nd reading)

■ A resolution accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to contract with R.B. Jergens Contractors, Inc. for the 2006 Montgomery Gateway Resurfacing Project

■ An ordinance creating the Montgomery Corridor/Schoolhouse Interim Development Control Overlay District

Sister Cities to host International Reception

Community members whose homeland is other than the United States are invited to attend Montgomery's International Reception sponsored by the Sister Cities Commission. The social event is scheduled for Sunday, October 22, from 4-6 p.m. at Terwilliger Lodge in Dulle Park.

Participants should bring a



favorite covered dish, appetizer or dessert representative of their native country. Ethnic attire and/or entertainment shared by the international guests (playing musical instruments, dancing, etc.) are always welcome.

To make your reservation to attend this event, or to suggest a community member who would appreciate an invitation, call 891-2424.

Look who won this year's beautification awards...

Members of the Beautification and Tree Commission have selected the 2006 Beautification Award winners. Nominated by community members, properties were judged on an attractive and well-maintained landscape, in addition to overall appearance of the property.



Award recipients will be formally recognized at the September 20 City Council Work Session, scheduled for 7 p.m. at City Hall. Winners will receive a Resolution of Appreciation plaque acknowledging their beautifying efforts and an 8 x

10-inch photograph of their property. In addition, an award yard sign recognizes each of the following award winning properties:

RESIDENTIAL

Jean Ann & Jim Johns
10699 Indian Woods Dr.

Dr. Robert & Deborah Schurdak
10615 Merrick Ln.

Dick & Anne Taylor
10634 Adventure Ln.

Frank & Carolyn Stoy
7948 Wild Orchard Ln.

Nick & Megan Schrantz
7710 Campus Ln.

Melinda & Scott Evans
12032 Cooperwood Ln.

Nancy J. Bruce
7870 Jolain Dr.

John & Jan Jordan
7932 Mitchell Farm Ln.

BUSINESS

Closson's
10100 Montgomery Rd.

MOST IMPROVED

Jane & Kevin Shea
9004 Bordeaux Ct.

LANDSCAPE NICHE

Bill & Nancy Cleary
8313 Turtle Creek Ln.

MAILBOX SETTING

Drew & Gwen Johnson
7562 Trailwind Dr.

Plant Swap: A little beauty available for trade

The Beautification and Tree Commission will host its eighth Fall Plant Swap on Saturday, September 30, from 9-11 am in the City Hall parking lot.

Offered without charge, the event provides an opportunity for community members to share their divided perennials while obtaining new varieties.

The commission recommends that the perennials be labeled with the plant name and its sun or shade preference for the display tables.



Participants should also come prepared with bags or containers to transport new samples.

For more information,

call 792-8329.

Speakeasy Sue & Lucky Lou got a party going on!

Boas around the shoulders of flappers and dapper dons with suspenders and fedoras will all be accepted for entrance into the Montgomery Speakeasy on September 15.

The night will include dinner and a glass of wine in the Fireside Room with stories about the two detectives, Carl and Johnny, who raided the place and the memorabilia from the most famous gangster of the prohibition era, Al Capone.

After dining and socializing around the table, the dinner buffet will be cleared to make way for the gaming tables to be rolled out on the floor. Blackjack, Texas Hold'em, roulette and craps will be the entertainment with each guest starting with \$2,000 gangster cash in their pocket. The top three money holders at the end of the night will walk away with

prizes worthy of their skills at the table. The bottom three may just meet Neal Knuckles to go swimming with the fishes.

Tickets are on sale at Montgomery City Hall, with limited spots still available. Cost is \$45 each or \$85 for a couple for all the fun, fast stepping and faster dealing you can handle. One glass of wine is provided with dinner and other alcohol is available on site as a cash bar. Join us at Carlos and Johnny's in downtown Montgomery at 6:30 p.m. with dinner beginning at 7 p.m. and games from 8:30-10:30 p.m. Music and mingling will go on till close. No one will get past Mario the Masher and Lucky Lou at the door without tickets!



Proper "gangster and gal" attire is encouraged.

Doggie Days to close pool on September 4

Another swim season will end at the Montgomery Community Pool when swimmers take a dip with their dogs on Monday, September 4. Dippin' doggies can enjoy the pool from 5 to 8 p.m.



Week one started with a big splash with the Makos making wakes to the tune of 130 swimmers, four meet victories and highpoint recognition for boys 6 and under and girls 9/10 at championships. The team is in their sixth season and steadily grow in skills as swimmers focused on building friendships

and teamwork while having fun and getting exercise. It all pays off with each swimmer beating their personal best and piling up the ribbons to prove it.

During the year, 363 kids signed up for swim lessons and learned a new life skill this summer whether it be simply bubble blowing or diving with confidence and swimming like a fish. memberships totaled 568 for the season, with daily attendance rates reaching to 870 on the July 4th weekend.

School hours began to wind down the season starting August 23, with the pool open from 3 - 8:30 pm on weekdays, as well as regular weekend hours.

Don't "weight"... Get active this fall!

TUMMY TUCKS

September 19 to November 9; Tuesdays & Thursdays; 6-7 pm; Annex Building. This innovative Pilates class is geared towards using core body muscles (abdominal, obliques, back, and gluteals) to get effective results in your

mid-section. Taught by a Tri-Health certified instructor, this workout gets results in all the problem places by working on lengthening of the spine, proper alignment and posture, and a strong center to give you a slimmer profile. Some equipment provided. Register

at Montgomery City Hall by September 15. Limit 20 participants. Cost \$60R/\$65NR

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

September 19 to November 9; Tuesdays & Thursdays; 9 - 10 am; Annex Building. This 16-class schedule offers cardiovascular exercises, strength training, and stretching for 20 minutes each. The instructor has experience in teaching to people over 50, and will teach to your fitness level, taking into account common physical concerns and the value of gaining and maintaining muscle strength. Some equipment provided. Register at Montgomery City Hall by September 15. Limit 20 participants. Cost \$60R/\$65NR

needed. To volunteer, call 792-8348

DRAWING LANDSCAPES WITH EASE

Teens/Adults

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

KICK IT UP A NOTCH

Monday & Wednesdays; 6:30 - 7:30 pm or 7:30 - 8:30 pm. Annex Building. These Taekwondo lessons emphasize self-defense, kicking, stretching and promotion to the next belt. This is a year-round course for all ages interested in Taekwondo Korean Karate. Cost \$35R/\$40NR

Just for fun...

COWBOY CALL-OUT

Ages 8 - 14

Meet at lower Swaim Park parking lot (Zig Zag Road); Monday, October 23; 9 am (until 4 pm). School's Out, so plan a day in the wild west on horseback through 600 acres of trails in the woods and over streams. We will stop for hot dogs and marshmallows on the camp fire and finish with a hay ride before the trek back. Kids must wear jeans and boots or gym shoes. Limited to 25 participants. Register at Montgomery City Hall or at www.montgomeryohio.org by October 18. Cost is \$40 and includes lunch. **Please note that three chaperones are**

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
745-0370

Labor Day Concert

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

Visit the BAMS0 web site at www.bams0.org for more details on the Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra's 2006 Season.

Thanks for recycling your computer components!

The City of Montgomery and Environmental Advisory Commission would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who participated in making the annual Computer Recycling Collection Event a huge success. The event was held at the City of Montgomery Service Facility on June 29, and July 8. More than 850 computer/electronic items totaling 12, 295 pounds were collected by the Technology Recycling Group as part of the Hamilton County Solid Waste District's 6th annual Computer Recycling Collection Event. The Recycling Group will erase the hard drives and the computers will be either mined for parts or refurbished and sent to non-profit organizations and schools.

Did you know?

Rising fuel prices have affected many of our budgets in one way or another; it has affected the budget for City of Montgomery as well:

Total Fuel Costs	
2002:	\$35,160
2003:	\$49,575
2004:	\$60,497
2005:	\$76,041

Fall curbside brush pick-up returns

The Montgomery Service Department will again provide a fall curbside bulk collection of brush and limbs. The fall program begins September 25, and will be continue over a 5 week period. Each area's pick up week will be determined by at area's regular day of trash collection. **Please have your brush out at the curb by Sunday evening of your collection week.**

Guidelines for Pick-up

■ Since chipper crews will only make one pass through each neighborhood, residents must place brush curbside on the Sunday immediately prior to your scheduled collection week. Crews cannot return once they have completed service in an area.

■ Items are collected by hand and fed into a chipping

TRASH PICK-UP DAY	WEEK OF BRUSH PICK-UP
MONDAY	SEPT. 25 - 29
TUESDAY	OCT. 2 - OCT. 6
WEDNESDAY	OCT. 9 - 13
THURSDAY	OCT. 16 - 20
FRIDAY	OCT. 23 - 27

device, so brush containing nails, metal, stones or excessive dirt will not be picked up.

■ For safety sake, vines and branches with thorns will not be picked up.

■ Limbs must be between 3 feet and 10 feet in length and between 1/2 inch and 8 inches in diameter. Shorter branches, twigs and clippings should be placed in yard waste bags and/or cans to be picked up by Rumpke on your regular waste collection day.

■ Brush and limbs must be placed at the edge of road or along the curb with the "cut" ends of brush toward the

street in small piles. Please do not create large stacks or interwoven piles with "cut" ends placed in different directions as this makes the material difficult for crews to separate for collection.

■ Brush piles that are tied into bundles or are tangled will not be picked up.

■ Stumps, root balls and logs are not to be placed curbside for brush collection, but may be placed out for waste collection on regularly scheduled day.

■ Each item should weigh no more than 60 pounds each.

For additional information regarding the curbside brush pick-up service, contact City Hall at 891-2424. Please note that dates for next spring's collection program have not yet been determined, but will be announced in an upcoming Montgomery Bulletin.

Plant bulbs now for beautiful spring blooms

Hardy bulbs provide some of the earliest bloom in spring gardens. Planting can occur from mid-August until the soil freezes. Daffodils, however, are best planted in September or early October, because they require a longer period for root development. Bulbs should be stored in a cool and well-ventilated area until planted.

Choose a planting site in full sun, but with protection from the hottest midday summer sun. Planting under or near large deciduous trees that cast filtered shade works well. Plants in full sun will bloom earlier than those in partial shade. A few plants that withstand partial shade include daffodils; Triumph, Parrot, and Fosterana tulips; some hardy lilies; some Crocus; Siberian squill (Scilla); checkered lily (Fritillaria); and some windflowers (Anemone).

Soil of a medium sandy-loam texture is ideal because it provides good aeration and

drainage. Bulbs must not be planted in areas of poor drainage. If soil is a heavy clay, mix it with one-third to one-half organic material such as peat moss, compost, or aged bark. Raised beds also provide good drainage. Soil pH should be between 6.0 and 7.0.

Work soil 12 inches deep; loose soil below the bulb is important for good root development. Incorporate three pounds of a complete fertilizer (such as a 5-10-10) per 100 square feet as you are preparing the soil.

Recommended planting depths are given to the bottom of the bulb. For hyacinths, plant six inches deep; tulips, six inches or deeper; and daffodils, six to eight inches deep. Smaller bulbs in these groups and the minor bulbs are planted shallower. Large bulbs should be spaced four to six inches apart; small bulbs one to two inches. For a greater effect, plant in clumps or irregular

masses rather than singly.

Once planted, replace half the depth of soil, then water. Finish covering with soil and water again. If fall weather is dry, water as needed to promote good root development. Mulch may be placed over newly planted areas once the soil has frozen to a depth of one to two inches. This keeps soil frozen and prevents alternate freezing and thawing, which may cause the soil to heave and injure newly planted bulbs.

Mulch can be placed over bulbs to extend the root development period. Mulch can also be used to keep prepared soil from freezing. This method can be used for bulbs, such as hardy lilies, that cannot be obtained until very late in the season. After planting and as soon as soil has frozen to a depth of one to two inches, replace mulch.

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ALL AROUND TOWN...

Kiwanis Art Show planned Sept. 17

The annual Kiwanis Art Show is planned for Sunday, September 17, on Montgomery Road in the heart of the

Montgomery historic district. Acclaimed as one of the finest in the Tri-State area, the show will feature more than 100 artists who will display their work. (*Montgomery Road will*

be closed to traffic from Cooper Road to Main Street.) The Art Show begins around noon and ends at 5 p.m.

Prize money is awarded, including the Best-of-

Show award to the top artist and an art scholarship to the best high school junior or senior artist. Four prominent art judges make their decisions around 4 p.m. for prize money; however, ribbons are awarded during the afternoon. Thousands of art works are available for sale.

Proceeds from the Art Show are used every year by Montgomery Kiwanis to support charitable work locally, nationally, and world wide.

MWC Lecture Series begins Sept. 27-28

On September 27 & 28, Bill Hemmer of Fox News will open the 44th season of the Town Hall Lecture Series, sponsored by the Montgomery Woman's

Club, Inc. Other guests this season include:

October 25 & 26
Jane Seymour

November 29 & 30
James Bradley

February 14 & 15, 2007
Candice DeLong

March 21 & 22, 2007
Joel Siegel

Wednesday and Thursday morning lectures are presented at 11 a.m. in the theater at Kings Island. The Wednesday evening lecture takes place at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of Sycamore Junior High School. The cost for the entire series is \$90.

For ticket information, call 513-684-1632 or visit the MWC web site at www.angelfire.com/oh3/montgomery.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS
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4	Labor Day Concert	Blue Ash Town Square	6 pm
4	City Offices Closed in observance of Labor Day		
4	Montgomery City Pool Closes		
6	Council Business Session	City Hall	7 pm
8	Health District Immunizations	Good Shepherd Church	8:30-11:30 am
11	Beautification Comm.	City Hall	9 am
11	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
13	Landmarks Commission	City Hall	7 pm
14	Parks & Recreation Commission	Dulle Park	6:30 pm
15	Gangsters & Gals Progressive Dinner <i>(see article on page _)</i>		
16	Cardboard Recycling	7315 Cornell Road	10 am - 1 pm
17	Kiwanis Art Show	Downtown Montgomery	12-5 pm
18	Arts Commission	City Hall	5 pm
19	Sister Cities Commission	City Hall	7 pm
20	Council Work Session	City Hall	7 pm
25	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
25	Environmental Advisory Group	City Hall	7:00 pm
26	Board of Zoning Appeals	City Hall	7:30 pm
28	Volunteer Fair	City Hall	9-11 am & 4:30 - 7 pm
30	Fall Plant Swap	City Hall Parking Lot	9-11 am