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Recycling Pick-up 101

Rumpke will pick up recyclables the same day as your trash pick-up. Place items in your recycling bin, then place at the curb with your trash. If you need a recycling bin, they are available at City Hall.

Acceptable items for recycling include:

Cans: aluminum cans, steel and tin food cans, and empty aerosol cans. Please rinse and flatten the cans.

Plastic: Bottles and containers displaying the #1 or #2 on the bottom can be included. Please rinse, flatten and remove caps and lids.

Glass: Any glass bottle or jar with the lids removed.

Newspaper, magazines and phone books: Please place these in a brown paper grocery sack to prevent them from becoming loose and blowing away.

Cardboard: Cardboard may be recycled at the curb, but must be broken down to a size not to exceed 2 feet by 2 feet, in order to fit on the conveyor at the recycling plant. You can also take cardboard to the Montgomery Service Department at 7315 Cornell Road on the third Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Upscale development proposed in City

At a special February 28 meeting, the Montgomery City Planning Commission approved a General Development Plan and accompanying Planned Unit Development (PUD) regulations for the "Vintage Club at the Reserve," a 70 acre mixed use development north of Gate of Heaven Cemetery. The project is being developed by Great Traditions, the same company responsible for the adjoining Reserve of Montgomery.

The Vintage Club is comprised of four distinct "neighborhoods" that will combine to provide a



wide variety of housing and commercial options. The eastern portion of the property, which abuts Weller Park and a small

portion of the existing residential Reserve of Montgomery, will include 40 estate homes similar

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2005 City tax returns due April 17

Tax forms and/or extension requests are due on or before April 17 to the Tax Office. If your envelope is postmarked on or before the April 17 date, the return and/or extension request will be considered to be "on time."

Earnings Tax Office offers extended hours

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

Monday, April 3 (8 am - 6 pm)

Saturday, April 8 (9 am - noon)

Tuesday, April 11 (8 am - 6 pm)

Saturday, April 15 (9 am - noon)

Monday, April 17 (8 am - 6 pm)

Taxpayers should bring W-2 form(s), applicable Federal 1040 form and any supporting federal schedules to receive appropriate assistance. The Tax Office will prepare your local return without cost. Appointments are not needed. Montgomery tax returns and/or

extension requests are due on or before **APRIL 17** this year.

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

Thanks for the input...

Thanks to everyone who attended the March 9th public hearing on the dog park issue at Pioneer Park. The matter will now be referred to the Montgomery Parks and Recreation Commission for its study and recommendation back to City Council. Once this study is complete, the commission will make its recommendation to City Council, which will then make its decision. For dates of upcoming meetings, please refer to the calendar in your newsletter or check the city website, www.montgomeryohio.org for meeting notices.

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



The week of April 23 has been designated as National Volunteer Week, an annual opportunity to recognize the contributions of volunteers nationwide.

Montgomery volunteers continue to enhance our community's lifestyle and maximize the taxpayer's dollar by generously sharing their time and a myriad of talents.

Making a long term commitment, 63 volunteers serve in a leadership capacity on one of our City's 10 boards or commissions. These teams are the backbone of our Volunteer Program. Over 500 additional volunteers, however, prefer an "episodic" approach and assist with projects or bring our community together by assisting at the City's special events.

A grateful "THANK YOU" is extended to each and every one of these volunteers who are making a difference in our community.

COUNCIL CORNER

Public Hearings scheduled on April 5 prior to regular City Council meeting

Montgomery City Council is scheduled to conduct public hearings on April 5th at the City Hall. The public hearings will begin at 5:30 p.m., with public comment welcomed. The public hearings include:

An Application for the Redevelopment of 70 acres currently owned by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati at the Gate of Haven Cemetery on Montgomery Road. The applicant, Great Traditions Development Group, Inc. is proposing to rezone 13.745 acres along Montgomery Road from "A" Single Family Residential to "LB" Limited Business and develop a mixed use commercial/residential center in this area. They are also proposing to rezone 27.917 acres from "A" Single Family

Residential to "D-3" Multi Family Residential. Finally they are requesting that a Planned Unit Development (PUD) overlay zoning classification be established for the 27.917 acres proposed for "D-3", the 13.745 proposed for "LB" Limited Business, and the remaining 28.728 acres currently zoned "A" Single Family Residential. As part of the PUD zoning Request, the applicant is submitting a general development site plan for this area.

Rezoning properties identified in the Montgomery Gateway Plan to the proposed new "OMG" Old Montgomery Gateway. The district is generally located between the downtown core district and Cross County Highway.

Montgomery City Council will meet in its regular monthly business session on April 5th 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 adopting amendments to the Montgomery Zoning Code (3rd Reading)
- An Ordinance amending Chapter 154: Water Management, Sediment Control And Flood Damage Prevention (3rd Reading)
- An Ordinance adopting Gateway District Regulations (3rd Reading)
- 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

- 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
- A Resolution accepting a bid and authorizing lawn mowing contracts in the City during 2006

- An Ordinance establishing schedules of municipal compensation and declaring
- An Ordinance establishing the Environmental Advisory Commission
- An Ordinance rezoning property abutting Montgomery Road and Main Street from a point south of Cooper Road to

Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway

- 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

Recent Council Actions

MARCH 1ST BUSINESS SESSION

- An Ordinance extending Gateway Interim Development Control Overlay District (passed 7-0)
- A Resolution terminating the Streetlight Assessment Program (passed 7-0)
- An Ordinance enacting/adopting the 2006 Recodification to the Code of Ordinances and declaring an emer-

gency (passed 7-0)

- An Ordinance amending Chapter 154: Water Management, Sediment Control And Flood Damage Prevention (passed 1st reading, 7-0)
- An Ordinance adopting amendments to the Montgomery Zoning Code (passed 1st reading, 7-0)
- An Ordinance adopting Gateway District Regulations (passed 1st reading, 7-0)

MARCH 22ND WORK SESSION

- An Ordinance amending Chapter 154: Water Management, Sediment Control And Flood Damage Prevention (passed 2nd reading, 6-0)
- An Ordinance Adopting Amendments to the Montgomery Zoning Code (passed 2nd reading, 6-0)
- An Ordinance Adopting Gateway District Regulations (passed 2nd reading, 6-0)

Redesigned City website offers advances

If you have logged on the City website lately, you've experienced a much more user-friendly experience. Launched on March 1, the new website e-government system greatly enhanced the ability for the City to conduct online transactions with residents and businesses. It also reduces the cost to provide e-government services by 70 percent annually, making more efficient use of tax dollars.

The new features on the City of Montgomery website, (www.montgomeryohio.org) that have been enhanced or added are:

Action Notices: gives residents and local businesses a convenient way to use the Internet to make suggestions, request information, and request

action for items ranging from reporting a pothole to a question on large item pickup.

Public Access: Access to City Documents has been increased and the new online document manager

provides a convenient way to use the Internet to access and search for all public documents, such as agendas, construction schedules, and codes or ordinances.

Online Payments: Payments options for lodge reservations, pool passes, and commemorative gifts are now easier to navigate, search and purchase.

Registration: Starting this spring, you can register for City Classes, Recreation and Events. Signing up for kids

programming, fitness classes, camps and events has never been easier. You will also be able to subscribe to recreation notifications on specific program groupings so that you are aware of all the upcoming opportunities.

A page dedicated to language and web site translation was also added. This page allows a user to translate the site to many different languages making the website now useable for a larger range of web site visitors.

Recognizing the needs of all visitors, the City redesigned the web site using techniques to increase accessibility to people with limited dexterity, vision limitations and other disabilities moving the City of Montgomery to be in compliance with furthering the ADA initiatives. These techniques also make the site usable on a larger range of devices such as web-enabled cell phones and Personal Digital Assistants (PDA).



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

Plan NOW... you may not have time later

The unseasonably warm winter and almost surreal winter thunderstorms have served as a reminder of the approaching tornado season in the Midwest. In Ohio, the peak tornado season runs from April through mid-July. Planning ahead will lower the chance of injury, or even death, in the event that a tornado strikes.

In developing a tornado plan, strongly consider a weather radio alarm that can alert you to dangerous weather conditions 24-hours a day.

During a tornado emergency or warning, the following information could be invaluable in protecting your family:

AT HOME: Go to the basement and sit under a sturdy object, such as a workbench. If there is no basement, a small room in the middle of the house (a closet or bathroom) is best. Always stay away from outside walls and windows.

AT WORK OR SCHOOL: Stay away from large open rooms like auditoriums and gymnasiums, and rooms with windows. Lie low with hands covering the back of your head and neck to minimize potential injury.

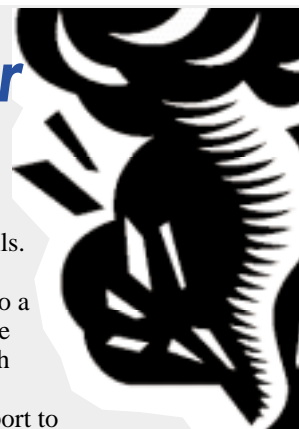
IN A SHOPPING MALL: Go to a designated shelter area or to the center of the building on a low level. Stay away from large open rooms and windows. Never seek shelter in cars in the parking lot.

ON THE ROAD: Never try to outrun a tornado that is posing an immediate threat. Park your vehicle and seek shelter. If a sturdy structure is not readily available, find a ditch or low spot in the ground. Stay away from cars and trees, which may become airborne.

IN GENERAL: Always be mindful of the unbelievable force of high winds. Even small objects can become deadly

missiles. Stay away from windows or exterior walls. Try to locate yourself next to a sturdy structure or object which could provide structural support to protect you from heavy falling debris. Lie down and use your hands to cover your head and neck to minimize injury.

THE AFTERMATH: Emergency help usually arrives within minutes. Keep family members together. If possible, wait for help to begin rescue efforts. Stay out of damaged buildings, which may collapse without warning. Be mindful of a potential gas leak, even in buildings without heavy damage. Never use a match or open flame device to check darkened areas; instead, use a flashlight.



Annual Safety Center open house is April 29

The 9th annual Safety Center Open House in Montgomery has been scheduled for Saturday, April 29, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will spotlight both the Montgomery Police and Fire Departments.

The open house provides an opportunity to meet many of the staff that protects the City 24 Hours a day, 365 Days a year.

Tours of the Safety Center will be provided as well as events, demonstrations and booths for all ages. Special events include, prize drawings, free food and refreshments, and a landing of The UC Air Care Helicopter (weather permitting).

The Montgomery Safety Center is located at 10150 Montgomery Rd. Due to limited parking at the event, extra parking is available at St. Barnabas Church, 10345 Montgomery Rd., just north of the Safety Center.

Terry's Tree Tips

It's time to tend to the rose garden

Early spring is a time of great activity in the rose garden as you prepare for the beautiful buds that will be sprouting almost any day. Here's a summary of what needs to be done in order to prepare your roses for the tough growing season that lies ahead.

■ If you covered your roses with dirt or other protective winter coverings, your first step is to gently remove the protective materials and any decaying debris so you can introduce your dormant bushes to the warming spring sun and rains that lie ahead.

■ Your spring pruning activities should include cutting back any dead and damaged canes that did not survive the winter.

■ Prepare the soil to nurture your plants by adding organic

material from your favorite garden supplier, or you can mix up your own recipe using composted manure, mushroom

compost, or any meal blend which can include alfalfa, cottonseed, fish or blood meal.

■ Work your soil with a spade or other tool if it has become too compacted during the winter or if you notice

standing water after watering your plants. Now is a good time to plant any new additions to your rose garden.

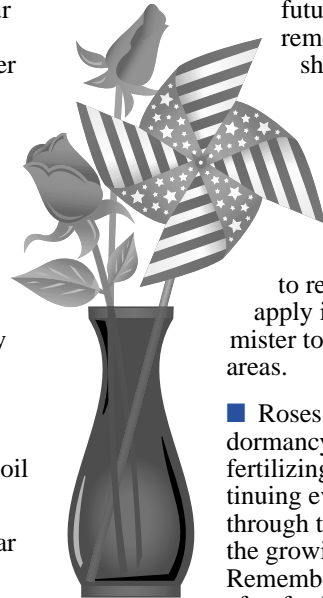
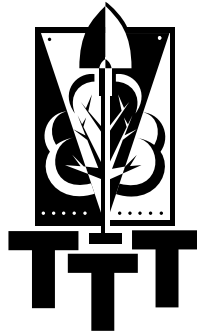
■ Remember roses require well-drained soil to thrive.

■ Throughout the year you need to be prepared to control fun-

gus, pests and to fertilize. Fungicide spraying can be done within 14 days after pruning.

■ Remember to rotate through different fungicides during the year to prevent any fungi from becoming immune to any one product. Pesticide use should only include plans to control future damage, but remember to keep a sharp eye out for aphids which are as much a sign of spring as April showers. Hit aphids with a blast of water to remove them, or apply insecticide in a mister to the affected areas.

■ Roses are coaxed from dormancy to budding by fertilizing early and continuing every other week through the remainder of the growing season. Remember to water well after feeding!



New development proposed... *continued from page 1*

to the Reserve. Directly west of the estate lots will be a long cul de sac of 'villa' homes, 20 upscale single family detached residences. The north side of the property abutting Harpers Point will be developed with 50 courtyard homes that offer a premier empty nester housing opportunity on smaller lots. Finishing out the residential component will be 100 condominiums which will be housed in four buildings, each with three floors located on the fringe of a commercial village. The commercial village, located along Montgomery Road, will have a mix of office, retail and entertainment uses.

The City is requiring that the commercial section follow the same architectural design guidelines that were recently

adopted for the commercial corridor between Schoolhouse and the Heritage District. The City is also working closely with Great Traditions on a proposal to provide an underground parking garage for the commercial village.

The Vintage Club project has received approval from the Ohio Department of Transportation for a traffic signal at the entrance from Montgomery Road. It is anticipated that most of the traffic for the project will use this entrance. A second entrance has been designed to connect to Kemper Road near the ballfields of Good Shepherd Church. The City is requiring improvements to Kemper Road to help alleviate traffic congestion along Kemper. Restrictions will be installed to prevent traffic from cutting

through Montgomery to Kemper. The City is also working closely with the applicant and ODOT to coordinate the construction of this project with the pending widening of Montgomery Road.

The next step in the approval process is a public hearing before City Council. Since the establishment of the Planned Unit Development Overlay constitutes a zoning change, Council must approve the Vintage Club by ordinance. The legislation will require three separate readings by Council. If approved, construction could begin as early as May. Great Traditions has indicated — if all goes well a commitment has been given from the Homebuilders Association to host the 2007 Homearama in the estate lot section.

Week of pick-up determined by day of trash service

Curbside brush pick-up begins May 1

The Service Department will provide a spring and fall curbside collection of bulk brush and limbs. The spring program is scheduled to begin on May 1 and continue over a five week period. The week of pick-up in each neighborhood will be determined by the day of regular trash pick-up.

<u>TRASH PICK-UP DAY</u>	<u>WEEK OF BRUSH PICK-UP</u>
MONDAY	MAY 1 - 5
TUESDAY	MAY 8 - 12
WEDNESDAY	MAY 15 - 19
THURSDAY	MAY 22 - 26
FRIDAY	MAY 29 - JUNE 2

Since a daily schedule for each neighborhood cannot be predetermined, residents are encouraged to place their materials curbside on the Sunday night of their respective collection week.

The curbside collection is undertaken manually by Service Department personnel and placed into a brush chipper. The following guidelines have been established for the bulk brush collection program:

Collection Guidelines:

- *Brush containing nails,*

metal, stones or excessive dirt will not be picked up.

- *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.

- *Stumps, root balls and logs are not to be placed curbside for brush collection but may be placed out for yard waste collection on regularly scheduled trash days. Each item, however, cannot weigh more than 60 pounds.*

- *Each item should weigh no more than 60 pounds each.*

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

For additional information, contact City Hall at 891-2424. Brush collection will occur again in the fall starting in late September. Watch for the exact dates to be announced in the September issue of the *Montgomery Bulletin*.

Greasers & Skirts Dinner Night Out set May 12

On Friday, May 12, you'll think its the 1950s when Montgomery hosts this nostalgic party from 7 to 11:30 p.m. 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. Bring your gum smacking attitudes to this dinner and gaming night at Montgomery Inn.

Tickets go on sale April 17 at City Hall and are 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 rock-n-roll 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 tickets and info or check online at www.montgomeryohio.org.

Plant Swap slated for April 29

Spring has finally sprung and with it comes an opportunity to trade perennials with your neighbors at the 11th annual Spring Plant Swap. Sponsored by the Beautification and Tree Commission, the event is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, from 9-11 a.m. in the city Hall parking lot. Those wishing to take plants home should come prepared with bags or containers for transporting plants. Flower bulbs and tubers are also welcome at the "Swap."

An additional feature of this year's event is a brief workshop conducted by Terry Willenbrink, Service Dept. Supervisor and City Arborist, who will share information and provide a "hands on" planting demonstration of the City's famous "Montgomery Hanging Basket." Stop by, meet other garden lovers, share perennials and garden tidbits of information and attend either the 9:30 am or 10:30 am workshop.

Did you know?

The new City website has a section called "Action Line" where residents can post questions or requests for services 24/7 from their home or office. Here you can send messages or questions to your City Council, make suggestions, find frequently asked questions, report property maintenance issues such as junk cars or high grass, request address signs, request child car seat inspections, register alarms, register sidewalk, street and sewer maintenance issues, report street light outages, report traffic issues and volunteer for commissions, events or other episodic volunteer opportunities that are available, just to name a few. All you need to do is create an on-line profile for yourself so that the City can get back with you, if necessary, and help with your requests or concerns. Any questions regarding this system or how to get yourself registered can be directed to city hall, 891-2424.

Can you help with annual Beautification Day?

Volunteers will be “digging in” to plant thousands of annuals in our

City’s medians and ramps on Saturday, May 20, from 9 am-12 pm. Individuals,

families, neighborhood groups, civic organizations, churches and businesses are all encouraged to participate in this highly visible project that “beautifies” our community in just a few hours. Children, supervised by adults, must be 13 years of age to participate.

The week of May 14 is designated as Children’s Park Planting Week. Flowerbeds are reserved in several of the City’s parks for school groups and scout troops to plant, along with adult supervision.

For more information on either of these projects or to reserve a flowerbed, contact Joyce Yock (792-8329).

Join the team that helps the environment

Do your share to improve our community’s environment by participating in the nation’s largest organized litter removal project—the Great American Clean Up.

Montgomery will participate in this national endeavor on Saturday, April 29, from 9 am-12 pm. The project focus will be to remove litter from our roadsides and to spruce up our City’s parks. Volunteers will meet in the City Hall parking lot for registration, project assignments, distribution of supplies and light refreshments.

Individuals, families, scout troops, civic organizations, church groups and businesses are all encouraged to join over 2 million volunteer across the country that are “Making a Difference.”

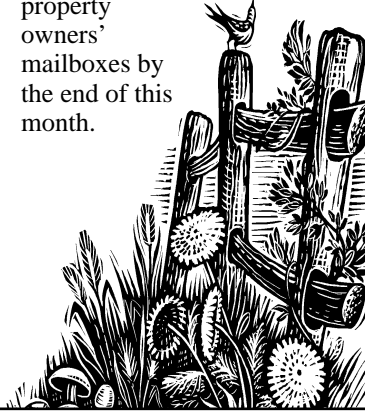
Contact Joyce Yock at 792-8329 for more information.

Help eliminate the “Eye Sores”

The Beautification and Tree Commission is spearheading a “Sidewalk Weed Control” Program. Concerned about the unsightly appearance of weeds growing between the sidewalk pavers, the commission is striving to educate our community members about sidewalk maintenance before the weeds emerge.

The informative post card will include both chemical and

organic options for treating weeds and should be in property owners’ mailboxes by the end of this month.



Green thumbs welcomed for project

For the past several years the hanging baskets that decorated Montgomery’s streetscape have been the talk of the town. The City has received countless accolades from both residents and visitors to our community. Now’s your chance to join the team of volunteers with this annual project that results in

approximately 220 planted City baskets!

Volunteers will meet at the Service Center Bldg. (7315 Cornell Rd.) on Monday, April 17, and Tuesday, April 18, from 9 am to 2 pm. This is a great opportunity to socialize

with other garden lovers and to share flower information while sharing your time and energy to beautify our City. Any amount of time that you can contribute will be immensely appreciated! Please contact Joyce Yock (792-8329) for sign up.

“Adopt-a Bed” Program makes debut for spring

Do you enjoy the beautiful flower beds throughout Montgomery every summer? Each spring numerous volunteers gather to plant the annuals that the City purchases and waters throughout the growing season. The flowers are selected by members of the Beautification and Tree Commission who are currently recruiting dedicated volunteers to “Adopt” a flowerbed in our community. Responsibilities from June

through September include checking the designated bed twice a month, removing weeds and deadheading as needed. The commission would also welcome your input on the plants to assist with next year’s selection process. Training will be available for those who wish it and beds will be assigned on a first come basis. Contact commission member, Jodi Keith, (984-2150) to request a flowerbed to nurture in your favorite park.



"Appraisal in the Park" planned May 7

Perhaps grandma's wonderful, antique vase has more than just sentimental value?

Perhaps it also is valuable monetarily?

Attending the "Appraisal in the Park," sponsored by the Arts Commission, will provide the answer. Mark Mallette, ASA, CAI, of Mallette & Associates, Inc., will be on site to provide a verbal appraisal of antiques and collectibles on Sunday, May 7, from 1-4 pm at Terwilliger Lodge in Dulle Park (10530 Deerfield Rd.) A \$5 fee will be charged for each appraisal, with a maximum of three appraisals items per person.

Register and pre-pay in advance at City Hall to obtain a time slot priority. Registrations taken on event day will follow.

Light refreshments and raffle items will also be available at the event. Contact Joyce Yock (792-8329) for information.

April Volunteer Opportunities

- July 4th Festival in the Park-Event Planning Committee
- July 4th Parade-Event Planning Committee
- July 4th Pet Show-Event Planning Committee
- Butterfly Garden Maintenance Project
- Service Dept. Recycling Project
- Hanging Basket Planting Project
- Great American Clean Up Project
- Finance & Payroll Depts. Clerical Assistance
- Arbor Day Tree Seedling Bagging & Tagging Project
- Holiday Tree Light Repair & Inventory Project
- Victorian bench restoration



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

Co-Chairs sought for the July 4th Parade & Festival events

Two of the City's long time event traditions are looking for fresh ideas from community members that enjoy working on various aspects of event planning to help produce a successful, community happening. For the parade Co-Chair position, assistance is needed with recruitment of parade entries, publicity, registration data entry and parking lot coordination.

The July 4th Festival Co-Chair's focus would include restaurant recruitment, event logistics and set up.

This is a great opportunity for community members to share their creativity, current skills and talents, and to gain additional event coordination experience.

If you are interested in learning more about these events and the role of the Co-Chairs, please contact Joyce Yock (792-8329).

Mardi Gras comes to Montgomery

Queen, Marcellene Shockey (jester) and King Gerry Houchell (paparazzi) donned in Mardi Gras crowns, share the limelight as winners of the costume contest at the first, annual Mardi Gras Celebration sponsored by the Sister Cities Commission.

In the bottom photo, from center to right, guests Bill Cleary, Nancy Cleary, Bev Smith, and Chris Smith dine with "Dixie Four" band members Martin Giesbrecht, Jacque Shoemaker, Rod Guenther and Tom Vanden Eynden.



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 Swaim Park) Monday - Wednesday, June 19 - 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Take a detailed look at dinosaurs, their teeth, strength, height and diet. Spend some time with dinosaurs at the Cincinnati Museum Center in the Natural History Museum. 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! *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 will be held at Camp Joy to take on the challenge of honing your skills with a bow an arrow. Learn to shoot from a distance and even compete in a skills challenge. *Cost: \$65 Min: 15 Max: 25*

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*

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.*

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, Wyandot Lake, 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! Registration begins at City Hall on April 17.*

Looking for a summer job? Check out the back page.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Registration for pass holders begins May 2.
Non-pass holders may begin registration May 16.

- Session A:** June 5 - 15 (Registration May 2 to June 5)
Session B: June 19 - 29 (Registration June 15 to 2 pm, June 18)
Session C: July 10 - 20 (Registration June 29 to 2 pm, July 9)
Session D: July 24 - Aug. 3 (Registration July 20 to 2 pm, July 23)

Swim lessons are offered Monday through Thursday for a two-week time frame, with Fridays as a make-up day in case of cancellation. 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.

Lesson Times & Levels				
	Session A	Session B	Session C	Session D
9:00 a.m.	1 2 6 8	1 4 7	4 5	4 5
9:35 a.m.	1 2 3 7	1 2 6 8	1 8	1 8
10:15 a.m.	2 3 8	2 3	2 3 8	2 3 8
6:00 p.m.	1 3 7	1 3 7	2 4 7	2 4
6:35 p.m.	2 4 6	2 4 6	1 3 6	1 3

Skill Levels

Skill levels detailed at www.montgomeryohio.org

- LEVEL 1 WATER EXPLORATION:** child must be able to leave parent and test water
- LEVEL 2 PRIMARY SKILLS:** comfortable up to 2 feet of water; able to submerge
- LEVEL 3 STROKE READINESS:** able to float; able to use arm stroke and kick 5 yards
- LEVEL 4 STROKE DEVELOPMENT:** able to swim front crawl with rhythmic breathing for 20 yards and swim back crawl
- LEVEL 5 STROKE REFINEMENT:** able to dive in deep water; able to perform front, back, breast and side strokes for 15 yards

Special Classes

Levels 6 7 & 8

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: (LEVEL 8) The 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.

POOL RENTALS AVAILABLE

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.

TWO HOUR POOL RENTAL

Guests	Lifeguards Required	Cost
1 - 99	3 Lifeguards	\$300
100 - 149	4 Lifeguards	\$350
150 - 400	5 Lifeguards	\$400

The gazebo shelter will be available for group rentals at the rate of \$30 per the first hour and \$10 for each additional hour. Groups that rent the shelter will be allowed to bring food into the pool area to be served

and eaten under the shelter. A group rate fee for non-members will be charged at \$2.50 per person upon entering the facility the date of the event.

Reservations can be made in advance by contacting City Hall at 891-2424. Detailed rental information and contracts are posted at www.montgomeryohio.org under pool or rentals.

POOL MEMBERSHIPS

	Resident	Business	Non-Res
Family	\$200	\$260	\$395
Singles	\$100	\$125	\$175
Seniors	\$75	\$85	\$95

Resident Couple: \$145

Resident Family plus

Childcare Provider: . . . \$280

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

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.

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, from 1 to 4 p.m. Participants will enjoy a variety of sports. Three age groups will be offered to provide plenty of fun and challenge for participants. Participants will receive a sports ball, T-shirt and merit certificate.

Participants must bring:

- Shin Guards (recommended for soccer)
- Baseball Glove
- T-shirt/shorts/sweats/socks (i.e., appropriate clothing)
- Shoes (running shoes are fine; no black soles)

AGES 8 - 14

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

AGES 3 - 4

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

AGES 5 - 7

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

SKYHAWKS LACROSSE

Ages 9-14

(Meet at Weller Park) Monday-Thursday, July 10-13, from 4-7 p.m. Participants will enjoy a fun series 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. Our lacrosse program is low-contact and skill-based. Participant-to-coach ratio is approximately 12:1. Lacrosse participants will receive a T-shirt and a merit award filled out by their coach. \$60 Min: 12 Max: 32

Lacrosse participants must bring:

- Protective gloves AND elbow pads
- Mouthpiece/ Helmet with full mask (for boys only & co-ed lacrosse)
- Goggles (for girls only lacrosse)
- Lacrosse stick
- Shoulder pads (recommended)
- T-shirt/shorts/sweats/socks (i.e., appropriate clothing)

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 5-8. Participants will enjoy a fun week of skill-building activities designed to learn stick handling, cradling, passing, shooting, and defensive skills. All programs are co-ed unless otherwise listed. Our soft lacrosse program is non-contact and skill-based. Participant-to-coach ratio is approximately 12:1. Participants will receive a T-shirt and a merit award filled out by their coach. Cost: \$60 Min: 12 Max: 32

Soft Lacrosse participants must bring:

- Protective gloves AND elbow pads (recommended)
- T-shirt/shorts/sweats/socks (i.e., appropriate clothing)
- Shoes (running shoes are fine)
- Sunscreen

SKYHAWKS CHEERLEADING

(Meet at Dulle Park) Monday - Thursday, June 26-29, from 4-7 p.m.; Group A meets from 9 a.m. - 12; Group B meets from 5-8 p.m.) 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. Participants may also be cheering for other Skyhawks programs, (usually football or basketball). Participant-to-coach ratio is approximately 14:1. Cheerleading participants will receive pom-poms, T-shirt and a merit award filled out by their coach. Cost: \$60 Min: 12 Max: 32

Cheerleading participants must bring:

- T-shirt/Shorts/Shoes (running shoes are fine)

SPORTS

TENNIS

(Meet in Weller Park) Mondays, June 5, 12 & 19; PeeWees (5-7) meet from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.; Juniors (8-15) meet from 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Adults (16+) meet from 6:30-8 p.m.

Learn the basics of tennis through group lessons.

Instruction is provided by local tennis pro from Harper's Point on stance, strokes, and scoring. Register at City Hall by May 31. Makeup date(s) added to end if raining. Cost (all ages): \$15.



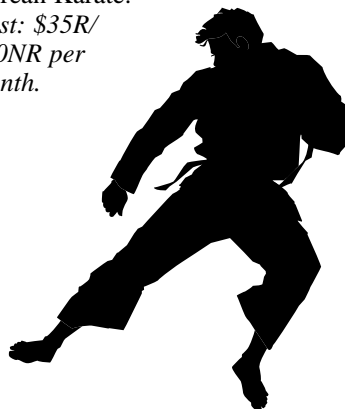
GOLF

(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. Tee Up! Group golf lessons at King's Island Golf Center. There are limited openings, so register NOW at City Hall. 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

EVERY Monday and Wednesday at Annex Building; Group 1: 6:30 -7:30 p.m.; Group 2: 7:30-8:30 p.m. 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. Cost: \$35R/\$40NR per month.



THE 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, plus 4 or 5 events. This fun event offers 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 will participate in league fun meets, local road and criterium races, learn to ride on the Major Taylor Velodrome in Indianapolis, and learn how to participate in the sport of bicycle racing the rest of the year. The series is taught by experienced and nationally certified cycling coaches. Riders must supply a properly functioning bike and proper safety helmet.

The schedule includes eight 90-minute Monday evening practice sessions. 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.

AND MORE

KIDS' SPRINGTIME SWAP/TRADE

Ages 8 - 15
(Municipal Pool Parking Lot) Saturday, April 29, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Kids from 8 to 15 are invited to participate in a little spring cleaning by bringing out their books, toys and collectables to sell for cash or swap for different stuff. This year's event is to be held along the sidewalk at the municipal pool to run in conjunction with the Fire and Police Open House and Montgomery Cyclery's Bike Maintenance Clinic (bring your bike for a spring tune-up!). Register at City Hall for a table or call 891-2424 to get your reservation in now. Tables limited to 20. Cost \$5 per table



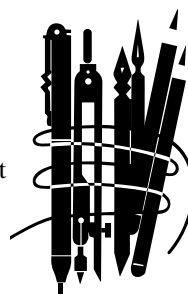
SPRING BIKE TUNE-UP

Saturday, April 29, during the Safety Center Open House from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. **FREE** for the whole family, courtesy of Montgomery Cyclery. Springtime calls up the urge to get out and go for a family bike ride, but those bikes have sat all winter and are probably in need of a good tune-up! So, bring your bicycle to the Safety Center for a **FREE** spring tune-up from the experts at Montgomery Cyclery. Seat and handlebar adjustments, brake and tire check, chain tune-up and helmet fittings will be provided as part of the Police and Fire Open House. Plan to meet your local fire and police personnel, tour their vehicles and take advantage of some of the other services available at the open house



DRAWING LANDSCAPES WITH EASE

Ages: Teens and Adults
Saturday, May 13, from 1-4 p.m. Bring any drawing art supplies for experimentation This Outdoor Workshop is planned for Pioneer Park in the Gazebo, 10505 Deerfield Road. 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 drawing art supplies for experimentation (pastels, Ultra fine point Sharpie, ball point pens, etc). Cost: \$30/person (sketch pad, pencils, crayons & erasers included)





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ALL AROUND TOWN...

Testing to begin soon for Police Officers

If you have ever thought about becoming a Police Officer, here's your opportunity. The Montgomery Police

Department will administer a test at Sycamore High School for full-time police officer on Saturday, May 20, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. Applications can be picked up at the

Montgomery Safety Center or can be downloaded online at www.montgomeryohio.org. Applications may be submitted through April 28. Call 985-1600 for more details.

Camp Counselors sought for summer parks programs

The City of Montgomery Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications for positions of Camp Counselors during several summer programs. Positions start at \$8 per hour. Stop by City Hall for an application. Applications must be returned by April 14.

If you "spring forward," will you also "change over"?

Twice a year, Americans begin—then end—observance of Daylight Savings Time. We "spring forward" and "fall back." But have you ever considered adding "change over" to the popular "spring forward/fall back" phrase?

When you change your clocks, it's a good time to also "change over" the batteries in smoke detectors to ensure they are operable.

It's also a good time to test non-battery-operated detectors as well to be certain they work.

You may want to briefly discuss with children what they should do if the alarms ever signal a fire. The pre-planning could be a life-saver!

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

APRIL • APRIL • APRIL • APRIL • APRIL

2	Daylight Savings Time Begins - Spring ahead one hour		
3	Arts Commission	City Hall	5 pm
3	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
5	Council Business Session	City Hall	7 pm
8	Help filing tax forms	City Hall	9 am - noon
8	Kiwanis Egg Hunt	Montgomery Park	10 am
10	Beautification Commission	City Hall	9 am
12	Landmarks Commission	City Hall	7 pm
13	Parks & Recreation Commission	City Hall	6:30 pm
14	Health District Immunizations	Safety Center	8:30 - 11:30 am
15	Cardboard Recycling	7315 Cornell Road	10 am - 1 pm
17	2004 City Income Taxes Due		
17	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
17	Basket planting project	Service Dept.	9 am
18	Basket planting project	Service Dept.	9 am
18	Sister Cities Commission	City Hall	7 pm
19	Council Work Session	City Hall	7 pm
24	Environmental Committee	City Hall	7 pm
25	Board of Zoning Appeals	City Hall	7:30 pm
29	Great American Clean Up Day	City Hall	9 am - noon
29	Spring Plant Swap	City Hall	9 - 11 am
29	Kids Garage Sale	Safety Center	11 am - 1 pm
29	Open House	Safety Center	11 am - 2 pm

Kiwanis to host Easter Egg Hunt on April 15

Hop on over to Montgomery Park at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 15, 2006, for the Kiwanis Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Children ages 1 to 14 years old are welcome to join in the race to find the candy. You and your family will even have a chance to meet the Easter Bunny in person!