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# Montgomery Bulletin

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## Computer/ Electronic Recycling Event

*If you have old computer or electronic equipment no longer needed, consider disposing of it in an ecologically friendly way. The Hamilton County Solid Waste District will sponsor its 5th annual Computer/Electronic Recycling Event during the summer.*

*For your convenience, the City of Montgomery is offering residents a local drop off site and will transport all electronic materials collected.*

*Equipment which can be dropped off for the collection includes: monitors, terminal, CPUs, scanners, printers, keyboards, mice, fax machines, cables, laptops, mainframes, tape and disk drives, cell phones, computer speakers, PDAs and backup batteries.*

*Items can be dropped off at the Service Facility, 7315 Cornell Road, across from Sycamore High School on June 29 (4 - 7 p.m.) or July 8 (10 a.m. - noon).*

*For more information, call City Hall at 891-2424.*

## Parade celebrates American pride

Montgomery's long time traditional "Salute to Freedom" will kick-off at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 4. Parade participants will be assigned to a designated assembly location on Cooper Road, proceed east to Montgomery Rd. and travel north to Montgomery Park where the parade will disperse and the Festival in the Park will be held from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

This year's parade will be even bigger and better with many new entries that include an official Town Crier, Annie Oakley & Company, Sycamore High School Signers, Montgomery's vintage police car, Blue Ash Hunt House replica, a lawn mower walking unit, Lady Liberty stilt walker, the Cincinnati Prowler Association and much, much more! And, of course, the parade would not be complete without the annual

appearance of the S. H. S. Marching Band, the Blue Chip Jazz Band, the Santa Goody Bag Band, a representation of military units, elected officials, vintage vehicles and floats.

Consider volunteering for this event by assisting with the parking lot assemblies, judging units, or sharing your convertible to transport elected officials. Call 792-8329 to help.

## July 4 Festival follows parade

Montgomery's July 4th Festival in Montgomery Park will provide a variety of entertainment from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., immediately following the Independence Day Parade.

The Blue Chip Jazz Band and the Kevin Fox Band will perform. Kids games, pony rides, food booths, the popular Pet Show, a moonwalk, and more will be featured at the event.

**Kids Activities:** Fun games for kids will be offered for prizes

Tickets are three for a \$1. The area will feature a Dunking Booth and Moonwalk.

**Pet Show:** Registration is from 12-12:30 p.m. Judging times: cats at 12:30 p.m., exotics at 12:45 p.m., dogs at 1 p.m.

**Food Selection:** A variety of food and drinks will be provided by the Blue Ash/Montgomery Rotary, Montgomery Fire Department,, Jimmy's BBQ, Rismiller Concessions, Donatos Pizza and Montgomery Presbyterian Church.

## Area businesses present July 3 patriotic concert

Ohio National Financial Services and Clossons will present this year's FREE Public Patriotic Concert in Montgomery Park on July 3. From 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., the Blue Ash /Montgomery Symphony will perform "Rhapsody in Red, White and Blues," a melodic presentation of patriotic and hometown Americana music.

This year's lineup includes a tribute to New Orleans Blues, vocals by Catherine Fishlock, along with classic patriotic tunes. A veterans salute will give the

oldest veteran present from each branch of the military a \$250 gift certificate to James Free Jewelers. Scout troop #258 will present the colors at the opening of the event. Local civic organizations such as the Rotary Club, BAMSO guild and the Boy Scouts will sell concessions.

Area businesses have partnered with the City of Montgomery to present this annual concert. In addition to the presenting sponsors of Ohio National

Financial Services and Clossons the following businesses have joined together to make the concert a success: Fifth Third Bank, Montgomery Square, Bethesda North Hospital, Key Bank, Cincinnati Pool Management, Donnellon, Donnellon & Miller Attorneys, Blue Ash/Montgomery Rotary Club, Tele-Vac Environmental, Frost Brown Todd LLC, Horan Associates, Gradison McDonald Financial Group, CDS Associates, Inc, Audio Visual Impact Inc., Germano's Fine Italian Restaurant and James Free Jewelers

C L O S S O N S



## 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 members of the Sycamore High School Art Club that shared their creative talents to repaint and artistically design four of the Safety Village structures for this summer's program.*

*Under the direction of art instructor, Margaret Copfer, the following students assisted with the project: Laura Fisher; Amar Singh; Rita Klofta; Shannon Powell; Danielle Doughty; Ruth Cho; Kristen Primus; Jen Lee; Anjali Alm-Basu and Allen Streck.*

*A grateful "Thank You" is extended to these students for making the safety village atmosphere more colorful for the young, program participants.*

# COUNCIL CORNER

Montgomery City Council will meet in its regular monthly business session on July 5 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:

- A resolution adopting a tax budget for 2007

- A resolution supporting the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program and authorizing the filing and execution of a grant request to the Ohio Attorney General's office for the continuing efforts of the D.A.R.E. program

- A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Hamilton County General Health

District for public health services during 2007

- A resolution adopting a five year strategic plan for the City of Montgomery

- A resolution accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into

a contract with R. B. Jergens Contractors, inc. for the 2006 Montgomery Gateway Streetscape and Access Drive improvements

- 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

## Recent Council Actions

### JUNE 7 BUSINESS SESSION

- A resolution accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Evans Landscaping, Inc. for the 2006 Swaim Park pond improvements (*passed 7-0*)

- A resolution accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with R.A. Miller Construction Co. Inc. for the 2006 curb replacement

program (*passed 7-0*)

- A resolution accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Bansal Construction Inc. for the Cooper Road and Main Street Signal Modifications Project (*passed 7-0*)

- A resolution accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Adleta, Inc. for the

2006 Weller Road Improvements Project (*passed 7-0*)

- A resolution approving the update of the Solid Waste Management Plan of the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District (*passed 7-0*)

- A resolution authorizing the sale of a 1993 International Saulsbury rescue pumper fire truck (*passed 7-0*)

## Cooper Road bridge work to begin July 5

The Ohio Department of Transportation will begin construction July 5 to repair and raise the Cooper Road bridge over I-71.

During construction, traffic over the bridge will be reduced to one lane until the project is completed on August 23. The bridge will be closed to ALL traffic from July 7 - 9. During the period when the bridge is reduced to one lane of travel, traffic will be controlled by a temporary traffic signal.

In the initial stage of the bridge project, pedestrians will need to utilize the existing sidewalk on the south side of the bridge so crews can relocate utility lines beneath the sidewalk on the north side of the bridge. No pedestrian traffic will be allowed during the



weekend of July 7-9.

Signs for sidewalk closures will be posted in advance of the

bridge work providing notice for pedestrians to cross Cooper Road at existing crosswalks at Village Green Drive or Delray Drive.

This work will increase vertical clearance for vehicles on I-71 as they pass beneath the Cooper Road bridge.

For additional information, residents may call Montgomery Public Works Director Bob Nikula at (513) 792-8311 or the Ohio Department of Transportation at (513) 932-3030.

# City's Bastille Day salute to be July 15

Montgomery's annual Bastille Day Celebration is planned for Saturday, July 15, from noon to 11 p.m. Festivities will be in Downtown Montgomery on Montgomery Road between Remington and Cooper Roads.

With the attitude and the artistic flair of the French, this traditional Montgomery Celebration will open for a day long mingling of fun, food, drinks and entertainment for the whole family to enjoy! Area restaurants will feature a variety of French cuisine and wine as well as the local favorites; ribs, pizza, funnel cakes, fries and beer.

Entertainment spotlights such talent as the rock and roller band the Menus, The Mistics smooth Motown, Red Idle classic rock, local favorite Ooh La La and the Greasers with 50s and 60s classics, clowns, Can Can Dancers and the Sycamore Community Band on the two stages. In the café guests can enjoy strolling artists, musicians and singers.

Montgomery Women's Club will raffle off two round-trip Air France tickets to France and tickets to their lecture series. The Montgomery Information booth will also have drawings throughout the day for gift baskets from local merchants.

The Universalist Church will have its doors open from 12-8 p.m. to showcase the following art exhibits: 2007 City Calendar Entries/S. H. S. Senior Art Students; 2006 Photo Contest Winning Entries; Pen Pal Letters/Neuilly-Plaisance Third Grade Students and the Recycled Sculpture Contest Entries.

The Kids' Cabaret (12-8 p.m.) will feature 8 games of chance and skill plus Winnie the Pooh "moonwalk" (ticket price-2/\$1); balloon sculptures and clowning antics by the Syrian Shrine Clown Unit with Face Painting by the Lady Shriners (12-5 p.m.); the 2nd

## Picnic to open Bastille Day

Montgomery's Bastille Day Celebration will begin with a family picnic on Friday, July 14, at 7 p.m. at Terwilliger's Lodge, Dulle Park. The event will feature wine, gourmet food and games. Food will be served by C'est Bon and La Petite France.

Cost for the dinner, including two drinks, is \$35 per person.

Annual Diaper Derby (4 p.m.); Children's Art Activities organized by the Arts Commission (4-6 p.m.).

Additional features in the Kids' Cabaret will be Sno Cones provided by the Parks & Recreation Commission and a raffle (\$1/chance) for a custom designed (winner's choice) corn hole set.

In addition to the Bastille Day Committee that coordinates a myriad of details for this annual event, numerous, additional volunteers are needed on event day to ensure the success of this day long community happening. Opportunities are available for adults to sell beverage or game tickets, work in the beer or wine booths and assist with the Trivia, Le Petit Tour or Corn Hole contests. Call Joyce Yock (792-8329) if you would like to be a volunteer participant at this popular event.

### Diaper Derby

Parents can show off their speedy crawlers at this special event feature scheduled to kick off at 4 p.m. by the moon walk in the Kids' Cabaret. All baby entries will receive a prize. First, second and third place winners will be acknowledged. Sign ups for the Diaper Derby will be on site from noon-3:45 p.m. with pre-registration also available on the

The picnic is hosted by L'Alliance Francaise of Cincinnati, the Montgomery Sister Cities Commission, and the French-American Chamber of Commerce.

Limited reservations are available and must be made by July 11. For reservations, call 513-852-6510 or email [FACC@France-Cincinnati.com](mailto:FACC@France-Cincinnati.com).

City's website. The event feature is sponsored by Pampers.

### Cornhole Contest

Cornhole Tournament by Montgomery Recreation Department. Saturday, July 15, at the Montgomery Sister Cities Bastille Day Celebration downtown historic Montgomery. Kids Bracket (ages 8-15) Start time 4 p.m. and Adult Bracket (ages 16 and up) Start time 6 p.m. Register a two person team for a little soft-shoe challenge. Team cost is \$20 for Adult teams and \$10 for Kids teams and is limited to 20 teams for each bracket. Winner takes half the pot as grand prize with the runners up winning a Cornhole set. Register at [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org), call City Hall at 891-2424, or sign up at the City info booth the day of the event.

### Tricycle Races

Le Petit Tour de Montgomery Tricycle Races for ages 3-8 will take place behind Universalist Church starting at 1 PM for ages 3-4 in Le Petit, 5-6 in Le Montgomery and 7-8 in Le Grand. Saturday, July 15, at the Montgomery Sister Cities Bastille Day Celebration downtown historic Montgomery. All participants will receive an award with prizes from Montgomery Cyclery going to the fastest time in each age group. Register online at [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org), call City Hall at 891-2424 or sign up at the City info booth the day of the event.

## How to reach us



City Hall  
891-2424

Police Department  
(non-emergency)  
985-1600

Fire Department  
(non-emergency)  
985-1633

Service Department  
792-8355

Planning/Zoning/  
Building  
792-8309

Code Enforcement  
Action Line  
792-8316

## Did you know?

You can access information about your property taxes, property valuation and other property information right from your home computer. Real estate tax levy information is now provided as a public service by the Hamilton County Auditor's Office. Visit [www.hamiltoncountyauditor.org/realestate/](http://www.hamiltoncountyauditor.org/realestate/), which will take you to the County's real estate appraisal database. There, you can call up your property by owner's name, address or parcel number. You can also learn what a property tax levy will cost you. New levy information will be added to the site as it becomes available from the Hamilton County Board of Elections during the year.



## Temporary change announced in Property Maintenance & Management

The City of Montgomery is currently undergoing a reorganization of its inspection services. During this time, the City has temporarily hired National Inspection Corporation (NIC) to assist in property maintenance and code enforcement.

Anyone wishing to report a property maintenance violation or a file a complaint may contact NIC directly at 745-0370. Calls may also be made to Frank Davis or Jesse Bundy at City Hall by calling 891-2424. They can forward the information to NIC.

The City expects to resume full responsibility for property maintenance in September.

# City to again host recycled sculpture contest

The City of Montgomery and the Environmental Advisory Group will sponsor the second annual Recycled Sculpture Contest. The contest is open to all children and adults who live in Montgomery.

All sculpture entries must be made from items that can be recycled in the City of Montgomery Curbside Recycling Program. Entries must not be taller nor wider than 24 inches, and can be no heavier than 10 pounds.

To enter the competition, pick up an entry form at City Hall. A

brochure is available via mail by calling 891-2424 or by visiting [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org).

All entries must be received by July 12 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall, 10101 Montgomery Road. The Environmental Advisory Group will judge all qualifying entries. Winners will be announced and entries will be displayed at the Universalist Church on July 15 during the Bastille Day celebration.

The contest is a challenge to



each resident's creativity to develop a sculpture that not only educates the value of recyclable materials, but also allows them to receive a prize for their creativeness.

### Eligible sculpture components include:

#### PLASTICS

- Milk containers
- Soft drink bottles
- Shampoo bottles
- Laundry and detergent bottles

#### GLASS

- Clear food and beverage containers and jars
- Brown food and beverage containers and jars
- Green food and beverage containers and jars
- Blue food and beverage containers and jars

#### BEVERAGE & STEEL FOOD CANS

- Aluminum cans
- Steel soup and food cans
- Empty aerosol cans

#### NEWSPAPER & MIXED PAPER

- Newspapers with glossy ad inserts
- Magazines
- Catalogs
- Telephone Books
- Junk Mail

#### CARTON/CARDBOARD

- Soft Drink and Beer Cartons
- Paperboard boxes
- Corrugated Cardboard

The City and Environmental Advisory Group is committed to educating residents about the importance of recycling. This contest is an opportunity to encourage recycling and promotes the purchase of items made from or packaged in recyclable materials.

## Consider organic measures for controlling unwanted plants

Weeds are simply plants growing in places you don't want them to — plants that you consider undesirable, but insist on growing in your garden anyway.

Weed seeds exist in the soil of all gardens and can be spread by wind, water, animals and even by the soil amendments we use to help our gardens grow.

Here are some ideas to consider for organic weed control:

- *Prevention is the best medicine. In the fight against weeds, the most important element is to provide the best conditions possible for the growth of desirable plants. Improper watering, soil compaction, insect damage and disease all contribute to weed development. These conditions can be easily avoided by proper mulching.*
- *After fostering a nurturing environment, the second step is to remove any existing*

*offenders by hand weeding.*

- *Use barriers. Lay plastic down around plants to block weeds. It works well with warm weather-loving crops such as melons, pumpkins, eggplants and tomatoes.*
- *An excellent alternative to plastic is ordinary newspaper. It is organic, it can be turned into the soil the following Spring and is a lot cheaper than rolls of black plastic. Use a layer about 1/4-inch thick and wet it down as soon as you lay it to stop it from blowing away. Then cover the newspaper with a layer of straw.*
- *Live mulches are gaining a lot of respect in the garden. The idea is simple; using a fast growing and short plant to cover the surface of the soil around the garden plants. Thyme is a perfect choice for this method.*
- *Corn gluten meal can be applied as a pre-emergent weed killer. It has been shown to inhibit the growth of dandelions, crabgrass and many other annual weeds.*



Information for this story was excerpted from [www.planetnatural.com](http://www.planetnatural.com)

# Comprehensive study planned for City parks

The discussion surrounding the City's study of a dog park (*Off-Leash Recreational Area*) has generated a great deal of community interest, both in favor of the idea and from those who opposed either the expenditure of the funds for this purpose or the proposed location in Pioneer Park. City staff has completed a thorough and comprehensive job in researching this issue. The information, as well as requests for additional information by the Parks and Recreation Commission, have added a great value to the review process.

On May 24, Montgomery City Council announced that it would discontinue current discussions on the concept of an Off-Leash Recreational Area (OLRA) until such time as a comprehensive review of the City's entire park system can be completed by the Parks and Recreation Commission. This action to discontinue current discussions on the OLRA was taken after the City received Initiative petitions from three citizens—Donald Jenner, Brett Leonard and Eugene McCracken—who oppose the concept of an OLRA in Pioneer Park. Two initiative

petitions were not limited to opposing the OLRA, but seek to:

- *eliminate the City's ability to modify or enhance any park or green space in the City without a vote of the citizens once a year at the general election*
- *designate portions of Pioneer and Dulle parks as "historic" landmarks.*

The City was advised of the intent to file these petitions before it completed its planned review on the OLRA proposal and prior to any final decision on the concept.

What originated as a fairly narrow issue of a potential new park use has stimulated a broader interest on the part of the Parks and Recreation Commission to refocus its attention from examining this single amenity on its own, to a more comprehensive approach of reviewing all parks and recreation facilities on a community-wide basis for current and desired future uses.

Recognizing this new broader goal, the Parks and Recreation

Commission has taken the initiative, with the support of staff and council, that rather than continuing to examine the concept of a "dog park" on such a "micro" level, and in isolation of an overall perspective on current and desired future park uses, that a more appropriate course of action for the City to pursue on this subject is to undertake a comprehensive review of all of its parks and recreation facilities.

This analysis will include a review of all current parks and facilities, usage trends, costs and patterns, new trends in the field of parks and recreation, and what, if any new uses the City may wish to pursue in the future.

The Parks and Recreation Commission feels the study would greatly benefit the community well into the future and has begun work on this comprehensive project with a projected completion date set in the fall of 2007. The study will include several forms of citizen feedback to the Parks and Recreation Commission, staff involvement, and ongoing analysis of existing uses.

## How you can stop door-to-door solicitors

**"NO SOLICITORS"** signs are available free of charge by stopping by the Safety Center and signing a public notice of no solicitation. The signs provided by the Montgomery Police Department must be placed conspicuously on the owner's property to bar solicitors/canvassers from knocking on your door.

These signs were made in compliance with Section 111.09 of the Montgomery Code of Ordinances. For a detailed description of all the rules and regulations regarding solicitors, enter a search for Section 111 of the Montgomery Code of Ordinances on the City's website.

## Welcome aboard... newest volunteer leaders!

Montgomery would like to acknowledge the residents listed below that have joined the City's team of volunteer leaders that serve on a board or commission. Their generosity in sharing their

time and talents to enhance our community is most appreciated.

### Arts Commission

Rosalee Stocker  
Cliff Goosmann  
Andrea Wilson

### Beautification & Tree Commission

Jodi Keith  
Angie Davis

### Civil Service Commission

Bill Brown  
Diana Haaser

### Environmental Advisory Group

Bill DeJonckheere  
Betty Will

### Landmarks Commission

Mark Sançant

### Planning Commission

Marc Grafton  
Jeff Forbes

### Sister Cities Commission

Michelle Myers

## Summer events seek teen volunteers

Teen energy and enthusiasm are in great demand for the upcoming July 4th Festival (10:45 a.m.-2 p.m.) in Montgomery Park and the July 15, Bastille Day Celebration (12-8 p.m.) to manage children's game booths. The July 15 event requires a 2 hour



minimum commitment. Responsibilities for game booth managers include taking tickets, managing the game and awarding prizes.

Call Joyce Yock (792-8329) to sign up for a time shift at these fun, community events.

## Stop phone solicitation too

Log onto [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov) or call 1-888-382-1222 to list yourself on the National DO NOT CALL Registry.

# 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.

## CAMPS/WORKSHOPS

### DISCOUNTED SUMMER FUN!

Now if you register for summer camp, you will receive a \$10 coupon that will be good for other recreational services (except pool). Pick and choose from a series of themed full-day camps that appeal to their active nature and free-spirited interests. Look for details on our website. Kids should bring a packed lunch and snack, plenty to drink and appropriate clothing. Prices include field trips, transportation, guests, activities and supervision. Minimum of 15 kids are needed, but no more than 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 This 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

**ARCHERY AVENGERS** Ages 8-14 (Meet at Pioneer Park) Monday, July 11, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Camp will be held at Camp Joy to take on the challenge of honing your skills with a bow and arrow. Learn to shoot from a distance and even compete in a skills challenge. Cost: \$65

## DRAWING CLASSES

**JUNIOR ZOO CAMP** Ages 5-7 (Meet at Terwilliger Lodge) Monday, Wednesday, Thursday; July 10, 12 & 13, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Learn to draw a variety of animals found at our local zoo. Our final day will result in one large scene, divided into several habitats and incorporating the many animal friends we have learned to draw. Pencil, markers, sharpies and color pencils are used. Min. 6/Max. 20. Cost: \$48

**HORSE DRAWING WORKSHOP** Ages 7-13 (Meet at Terwilliger Lodge) Monday, Wednesday, Thursday; July 10, 12 & 13 (also offered

**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

**SCIENCE SEEKERS** Ages 7-12 (Meet at Dulle Park) Wednesday - Friday, July 19 - 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Learn 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

Monday-Wednesday, August 7 to 9), 1 to 2:30 p.m. Learn to draw a notoriously hard-to-draw subject, the horse. We will draw the horse in sections, then put it all together. Students will use pencils, color pencils and pastels. Please wear an old shirt or smock on Thursday. Min. 6/Max. 20. Cost: \$48

**HISTORICAL GIRL CAMP** Ages 6-13 (Meet at Terwilliger Lodge) Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday; August 7 to 9, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Here is your chance to draw a variety of girl dolls in many different costumes and accessories from different periods in time. We will learn to draw the basic doll figure, then place the figure in several varying time periods. Pencils, color pencils, markers and Sharpies will be used.

## JUST FOR TWEENS!

FUN PROGRAMS JUST FOR AGES 10-15

**SPLASH CAMP** Ages 10-15 Monday-Thursday, July 31 - August 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit Boomerang Bay (Mon.), Coney Island (Tues.), Splash Moraine (Wed.), The Beach Waterpark (Thurs.). Cost: \$40 per day (\$45 non-residents) or \$150 for all four days (\$170 non-residents). Bring a packed lunch or money for lunch.

**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. Camp Joy Venture Out (Mon.), horseback riding (Tues.), paintball (Wed.), canoe the Licking River (Thurs.) Cost: \$40 per day (\$45 non-residents) or \$150 for all four days (\$170 non-residents). Limited to 25. Call City Hall at 891-2424.

### 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](http://www.montgomeryohio.org). Cost: \$30 (Supplies provided)

# SPORTS

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

## SKYHAWKS MULTI-SPORTS

**Ages 3-14**

*(Meet at Weller Park) Monday - Thursday, July 31 - August 3*

Participants will enjoy a variety of sports. Three age groups will be offered to provide plenty of fun and challenge for participants. Visit [www.MontgomeryOhio.org](http://www.MontgomeryOhio.org) for a list of what participants will need to bring and details of what is provided as part of the program.

### SKYHAWKS: AGES 8 - 14

**1 - 4 p.m.**

This fast paced program is designed to teach the basic skills in a fun and enjoyable atmosphere. Participants are challenged daily in each of the sports by structured exercises and fun games. Participants-to-coach ratio is approximately 12:1. In Multi-Sport camp we will play

baseball/softball, basketball, soccer, kick ball and much more. *Cost: \$60 Min: 12 Max: 48*

### MINI-HAWKS: AGES 5 - 7

**10 a.m. - noon**

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

### TINY HAWKS: AGES 3 - 4

**9 - 10 a.m.**

Skyhawks newest program for 3 and 4 year olds helps children fine-tune their motor skills in soccer, t-ball and basketball. No pressure, just lots of fun while these tiny athletes learn the basics through unique Skyhawks games. Our Tiny-Hawk coaching staff is trained to meet the special needs of young children. Our

staff is committed to creating a positive introduction to sports. Children must be potty-trained to attend. Pull-ups are not allowed. Participant-to-coach ratio is approximately 6:1. *Cost: \$36 Min: 10 Max: 24*

## SKYHAWKS LACROSSE

**Ages 9-14**

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

## SKYHAWKS SOFT LACROSSE

**Ages 5-8**

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

## Mark Stagge earns June Achievement Award

Mark Stagge is the June recipient of the Montgomery Achievement Award, a monthly program that recognizes outstanding customer service.

Mark assisted the Information Technology Director in installing a point-to-point wireless connection between the Safety Center and the Pool, connecting the Pool to the City computer network. Mark used his skills in cabling and wireless technologies to install wireless access point antennas and cabling at the Fire Station and



Mark Stagge

Pool. This required him to climb through ceiling rafters and through a maze of wood, wires and duct work.

Mark's efforts were instrumental in turning a 2-day project into a 5-hour project. Mark's skills and attention to detail helped the connection work the first time, preventing the cost and waste of moving the antennas and rewiring.

Mark's help installing the connection has a direct impact on improved customer service at the pool. His efforts will allow the pool to improve

communication efficiencies and allow a convenient method for customers to register for City events and classes.

Mark's assistance is greatly appreciated and is a great example of working together to provide superior services.

Montgomery's Achievement Award has been introduced to recognize exemplary efforts of City employees. If you know of a situation in which a Montgomery employee is deserving of this special recognition, contact City Hall at 891-2424 so that the employee may be considered for future recognition.

## Kids Special Events:

### Touch-a-Truck

**Thursday, August 3**  
*Check out city service vehicles at Weller Park from 9 to 11 am. Fire engines, ambulances, dump trucks, tractors, police cruisers and swat vehicles will be on display. Kids can get behind the wheel of their favorite vehicle and talk to their drivers. This is a free event open to all kids ages 2-12.*

### Bikes on Parade

**July 4th**  
*Decorate your bike and ride in the Parade! Meet at 9:45 a.m. at the Montgomery Elementary parking lot and bike to Montgomery Park in the Independence Day Parade.*

### Splashtacular!

**July 4**  
*Picnic at the Pool from 3-5 p.m. with splash games, watermelon eating contests, sack races and much more fun for the whole family! A great way to cool off before the fireworks!*

### Beach Party

**July 28**  
*Party at the pool from 6 to 8 p.m. with Island Ed and his Fiery Limbo Review steel drum band, hula games, beach volleyball and fruity drinks and snacks.*



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# ALL AROUND TOWN...

### *Classic Car Show planned August 12*

An estimated 200 classic cars from the 1920s to the 1980s will be on display in Weller Park during the Montgomery Car Show on August 12 starting at 5 p.m. The show will also feature snacks, entertainment and music by Classic Oldies Radio. Registration is \$10 per vehicle. Registration will be open from 3 -5 p.m.. Judges will review the entries from 5 - 8 p.m., with presentations to winners from 8 - 9 p.m. Event registration is also available by visiting [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org) or stopping by City Hall. No coolers or glass bottles will be allowed on site. Beer,

water, soda and food will be available, with proceeds benefiting the holiday family fund and the city parks.

### *Eat to the Beat at Swaim Park in July*

Stop by Swaim Park on Wednesdays during July from noon to 1 p.m. for live music. Plan to bring your lunch and enjoy free ice cream from Kroger's.

- July 5:** Julie Spanglar and Roger Klug (*Classic Rock/Popular*)
- July 12:** Larry Ford (*Acoustic Rock*)
- July 19:** Danny Frazier and Brain Baverman (*Country & Pop*)
- July 26:** Craig Wilson (*Blue & Pop*)

| <b>COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS</b>           |                                      |  |                    |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| <b>JULY • JULY • JULY • JULY • JULY • JULY</b> |                                      |  |                    |
| 3  | Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Concert | Mont. Park                                   | 7:30 pm            |
| 4  | Independence Day Parade              |  | 10 am              |
| 4  | Independence Day Festival            | Mont. Park                                   | 11:00 am - 2:00 pm |
| 4  | Splash attack                        | City pool                                    | 2 - 4 pm           |
| 4  | Independence Day holiday             | City Offices Closed (trash pick up as usual) |                    |
| 5  | Council Business Session             | City Hall                                    | 7 pm               |
| 5  | Eat to the Beat Concert              | Swaim Park                                   | noon               |
| 10   | Beautification Commission            | City Hall                                    | 9 am               |
| 10   | Arts Commission                      | City Hall                                    | 5 pm               |
| 10   | Planning Commission                  | City Hall                                    | 7:30 pm            |
| 12   | Eat to the Beat Concert              | Swaim Park                                   | noon               |
| 12   | Landmarks Commission                 | City Hall                                    | 7 pm               |
| 13   | Parks & Recreation Commission        | Swaim Park                                   | 6:30 pm            |
| 14   | Health District Immunizations        | Safety Center                                | 8:30-11:30 am      |
| 14   | Bastille Day picnic                  | Terwilligers Lodge                           | 7 pm               |
| 15   | Cardboard Recycling                  | 7315 Cornell Road                            | 10 am - 1 pm       |
| 15   | Bastille Day Celebration             | downtown Montgomery                          | noon - 11 pm       |
| 17   | Planning Commission                  | City Hall                                    | 7:30 pm            |
| 18   | Sister Cities Commission             | City Hall                                    | 7 pm               |
| 19   | Council Work Session                 | City Hall                                    | 7 pm               |
| 19   | Eat to the Beat Concert              | Swaim Park                                   | noon               |
| 24   | Environmental Advisory Group         | City Hall                                    | 7 pm               |
| 25   | Board of Zoning Appeals              | City Hall                                    | 7:30 pm            |
| 26   | Eat to the Beat Concert              | Swaim Park                                   | noon               |
| 28   | Beach Party                          | City Pool                                    | 6 - 8 pm           |
| 31   | 2nd quarter 2006 taxes due           |  |                    |