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Brush pick-up

The city brush collection will be underway the month of October:

If your trash day is Monday, your pick up week is Sept. 25 - 29

If your trash day is Tuesday, your pick-up week is Oct. 2 - 6

If your trash day is Wednesday, your pick up week is Oct. 9 - 13

If your trash day is Thursday, your pick up week is Oct. 16 - 20

If your trash day is Friday, your pick up week is Oct. 23 - 27

Vote for your favorite

Members of the Beautification & Tree Commission will soon order the annuals that will be planted in the City's medians and parks next spring. They would really appreciate your help. Visit the City's website (www.montgomeryohio.org) to view this year's flowerbeds and vote for your favorite plantings.

Artists in the Park makes debut November 12

Members of the Arts Commission will be hosting their first "Artists in the Park" event on Sunday, November 12, from 2-4 p.m. in Terwilliger Lodge. The event is the first in a series of Sunday programs to be offered quarterly.



"Artists in the Park" will feature area artists while providing an opportunity for guests to meet fellow community members in an informal setting.

The premier event on November 12 will feature two Heritage District artists: Ute's Unique Lifestyle Jewelry and Karen McMannon Calligraphy.

Triangle area sees progress

The Montgomery Gateway Partners LLC project at the "Triangle" continues progress toward a year-end completion. The larger building at the north end of the project has been framed with structural steel and concrete floor slabs. Work now will focus on the exterior. New curbs and streetscapes will be a part of the construction, including paver sidewalks.

The construction of the People's Community Bank Building at the southern end of the site is also progressing toward its completion by the end of the year.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Dick Michalack-Hills of Kentucky Mountain Dulcimers. Light refreshments will also be available at the event that is free and open to the public.

Learn more about these art formats and get an early start on holiday shopping. For more information, contact Joyce Yock at 792-8329. Look for future *Bulletin* articles that will highlight the second in the series of "Art in the Park" events.

Check out these events

Harvest Moon
Saturday, October 7
6 to 9 pm

Swaim Park
Celebrate the harvest season with hayrides around the park, pony rides (\$2), music, and storytelling around the bon fire with marshmallows to roast. Under the tent there will be pumpkin painting and cookie decorating (free) and other family activities like line dancing that all together will combine family entertainment with the beauty of fall and the festiveness of a traditional harvest.

ChiliFest
Saturday, October 7
5 to 8 pm

Swaim Park
The Montgomery Fire Department invites residents to enter their best recipes and judge the entries. ChiliFest also features Skyline chili and cheese conies, pop, beer & ice cream! Several hands-on exhibits and demonstrations. As in past years, this event is in conjunction with the Harvest

Moon. Proceeds from food and beverage sales will be used to purchase fire & EMS equipment. (Those interested in entering the chili contest must register with the fire department at 985-1633 by 5 p.m. on Friday October 6.)

International Reception
Sunday, October 22
4-6 pm

Terwilliger Lodge/Dulle Park
Community members whose homeland is other than the United States are invited to attend the International Reception sponsored by the Sister Cities Commission. New this year will be an opportunity to acquire recipes of the ethnic dishes that are shared. Just bring a copy of the recipe. 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 (musical instruments, dancing, etc.) are always welcome. To make reservations, or suggest a community member who would appreciate an invitation, call 891-2424.

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 community members who shared some of their summer time to assist the Beautification & Tree Commission with the first round of judging for this year's Beautification Awards program. The residents listed below were assigned a quarter section of the City to judge the nominations that had been submitted by our community members. These volunteers were also on the "look out" for additional deserving properties to nominate that may have been previously overlooked. Needless to say, their input was invaluable to the selection process. A grateful "THANK YOU" is extended to each of the following volunteer judges: Dee Cohen, Kaye Gaffney, Melissa Goldstein, Lisa Good, Marcia Miller and Ruth Seis.

Two officers earn Achievement Awards

Officers Paul Payne and Tom Wagner were presented with the Montgomery Achievement Award for their role in educating students and parents on the hidden dangers of using the Internet. The two organized an educational presentation which became popular at area schools and caught the attention of the local media.



Paul Payne



Tom Wagner

As Montgomery's School Resource Officer, Paul found himself discussing Internet safety

with students and parents of Sycamore High School. When he recognized the need for a focus on these growing issues, he and Tom began working with

various other departments to assemble a team of highly skilled individuals to create a dynamic presentation to meet the needs of an uninformed public.

Entitled Caught in the Web? Don't let it happen to you!, the presentation covered topics such as Cyber-stalking, chat rooms, identity theft and popular teen web-sites such as Zanga.com and Myspace.com. The program exposed how sexual predators

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COUNCIL CORNER

Montgomery City Council will meet in its regular monthly business session on October 4 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 the Residential Code of Ohio for one-, two-, and three-family

dwellings, as supplemented (*3rd reading*)

- An Ordinance Accepting Publicly Dedicated Property and Certain Easement Rights on Main Street and Remington Road (*3rd reading*)

- An ordinance creating the Montgomery Corridor/Schoolhouse Interim Development

Control Overlay District (*3rd reading*)

- A resolution accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for the Safety Center alterations to offices

- An ordinance establishing a procedure for the receipt and disposition of personal property

- An ordinance correcting Section 71.18 Driving

Under Suspension or in Violation of License Restriction and declaring an emergency

- An ordinance updating Sections 71.01, 73.011, 73.012, 73.013 and 73.014 of the Montgomery Code of Ordinances and declaring an emergency

- An ordinance for the allocation of earnings tax revenues and amending Section 44.14 of the Montgomery Code of Ordinances

- An ordinance establishing a Vintage Club Capital Construction Fund

- An ordinance creating the Vintage Club Tax Increment Financing Fund

- An ordinance establishing a Special Revenue Fund for the maintenance and operation of the Municipal Swimming Pool

- An Ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Montgomery during the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2006

Recent Council Actions

SEPTEMBER 6 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 (*3rd reading, passed 6-0*)

- An ordinance adopting the Residential Code of Ohio for one-, two-, and three-family dwellings, as

supplemented (*2nd reading, passed 6-0*)

- An ordinance accepting publicly dedicated property and certain easement rights on Main Street and Remington Road (*2nd reading, passed 6-0*)

- 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 (*1st reading, passed 6-0*)

- An ordinance creating the Montgomery Corridor/Schoolhouse

Interim Development Control Overlay District (*1st reading, passed 6-0*)

SEPTEMBER 20 WORK SESSION

- An ordinance creating the Montgomery Corridor/Schoolhouse Interim Development Control Overlay District (*2nd reading, passed 6-0*)

AUGUST 23 WORK SESSION

(CORRECTION)

An Ordinance Restricting Development Of An Off-Leash Recreation Area In Existing Parks, Within The City Of Montgomery And Declaring An Emergency (*passed 6-1*)

A message from your City Council...

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



This month's message by Council Member Todd Steinbrink

One interesting detail from the recent Resident Survey was that most residents rely on the Bulletin for information on what's going on in the city. As a result, City Council wanted to provide a monthly article for sharing how your government works or other timely topics. For the inaugural column, I'd like to share how we are able to address the many issues and ideas that are generated in our city.

City Council's agenda is typically made up of

approving day-to-day staff actions and budget items while occasionally making policy decisions ranging from Arts to Zoning. Fortunately, in addition to City Council, our Charter created a number of Boards and Commissions, comprised of volunteers who also have an interest in serving our city. There are nine different groups, utilizing the talent and diversity of 63 other Montgomery residents who are responsible for leading the discussion in specific areas. Council members meet with each group monthly to listen to their discussions.

In general, the role of each Board or Commission is to serve as a starting point for many of the "decisions" made in our community. They provide leadership and advice on the needs of our

community, review the many existing or proposed activities, and independently research and recommend ideas for staff or Council consideration. Some of these activities are pro-active, while others respond to items or decisions needing immediate attention. In either case, the process allows for a broad mix of citizen involvement, public discussion and recommendations for moving the city forward.

Countless hours go into the many decisions required for a city our size. For example, Montgomery's Boards and Commissions are instrumental in guiding the process for selecting the type of flowers for the decorative gardens and hanging baskets, controlling the color and originality of materials on our

historic buildings, providing attention to detail necessary for guiding large projects such as Twin Lakes, and navigating the planning process enabling Montgomery to host the 2007 Homearama.

I am proud of the many decisions made every day by our city employees, our Boards and Commissions and the many other volunteers working to make the most of our city. I hope that every citizen takes advantage of the opportunity to contribute, in a leadership role or as an active participant in the public discussion of ideas. Together, we are all working to keep Montgomery a growing and vibrant "premier residential community."

Davis promoted, Hames named Finance Director

Wayne Davis, who most recently served the City of Montgomery as Finance Director, has been promoted to the position of Assistant City Manager. Wayne had held the Finance Director position for about six years. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the University of Vermont and a Master's Degree in Urban Administration from Wright State University.

Peter Hames has been



Wayne Davis
Assistant City Manager



Peter Hames
Finance Director

appointed as Finance Director, bringing to his new position more than 30 years experience

in executive and top-management positions in local government. Candidates for the position were reviewed based on proven performance in the specific areas of finance, project management, budgeting, management and policy analysis.

Most recently, Peter was Hamilton County's Project Manager for a Homeland Security project, and the Senior Executive Assistant County Administrator. A native of Minnesota, he has also served as Director of Finance for St. Paul, Minnesota, where he also held other positions including Director of Financial Services; Director of Technology and Management Services, Deputy Chief of Staff for the Mayor; Director of Innovations, Director of Finance and Management Services, and Executive Assistant to the Mayor.

In addition, Peter served as Assistant City Manager of Tracy, California, and City Policy Analyst at San Jose, California.

At St. Paul, he managed the budget process to avoid any property tax increases. During his tenure, Standard and Poor's upgraded the city's credit rating to AAA.

A US Marine Corps veteran, Peter has a Bachelors Degree from the University of Minnesota, and attended the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and the Carlson School of Management, both at the University of Minnesota. He has also attended the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

He has an adult son who lives in Minnesota and operates his own business. Peter enjoys golf, volleyball and bicycle riding and is an avid movie aficionado.

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could easily learn about and stalk their victims by posing as teens on-line. The team showed students how their "private" postings on these sites could be viewed by complete strangers and sometimes, by future employers. In some cases, future college students have lost full scholarships because of information they had

posted on their "private" web sites.

The program prompted the Ohio School Resource Officers Association to spotlight the presentation at its June 2006 conference. The two officers were also considered for the State of Ohio Distinguished Law Enforcement Group Award.

Halloween: Don't disguise safety

The City of Montgomery will observe Halloween on Tuesday, October 31; from 6 to 8 p.m.. A child's chance of being involved in a pedestrian related fatality are four times more likely on Halloween than any other day of the year. Please consider these simple precautions.

■ *Trick-or-treaters, under the age of 12, should be accompanied by an adult. Parents should map a route of well known neighborhoods and tell children to stop only at homes with porch lights on. A definite time should be set for children to return home and parents need to know the names of companions their children will be with.*

■ *Daylight saving time ends just two nights before Halloween. Light colored costumes are best for nighttime visibility but reflective tape and stickers can be added to any costume or bag. It's always a good idea for everyone in a group to carry a flashlight with fresh batteries. Children should be instructed to cross streets at corners or marked crosswalks. Never assume that a motorist sees you or that cars will yield the right-of-way to pedestrians. Children should*

be cautioned to walk and not run during their trick-or-treat rounds.

■ *If masks are worn, parents should inspect the eye holes to insure the openings are large enough so vision isn't obstructed. Poorly fitting shoes and costumes that are too long could cause a child to trip and fall.*

■ *Children should be encouraged not to snack on treats while going door-to-door. While instances of tampering are extremely rare, your child's treats should be thoroughly examined before any are eaten. As a rule of thumb, treats that are open or not commercially sealed should be discarded.*

Halloween happenings...

Haunted Tales Presents: Dr. Jeckyl and Mr. Hyde October 27 & 28 at 8 pm

A truly spooky story around the bonfire at Pioneer Park (Immediately followed by the Jack-o-Lantern Woods Walk) *In the event of rain, the event is cancelled.* Join us at the main gazebo in Pioneer Park to hear this classic story. The story and walk are targeted towards family entertainment. Cost is \$4 each or \$15 for a family (up to five members/\$3 for each additional member). Each showing seats a maximum of 100 people, so come early to take your place around the campfire. Cocoa, popcorn and other concessions will be sold to benefit Montgomery Parks and Recreation.

Halloween Party (Ages 3-10)

October 21 from 1 to 3 pm
Join us at Terwilliger's Lodge In Dulle Park at this pre-halloween party. (Rain cancels this event.) Wear your costume and enjoy games, crafts, pumpkins and cookies, and a costume contest to be judged by the fire department. A magician's sleight of hand, a quick turn around the cupcake walk and the skillful application of your crafting skills will keep everyone busy having fun! Activities take place both inside and outside the lodge so dress appropriately for the weather. All costumed guests receive a FREE bag of treats! Admission is FREE and registration is not required.

Young Rembrandts

Oct 18 to Nov. 29 (six weeks/no class Nov. 22); Terwilligers Lodge/Dulle Park

Preschool Drawing (ages 3 1/2 to 6) meets 4-4:45 pm;

Elementary Drawing (ages 6 to 12) meets 5 - 6 pm

Our drawing classes combine what children need to learn and practice with what they love to draw. Join us for lots of fun drawing adventures and the opportunity to learn and practice new art skills! All new lessons every week, every session. No art talent required. Class meets 45-60 minutes, once a week.. Cost is \$60, materials included.

Horsin' Around Cowboy Callout (Ages 8 - 14)

Oct. 23 School's Out Trip

9 am - 4 pm Drop-off and Pick up at ZigZag in Swaim Park

Break out of school for a day in the wild west on horseback in Indiana through 600 acres of trails. We will stop for hot dogs and marshmallows on the camp fire and finish with a hay ride. Kids must wear jeans and boots or gym shoes. Register at Montgomery City Hall or at www.montgomeryohio.org by October 14. Cost is \$40 and includes lunch. Limited to 25 participants.

Chaperones needed: to volunteer, call 792-8348.

Excursion to COSI November 3 School is Out Daytrip (Ages 7-11)

9 am - 4 pm Drop-off and Pick up at ZigZag in Swaim Park

Be dazzled, amazed, and delighted, as you explore one incredible wonder after another. COSI features more than 300 interactive exhibits throughout our discovery-based and themed exhibition areas. Bring a packed lunch. Register at Montgomery City Hall or at www.montgomeryohio.org by October 25. Cost is \$40 and does not include lunch. Limited to 25 participants.

Three chaperones needed: to volunteer, call 792-8348.

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**
792-8356

Jane Seymour to visit

Award winning actress and humanitarian, Jane Seymour, will be the featured speaker of the Montgomery Woman's Club Town Hall Lecture Series on October 25 and 26. Kings Island is the venue for Wednesday and Thursday morning lectures and Sycamore Junior High School auditorium is the location of the Wednesday evening lecture. For tickets and more information, call 513/684-1632.

Did you know?

that the City is also impacted by the high cost of gasoline? In the last issue, we noted the increasing impact on the City's budget:

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

While gas has trended downward recently, there's always the chance it will rise again. Here are a few tips that can help save gas...

AND money:

- Follow the recommended maintenance of your vehicle.
- Keep your tires properly inflated.
- Take a load off. Heavier vehicles require more fuel to operate.
- Do not drive aggressively
- Use the highest gear possible.
- Use cruise control selectively.
- Think clean - a clean and waxed vehicle improves aerodynamics.
- Avoid excessive idling.
- Combine your errands.
- If you are planning a trip or would like to view the gas prices in local surrounding areas, go to <http://autos.msn.com> and enter the zip code for the area you are interested in.

Time again for 5 Cares Coat Drive

With the hot days of summer wrapping up, the cool days of fall fast approaching, soon it will be time to wrap ourselves up from the cold winter weather. With this in mind, while putting away your summer clothes and taking out your fall/winter wear, consider donating that extra coat you've been keeping over the years. Remember, you could add much needed warmth into someone's life this winter season.

Terry's Tree Tips

Here's the scoop on the Emerald Ash Borer

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an insect from Asia that is attacking the Midwest's ash trees. EAB is a member of the metallic wood boring beetle family. It attacks all native, North American ash trees regardless of the tree's health. Once an EAB infestation occurs, it kills the tree in three to five years.

EAB is believed to have arrived in the United States in shipping pallets or cargo from eastern Asia approximately 10 years before it was discovered. It was first identified in the Detroit, Michigan area in July 2002 and then in Lucas County, Ohio, in February 2003. EAB has since been discovered in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Maryland, and Ontario Canada.

EAB is a slightly illusive insect because it spends the majority of its life under the bark. The larvae develop beneath the bark of ash trees and are flat, creamy white, with bell-shaped segments, and are about an inch long. Adult EAB are dark metallic green and a half-inch long.

Channel 5, various fire/police departments, Citydash and St. Vincent de Paul will again collect coats as part of the 5 Cares Coat Drive presented by Cintas. The 5 Cares Coat Drive helps ensure that no one in our community must go without a winter jacket.

If you would like to take part in

the 2006 5 Cares Coat Drive by donating any new or used coat, drop off your garments at the barrel located inside the Montgomery Safety Center Lobby. The coat drive will begin Monday, October 23, through Friday, December 1, offering plenty of time

for them to be cleaned and presented to needy families before the holidays.



How to spot EAB

There are several things that may indicate your ash tree has Emerald Ash Borer.

- Branch dieback at the top of the tree
- Vertical splits in the bark
- Sprouting on the trunk and at the base of the tree
- Scratched bark from woodpeckers feeding on the larvae
- Distinct 1/8 inch, D-shaped exit holes in the bark
- S-shaped, sawdust-packed galleries under the bark

EAB is very difficult to detect until a tree has been infested for at least a year because the larvae feed from the top of the tree first. When looking for EAB it is important to peel off the bark to look for the larvae and the galleries.

The City of Montgomery stopped planting ash trees in the city parks and other green spaces nearly two years ago and is monitoring its existing ash trees for EAB infestation along with the Ohio Department of Agriculture. The City plan, if ash tree infestation occurs here, will be to replace the dead trees with a different species of tree. The city is working with the Ohio

Department of Agriculture with a program called the Ash Borer Detection Tree Program.

Common Questions

Can anything kill the emerald ash borer?

The beetle's natural enemies, like fungi and woodpeckers aren't enough to keep it in check. No insecticide has proven 100 percent effective according to Ohio State University. The only known way to destroy the pest is to destroy the tree.

Should I treat my ash tree with insecticides anyway?

You can, but a few things to consider, weigh the cost of application to the cost of removing the whole tree. Merit is one insecticide that has worked to some degree but does not give a hundred percent control. It has to be reapplied every year and only works if your tree is infested with the Ash Borer which has not been detected in the Cincinnati area as of yet.

What should I do if I have an infested tree?

Call the Ohio Department of Agriculture's emerald ash borer hotline 888-ohio-eab or your local OSU extension agent. For a list of contacts, visit <http://ashalert.osu.edu>.



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ALL AROUND TOWN...

MWC sponsors blood drive on October 23

The Montgomery Woman's Club will sponsor a Fall Blood Drive with the

Hoxworth Blood Center. The drive is planned Monday, October 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Barnabas Church.

Blood is always needed

by our community and our surrounding area. Donors may give blood every six weeks, so if you are a regular donor, try to fit this drive into your schedule.

Teens and Adults needed for fall events

The following variety of fun, volunteer opportunities are available for adults and teens that enjoy working with young children:

Haunted Tales Friday & Saturday October 27 & 28

Pioneer Park
7-9:30 pm
Volunteer options include actors, tour guides and concession workers.

Harvest Moon Saturday, October 7 Swaim Park 5:30-9:15 p.m.

Tasks include assisting with crafts, concessions and monitoring the fire pit.

Service Dept. Recycling Project Saturday, October 16

Service Dept.-
Holiday Tree
Lights Repair
Flexible Time

City Hall
Finance &
Payroll Depts.
Clerical Help
Flexible Time



Children's Halloween Party
Saturday, October 21
Terwilliger Lodge
12-3:30 p.m.
Come in costume attire and help manage a variety of children's games.

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

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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2	Arts Commission	City Hall	5 pm
2	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
4	Council Business Session	City Hall	7 pm
7	Chili Fest	Swaim Park	5 - 8 pm
7	Harvest Moon	Swaim Park	6 - 9 pm
9	Columbus Day (City offices open)	trash collection as usual	
9	Beautification Comm.	City Hall	9 am
11	Landmarks Commission	City Hall	7 pm
12	Parks & Recreation Commission	City Hall	6:30 pm
16	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
17	Sister Cities Commission	City Hall	7 pm
18	Council Work Session	City Hall	7 pm
21	Cardboard Recycling	7315 Cornell Road	10 am - 1 pm
21	Halloween Party	Terwilliger Lodge (cancelled for rain)	2-4 pm
22	International Reception	Terwilligers Lodge	4 - 6 pm
23	Environmental Committee	City Hall	7 pm
24	Board of Zoning Appeals	City Hall	7:30 pm
27/28	Haunted Tales Presents: Jeckly & Hyde	Pioneer Park	
29	Daylight Savings Time Ends — Fall Back	One Hour	
31	Halloween Trick or Treat	Your House	6-8 pm