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Waste Wheelers tied to specific address

When the automated trash collection system was implemented in October 2004, the City of Montgomery and Rumpke provided each single and two family residences with one 96 or one 65 gallon waste wheeler, free of charge. The waste wheelers are designed for use with the automated collection system and is imprinted with a serial number assigned to a specific address. If you move, remember to leave the waste wheeler for use by the next resident.

Upon verification by Rumpke, waste wheelers damaged by normal usage will be replaced at no charge to residents. (Rumpke reserves the right to charge for waste wheelers that have been damaged by negligence or abuse.)

Parade opens July 4th holiday celebration

Montgomery's traditional July 4th Parade begins at 10 am with a patriotic array of red, white and blue.

Participants will be assigned a designated assembly location along Cooper Road. The parade will proceed east to

Montgomery Road, then north to Montgomery Park, site of the July 4th Festival which begins at

the conclusion of the parade (*see page 5 for complete details.*)



This year's parade promises to be even bigger and better with a myriad of floats, vintage cars, military units, elected officials, dance teams, sports teams, an official Town Crier, Annie

Oakley & Buffalo Bill, 'Bone Voyage (band), Spiderman stilt walker, the Cincinnati Prowler

Club, clowns and much more! And, of course, the parade would not be complete without the annual appearance of the SHS Marching Band and the Santa Goody Bag Band.

Youths at least five years old are encouraged to ride their bike in the July 4th Parade. Meet in the Montgomery Elementary School parking lot at 9:45 a.m. (*Registration is not required.*)

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

Ohio National to present patriotic concert

There will be plenty of flags, Uncle Sam hats and tree seedlings given away during this year's free

Independence Day concert, presented by Ohio National Financial Services. The concert is on Tuesday, July 3, in Montgomery Park from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop 258 will present the colors to open the celebration entitled "Stars and Stripes Forever." The Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony will perform vocal renditions of great patriotic classics, including Sousa marches and Glen Miller hits. The second half of the symphonic concert will feature popular jazz performances with

vocalist Nancy Nolan, works of Duke Ellington, Gershwin and Sondheim.



After a special tribute to the armed forces, national patriots and hometown heroes, the evening concludes with a stirring performance of the Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Local civic organizations, such as the Rotary Club and BAMSOC guild, will be among vendors selling food and drinks as fundraisers. The Montgomery Woman's Club and the Heartstone Foundation will also be on site promoting Bastille Day raffles. In addition, WGUC will be at the event.

JULY 3RD CONCERT STARS & STRIPES FOREVER

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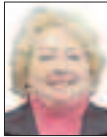
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A message from City Council

Thoughts about the Twin Lakes easement

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



**This month's
message by
Mayor
Gerri Harbison**

On June 20, 2007, the Montgomery City Council made a decision to approve a vehicular access easement for the development of 13 garden homes by Twin Lakes on 2.92 acres of property along Montgomery Road. This easement provided for the use of 0.028 acres (or approximately 1200 square feet) of property owned by the City and was necessary to properly and safely align the driveway for this residential development with the existing median cut in Montgomery Road across from Forestglen Drive.

This action came after nearly one year of hard work by the Montgomery Planning Commission, City Council members, city staff, Twin Lakes and, most importantly, our residents to design and redesign this project so as to provide a quality residential development with as little impact as possible to the residents of Montgomery.

During this process, the City listened to the concerns of the Forestglen residents and worked hard to explore other options for vehicular access to this site. Our ultimate goal was to consolidate all future vehicular access points to the 10 acres of undeveloped property along the east side of Montgomery Road to a single location away from the Forestglen Drive intersection. Such action would have been consistent with the sound access management principles that have existed in the City since the late

1980s when the current median system was installed.

Unfortunately, while this solution had the support of our City Council and Twin Lakes, the owner of the additional land that was necessary to make this concept work simply was not interested in selling his property. And, without his support, this long range goal of consolidated vehicular access was not an option that could be pursued for the Twin Lakes development alone as it required the cooperation of the adjacent property owners.

Once we found that this longer range approach was not feasible, the only remaining option was to determine whether or not to grant the easement to permit the vehicular access point for the 13-unit residential development. In reviewing this issue, professional traffic engineers determined the location to be safe, have limited impact on the existing traffic on Montgomery Road due to the small size of the development, and meet the standards for access management that have been in the City's code for many years.

A final important point to be made about this approved access point is that it will enable the City to maintain the landscaped median along this section of Montgomery Road which has been a critical part of the City's access management strategy as well as a key aesthetic "gem" along Montgomery Road for many years. The Council believed that the maintenance of this median, with only minor modifications, was of critical importance to Montgomery Road now, and into the future.

As you know, this decision came after months of heated debate

from residents of the Forestglen subdivision as to the appropriateness of the development and safety of the access point for the proposed 13-unit residential development. The Forestglen citizens preferred another access point for this project that would have either required mandatory "U-Turns" for travelers of Montgomery Road or the loss of approximately 250 feet of the existing landscaped median. These were options that, for safety, traffic control and aesthetic considerations our City Council simply could not approve.

As a result, the City Council weighed the pros and cons of this issue and made the decision that it felt best met the needs of our entire community. This was the approval of the use of 1200 square feet to permit the safe and appropriate alignment of a driveway to 13 residential units—a project that will be an attractive and desirable residential use for our community along Montgomery Road.

These issues are always difficult as the City tries to balance the interest of our citizens with the legal rights of the property owners to develop their property. Unfortunately, the City Council ultimately finds itself in the middle of these debates — a position that is sometimes uncomfortable as we too are citizens. This is a position that isn't always understood and often criticized by our citizens. However, we have been charged with the important responsibility of doing what is best for the community as a whole and in the end, we must evaluate all of the research in front of us, take a deep breath and make the tough decisions.



to all the volunteers that served as "Greeters" at this year's Homearama event. Community members, City Council Members, City Employees and Sycamore School District staff shared their time to welcome event guests, promote the Montgomery retailers' raffle and to distribute information about Montgomery and the Sycamore School District during the 16-day event.

A grateful THANK YOU is extended to all 145 volunteers for adding a warm and welcoming touch to this prestigious event.

Low cost improvement loans now available

Montgomery residents can undertake most home improvements with a loan discount program available through Hamilton County's Home Improvement Program (HIP). Homeowners can receive a 3 percent discount on the interest rate offered by a participating bank.

Participation in the program is not limited by income and carries only a few restrictions. Owners of one and two family homes with assessed values of less than \$350,000 (as

determined by the Hamilton County Auditor) may apply. Owners of buildings with three or more units are also eligible, regardless of assessed value.

Loan proceeds can be used for almost any improvement or repair project, such as room additions, kitchen/bath/basement remodeling, furnace/roof/window replacement, siding or landscaping. Funds cannot be used for installation of luxury items, such as swimming pools or hot tubs, or to purchase appliances. Loans are limited to

a maximum of \$50,000 and must be repaid within 5 years.

Applications and program brochures are available at any branch of Fifth Third, North Side or PNC Banks; or from First Safety Bank (513-242-7233), KeyBank (513-474-3169 or 513-231-5111), National City (513-519-3060) or US Bank (513-389-4205).

For more information, call the Hamilton County HIP Coordinator Patrick Hanrahan at (513) 946-8234.

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

July 4th fun to continue at City Pool

After the festival, picnic at the Montgomery Pool during Splashtacular from 3-5 p.m. with splash games, watermelon eating contests, sack races and much more outdoor pool fun.

COUNCIL CORNER

Montgomery City Council will meet in its regular monthly business session on June 27 at the City Hall. Meetings begin at 7 p.m., with public comment welcomed on each item before Council:

TABLED LEGISLATION

■ An ordinance granting an access easement within Safety Center lot to Twin Lakes in Ohio, not for profit corporation (3rd Reading)

PENDING LEGISLATION

■ An Ordinance to amend general appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Montgomery during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007 (3rd Reading)

■ An ordinance adopting goals and policies for a Montgomery Comprehensive Community Plan (2nd Reading)

■ An ordinance establishing regulations for street furniture/furnishings in the Heritage Overlay District (2nd Reading)

NEW LEGISLATION

■ A resolution adopting a tax budget for 2008

■ 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 2008

■ An Ordinance Establishing schedules of municipal compensation

Recent Council Actions

JUNE 6TH BUSINESS SESSION

■ An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20, 2006, which established the procedure for the receipt and disposition of personal property (Passed)

■ An ordinance granting an access easement within Safety Center lot to Twin Lakes in Ohio, not for profit corporation (Tabled)

■ An Ordinance to amend general

appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Montgomery during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007 (Passed 2nd Reading)

■ A resolution authorizing the City Manager to contract with Frost Brown Todd, LLC to provide special counsel service (Passed)

■ A resolution amending Resolution No. 48, 2004, establishing a Budgetary/Financial

Policy for the City of Montgomery relative to Targeted Fund Balances for effective planning and emergency financial needs (Passed)

■ An ordinance adopting goals and policies for a Montgomery Comprehensive Community Plan An Ordinance Establishing Regulations for Street Furniture/Furnishings in the Heritage Overlay District (Passed 1st Reading)

Did You Know...

The Bell House, one of Montgomery's many landmark houses, was almost demolished in 1960. Built around 1820-1835, the home belonged to the Bell Family. Eliza Jane Weller Bell lived in the house in the 1890s and her daughter married a member of the Montgomery City Council, George Arstingstall. The building was later renovated and turned into the medical office of Dr. Edward Slowick and Dr. Richard Sulek in the 1970s and 1980s.

Besides the family history that surrounds the home, there is also architectural history in the home as well. The reason it was not demolished was due to an architect, Jacques Sohn, who noticed the home was an impressive example of saltbox architecture. Saltbox architecture is a New England Colonial style home that has an extremely sloped gable roof that resembles the boxes that were used for salt storage. It still has the solid oak beams that were commonly used in early homes and the foundation is still made of the native stone. It is one of the few examples left in the area.

The Bell House became a landmark in 1977.

Bell House is latest holiday ornament

The Montgomery Landmarks

Commission is pleased to announce that The Bell House (circa 1825) is the latest landmark selected by the Montgomery Landmarks Commission to be featured as a holiday ornament. The offering is the 11th in a series of



landmark ornaments made by Barker Ornaments of Oxford, Ohio. The rich history of the Bell House is featured in this month's "Did You Know" feature in the left margin of this page.

The cost of each ornament is \$7, with proceeds from sales going to help with maintenance of

city-owned landmark buildings. Anyone purchases a complete set of the ornaments will receive a free stained glass window ornament at no charge. Checks can be made payable to the City of Montgomery.

All of the ornaments will be on sale at city sponsored events including the 4th of July festival, Bastille Day and the Kiwanis Art Show. They are also available for purchase at Montgomery City Hall. For further information, call Kaye Gaffney at 791-9025.

Progress continues on area road projects

State Projects

Montgomery Road Widening: Phase II of the Ohio Department of Transportation's Montgomery Road widening project continues as work progresses between Cornell Road and Calumet Way. Crews are concentrating on the west side of Montgomery Road and anticipate having the newly constructed lanes complete by mid August. At that point, the project will shift to the east side of Montgomery Road with an anticipated final completion by November 2007. Traffic delays are anticipated along the Montgomery Road corridor, especially north of Cornell Road, as a result of this ongoing construction. (The Ohio Department of Transportation field office phone number for this project is 469-1222.)

I-275 Noise Barrier Walls: The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has finished clearing the areas where the noise barrier walls are to be installed. Materials for the project have been ordered. The next phase will be to install the foundations and the support posts for the noise barrier walls. The anticipated completion date for the project is November 2008. (The ODOT field office phone number for this project is 933-6666.)

City of Montgomery Projects

Jolain Drive Sidewalk Project: The installation of a new five foot wide concrete sidewalk along the north side of Jolain Drive has been substantially completed and new sod has been installed to the affected excavation areas. The sidewalk extends from Tollgate Lane west to a point approximately 400 feet east of Knollbrook Terrace.

Triangle Area Projects: The Montgomery Gateway Streetscape & Access project has been completed. Street resurfacing and installation of new thermoplastic pavement markings has been completed on portions of Montgomery Road, Cooper Road, and Main Street immediately adjacent to the Triangle Development.

The Triangle Point Plaza improvements located at the southern end of the Triangle development have been substantially completed. The remainder of the work involves the installation of the fountain centerpiece which will be installed by mid September.

Street Resurfacing: The Montgomery Road, Cooper Road and Zig Zag road street resurfacing has begun. The majority of the storm sewer

and catch basin repairs or replacements have been completed. The main portion of the brick paver crosswalks and resurfacing associated with the project will begin after July 14th, (Bastille Day). The work being done in the Heritage District along Montgomery Road between north Main Street and Cooper road west of Montgomery Road involving lane closures will be limited to 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. or after 7 p.m.

Sanitary Repair on Montgomery Road: There was an emergency repair made to the Metropolitan Sanitary District sanitary sewer line located on Montgomery Road adjacent to the Safety Center. The sanitary sewer line, which is approximately 25 feet deep, had collapsed. Schweitzer Contracting was authorized by the Metropolitan Sanitary District to make the necessary repairs. All work was completed in early June.

Construction updates will be posted in the next several Montgomery Bulletins as work progresses and additional projects are authorized. For additional information on these or upcoming projects, contact Bob Nikula, Public Works Director at 792-8311.

July 4th Festival to spotlight family fun

Montgomery's annual July 4th festival will be held in Montgomery Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., following the Independence Day Parade. Musical groups 'Bone Voyage and Waiting on Ben will provide entertainment during the event.

The traditional family festival will feature a variety of youth activities, games, pony rides, food booths from area restaurants, the popular moonwalk attraction and the pet show.



Kids Activities

Tickets for booths and attractions will be sold three for a \$1. The tickets can be used for:

Pony rides: (3 tickets or \$1)

Dunking Booth: Operated as a fundraising activity of the Makos Swim Team (3 tickets)

Moonwalk: (2 tickets)

Food Booths

For those working up an appetite during the festival, several food booths will be available to satisfy anyone's hunger. Among those planning to sell food and drinks at the July 4th Festival include:

Blue Ash Montgomery Rotary: brats, burgers, hot dogs and nachos

Montgomery Fire Department: Roasted corn on the cob

Pit to Plate BBQ: Ribs, pulled pork, beef brisket and cole slaw

Donatos Pizza: Cheese or pepperoni pizza

Tiki Hut: Shaved ice

Boy Scout Troop 674: Soft drinks and water

July 4th Pet Show (You nose you wanna go!)

Tails will sure to be wagging at the annual Pet Show during the July 4th Festival. Categories will be open for dogs, cats and exotic pets. Registration will be offered from noon to 1 p.m.

Judging will be conducted by Carol Neckel from Camp Bow Wow and Happy Tails Dog Trainer Debbe Weisbuch.

An information table will be operated by Pedigree Interiors to share information about their non-profit organization and Nutro Pet Food will be the "official" treat of the Montgomery Pet Show.



Thanks to all for Homearama success

HOMEARAMA 2007 was a wonderful success. The Home Builders Association of Greater Cincinnati did a grand job of coordinating the many details for this very impressive event at the Vintage Club. The record crowds that attended witnessed the many benefits one experiences by residing in the City of Montgomery.

The City extends its gratitude to the residents and local businesses who demonstrated the "Montgomery Spirit" by welcoming the thousands of visitors to our community. The many citizen volunteers who worked long hours in the Montgomery Welcome Tent and who greeted the visitors, did a terrific job representing our community. We thank them for their dedication and hard work.

Special thanks is given to the businesses who participated in the donor basket raffle event and also to those who welcomed event visitors by displaying the "Welcome HOMEARAMA" sign in their shop windows. This warm greeting to our City certainly illustrates Montgomery at its best.

It was an exciting two weeks and Montgomery is pleased to have been chosen as the location of HOMEARAMA 2007.

In honor of Sister City Neuilly-Plaisance

Bastille Day: A salute

Volunteers sought for Bastille Day events

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 to assist with the event's set up. Call Joyce Yock (792-8329) if you would like to be a volunteer participant at this popular event.

With the attitude and the artistic flair of the French, Montgomery's July 14 Bastille Day 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, brats, stirfry and beer.

The Parks and Recreation Commission will also be operating a FREE sno-cone booth for those who have worked up a thirst and are looking for a cool down.

Montgomery Road between Remington and Cooper Roads will be blocked off from noon to

11 p.m. for the annual tribute to Montgomery's Sister City Neuilly-Plaisance.

Entertainment

Entertainment will spotlight such talent as the HOWLband for classic karaoke, the smooth



Motown of the Mistics, smoking hot classic rock of Red Idle, local favorite Ooh La La and the Greasers, and the Paul Otten Band. Other entertainment will feature the Syrian Shrine Clown Unit, Can Can Dancers, strolling musicians and the Sycamore Community Band.

Non-profit Raffles

The HeartStone Foundation will host a bike raffle as part of the Tour de Montgomery Bike Ride and Fundraiser (*see related story on facing page*). Montgomery Woman's Club will be hosting a raffle that will

include a variety of prizes from local merchants as well as tickets to the Town Hall Lecture Series.

Kids Cabaret

Youngsters will enjoy playing games and winning prizes at the 8 game booths featured at this year's event. In addition, there will be plenty of opportunities for bouncing at the Princess and CARS moonwalks. Sculptured balloons and a myriad of clown antics will be provided by the Syrian Shrine Clowns. Game & Moonwalk tickets will be 2/\$1.

Diaper Derby

Diaper Derby begins at 4 p.m. Sign up at the City Information Booth to enter your "crawler" in the 3rd annual Diaper Derby or pre-register on the City's website. Winners of each heat will face off with first, second and third place champions crawling away with a bountiful supply of diapers. In addition, families will have an opportunity to enter a drawing for a 20 punch pass to the Montgomery City Pool. Sponsored by Pampers, the event feature is free. Pampers will also be sharing gifts with each baby participant. Register at the City Booth on event day from 12-3:45 p.m. or pre-register by visiting www.MontgomeryOhio.org.

Art Display

The Art Exhibit in Universalist Church will feature the 2007 Montgomery Photo Contest Winning Entries, the 2008 City Calendar entries, Recycling Sculpture Contest Entries & Awards, and a French Consumer Packaging Display. French Flavored Art by Donna Talerico and French Art and Artifacts by Sylvan Archer will also be highlights in the Art Exhibit from 12-8 p.m.

Picnic to open Bastille Day

The annual Picnic, co-sponsored by the Sister Cities Commission, the French American Chamber of Commerce and the Alliance Francaise of Cincinnati, is scheduled for Friday, July 13, in Swaim Park from 7-11 pm. Families will have an opportunity to experience Bastille Day in a format similar to celebrations in French villages and will

include a traditional "Bal" (dancing under the stars in the Swaim Park Gazebo). The event is free but you need to bring your favorite homemade summer dish that serves six. Beverages will be available for purchase and prizes will be awarded for the best cooks. Call 852-6510 or visit www.MontgomeryOhio.org to make your reservation. Space is limited.



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Serious business

Tour De Montgomery to benefit cancer patient

While most residents may never get to ride in the famed Tour de France, they will still be able to participate in the next best event to be held right here in Montgomery during the local Bastille Day celebration.

The longstanding tradition of the Tour de France is the inspiration behind bringing the Tour de Montgomery bike ride to the Sister Cities celebration, Bastille Day! The City will host three rides, a 7.5-mile family ride within Montgomery and two longer distant rides — 35-mile or 65-mile rides — through Montgomery and surrounding communities.

Proceeds from the ride will

Serious fun

Visitors to lose their heads over photo opportunity

Losing your head has never been so much fun! Come and be a part of French history by re-enacting the famous scene from Marie Antoinette and King Louis's executions (a perfect opportunity to see your spouse's "head on the line.").

The guillotine (or at least a perfectly safe replicate, of course!) will stand in historic Downtown Montgomery from 3 to 9 p.m. in commemoration of this blatant distortion of justice enacted on the King and Queen of France.

Costumes will be provided for this a unique memento from City of Montgomery's Bastille



offset medical costs of Angie Knoechel, a local woman battling breast cancer. The City has partnered with the Heartstone Foundation for the fundraising event.

Cost for participation is \$30 per

rider in the distance rides and \$30 per family in the 7.5 mile ride. Details will be available on the City website at www.montgomeryohio.org and through the HeartStone Foundation's website at www.heartstonefoundation.org.



Day Celebration. Photos will be provided for a nominal cost of

\$5. Bastille Day T-shirts will be available for \$12.

Recycled Art Contest winner to be named at Bastille Day event

The deadline for this year's Environmental Advisory Commission third annual Recycled Sculpture Contest is July 9 at 4:30 p.m.

Competition details are available at www.montgomeryohio.org, or at City Hall

The Environmental Advisory Commission will judge all qualifying entries. Winners will be announced and entries will be displayed at the Universalist Church on July 14 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.

The City and Environmental Advisory Commission 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.

Air Quality Help and Information

Have you ever wondered what is in the air that's making your allergies act up or how to make living with them easier... or noticed a funny smell in your neighborhood and not known who to call?

The Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services (HCDOES) can help with three 24-hour hotlines.

Complaint Hotline

(513) 946-7777

Smell something peculiar in the neighborhood? Strange dust settling on your car? Call and the department will send someone out to investigate.

Air Quality/Pollen and Mold Hotline

(513) 946-7753

Want to know what is making you feel so miserable?

During the week, the HCDOES checks the air quality twice daily, looking for mold, pollen, smog and particulate matter. The data from these tests is available 24 hours a day by calling the hotline or visiting www.hcdoes.org.

Living with Allergies/Air Quality Brochure Hotline

(513) 946-7747

Interested in learning more about our air or how to make it through the summer with allergies? Call this hotline to get a copy of our Living with Allergies brochure or any other useful publications that HCDOES offers. All of the documents are also available for download at www.hcdoes.org.

Terry's Tree Tips

Mild Drought: Proper watering is important

Proper watering is always important, but it becomes crucial when the temperature gets hot and rainfall becomes scarce. If plants are only provided with shallow watering every day, they're probably only getting a fraction of what they need. Let's look at the water requirements of trees.



Large amounts of water evaporate through tree leaves. This "pulls" water through the plant. Water is the "vehicle" that nutrients use to enter the plant. These nutrients are needed for plant functions and growth. Water is also needed for vital physiological plant processes. A lack of water means stress and disruption of plant functions.

While humans are supposed to drink at least eighty ounces of water a day and more in hot weather, trees need gallons of water. A mature silver maple can lose up to 58 gallons of water per hour on a hot summer day! This translates to over 1000 gallons in a twenty four hour period. Watering your tree for 10, 15 or 20 minutes a day just isn't going to give that big old maple the water that it needs. It's like getting only a little glass of water after standing outside all day.

To water trees adequately, water should be applied over a longer period of time that will moisten, (but not saturate!) the soil to a depth of 6-12 inches or more. Water should be applied slowly enough so that it soaks into the soil without running off down the driveway, sidewalk or street. With the heavy clay soils in our area applying water slowly is the only way to achieve the type of deep soil moisture needed for the sustained health of any mature trees. An excellent way to apply water slowly is with a soaker hose. Soaker hoses are made of

porous canvas, plastic, or rubber. They allow water to seep out slowly and are useful in watering trees, flowers, vegetables, and shrub beds.

If you have a solid set irrigation system and numerous trees, soaker hoses might not be practical for you. You'll need to work with your system's timer so that you can apply water for

a longer period of time in the same location. You may want to "pulse" the water, applying it several times with "resting" periods between applications to allow the water to soak in. Check the soil several hours after you water to make sure that it's moist to a depth of at least 6-12 inches.

It's important to point out that the tree roots that absorb water are not right next to the trunk of established trees. Water applied in the tree trunk area is typically a waste of water. The fine feeder roots that absorb most of the water for the tree are located at and beyond the "dripline." The "dripline" is the outer edge of the branch spread. Newly planted trees are an exception to this rule. The water absorbing roots of recent transplants will generally be in the area of the root ball. Care should be taken to keep that root ball moist and water may have to be applied close to the trunk to accomplish this task.

What's the best time of day to water during the hot weather? It's probably best to water in the very early morning, but irrigation water isn't always available when you need it. If you have a choice, water during the cooler part of the day, morning or evening. If you water during the hottest times of the day, you lose considerable moisture from evaporation before the plants even get a chance to use it!

If you have an irrigation system it is always a good idea to check out all your sprinkler heads and

make sure they're working properly. During hot weather, a broken or clogged head might mean a stressed tree, a dead garden plant, or a brown patch of lawn. If you rely on drip systems to water trees and landscape beds, make sure all the emitters are functioning correctly.

A few final cautionary notes: keep your plants supplied with the water they need, but be aware that extremely saturated soils can lead to root

rot and the eventual death of trees or other plants. While it may take time for a lack of moisture to kill a mature tree, the problems caused by a lack of moisture can contribute to tree's demise by allowing opportunistic pests or diseases to attack the tree during the stressed condition it is under while lacking adequate moisture and nutrients.

“Watering your tree for 10, 15 or 20 minutes a day just isn't going to give that big old maple the water that it needs. It's like getting only a little glass of water after standing outside all day.”

Car show roars into Montgomery August 11

Take a trip into yesteryear as more than 100 classic and antique cars are displayed in Weller Park on Saturday, August 11. Vehicles from the 1920s to the 1980s will be available for viewing starting at 5 p.m. Hourly raffles will be given away by sponsors, with a grand prize announced at 8 p.m. Admission is free to spectators.



City parks. (Coolers and glass bottles will not be permitted into the park.)

The Car Show will feature live musical entertainment by Red Idle and festival-oriented refreshments such as soft drinks, beer, snacks and food. Proceeds will benefit the Holiday Family Fund and future improvements in

In addition, the Arts Commission is sponsoring an Automotive Art Exhibit that includes a demonstration of "detailing" as well as a display of Automotive

Art. Look for more details in the August *Bulletin*.

Those wanting to display a vehicle can pre-register their entry for \$10 each. Registration on the day of the show is \$15. Vehicles can be checked into the show between 3 and 5 p.m., with judging beginning at 5 p.m.

Winners will be announced starting at 8 p.m.

Car enthusiasts interested in entering a unit can register on the city's webpage at www.montgomeryohio.org or stop by City Hall for registration materials.

Montgomery Businesses: Key to quality of life

Even though Montgomery is primarily a residential community, Montgomery businesses play a critical role in the health and vitality of the City. There are over 500 different employers within the City limits providing jobs to more than 13,200 people.

Everyone appreciates the quality that these businesses provide, whether it's dining at one of our fine restaurants, utilizing the services of Bethesda North Hospital and surrounding medical facilities, or browsing at one of our many jewelers and gift shops. In addition to the convenience of nearby services, our businesses make a significant financial contribution to the City that helps provide the level of services residents enjoy.

Approximately 73% of the land in the City of Montgomery is currently used for single family homes, apartments and condominiums. Institutional, office and retail uses account for only 15%. However, 38% of our total earnings tax revenue comes from income tax from employees working in Montgomery businesses. About 40% of total revenue comes from income tax. In 2006, that

amount was \$2.44 million.

In addition to earnings tax, Montgomery businesses also contribute a healthy sum to City coffers by way of property tax. Approximately 16% of property taxes paid to the Hamilton County Auditor are distributed back to the City. This represents 29% of the City's fiscal year revenues. Some of this is earmarked for specific uses, such as the Fire Department and special assessment projects, while some is added to the City's General Fund. In 2006, approximately 30% of the total property tax distributions from the Auditor's Office

originated from land with a commercial tax classification.

In total, earnings and property tax income represents approximately 71% of the City's annual income. As can be seen from the above information, Montgomery businesses are responsible for over one third of that revenue. Montgomery businesses also are very generous in their support and sponsorship to a number of civic events in the community. Montgomery would not be the City it is today without their contribution. Let's all support our local businesses, our partners in making Montgomery a special place.

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 14, Bastille Day Celebration (12-8 p.m.) to manage children's game booths. The July 14th event requires a 2 hour minimum commitment. The responsibilities for game booth managers include taking tickets, managing the games and awarding prizes. Call Joyce Yock (792-8329) to sign up for a specific time shift for these fun, community events.

July/August Volunteer Opportunities

- July 4th Parade-Convertible Drivers (9-11 am)
- July 4th Parade-Organizers/Judges (8:30-10:30 am)
- July 4th Festival-Game Booth Managers (10:45 am-2 pm)
- Beautification Awards' Judges (July 3-11/Flexible)
- Adopt-a-Bed/Park Flowerbed Maintenance (Flexible)
- Pioneer Park Butterfly Garden Maintenance (Flexible)
- Service Dept.-Recycling Project (July 14/9:45 am-1 pm)
- Service Dept.-Holiday Tree Lights Repair (Flexible)

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





Eat to the Beat

Pack a picnic or buy some treats from NEON LITES while you enjoy free noon concerts in Swaim Park every Wednesday in July:

July 11
ANNA & MILOVAN
(acoustic pop/folk/blues sound)
This father/daughter duo are actively involved in playing in the Greater Cincinnati area. Originally from Serbia (the former Yugoslavia), Milovan grew up with such acoustic blues influences, while Anna on the other hand, claims inspiration from the pop world.

July 18
ZUMBA (classic music of Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean)
ZUMBA! (Spanish for the buzzing sound a bee makes) is Cincinnati's premier small Latin ensemble specializing in the sensuous, classic music of Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean.

July 25
MENAGERIE
(Jon & Lisa Butts folk and celtic music) A celtic-style group that boasts a large repertoire of instrumentals such as the hammered dulcimer, guitar and penny whistle.

Friday night series offers vintage movies

On the first Friday of each month during the summer, pack up the family and make a night of it during Montgomery's Friday Night Vintage Movie Series in Weller Park. FREE movies will be shown at dusk. (Rain cancels the event.) Concessions benefit park enhancements. Movies include:

July 6 **Grease**

Sandy Olsen is a goody two shoes from Australia, Danny Zuko is the head T-Bird from Rydell High.

However when the two meet up during the summer, they fall in love thinking they won't see each other ever again until Sandy ends up at Rydell High!



August 3 **The Goonies**

The adventure begins when Mikey stumbles on a treasure map pointing to the sunken treasure of the famed pirate, "one-eyed" Willie. Faced with

obstacles of a dopey criminal family in hiding, pirate booby-traps and asthma, Mikey and a few friends set out on a quest to find the riches in hopes to save their homes.



September 7 **Ghostbusters**

Three odd-ball scientists get kicked out of their cushy positions at a university in New York City where they studied offbeat subjects. They decide to set up shop in an old firehouse and become Ghostbusters, trapping pesky ghosts, spirits, haunts and poltergeists for cash.

Skyhawks Program: Challenge and fun for youth

The City of Montgomery has partnered with Skyhawks, the nation's largest sports camp to offer exciting summer programs. Skyhawks offer the best curriculum and fun, no matter what sport your child loves. Join the fun! The following Skyhawks programs are now available for online registration at www.montgomeryohio.org. All camps meet at Weller Park.



August 2; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; Weller Park; Cost \$60

MULTI-SPORT Ages 8-14
(Soccer, Baseball & Basketball)
Monday - Thursday; July 30 - August 2; 1 - 4 p.m.; Weller Park; Cost \$70

SOFT LACROSSE Ages 6-8
Additional equipment required, for information, visit www.skyhawks.com
Monday - Thursday; July 7 - 12; 5 - 7 p.m.; Weller Park; Cost \$60

LACROSSE Ages 9-14
Additional equipment required, for information, visit www.skyhawks.com
Monday - Thursday; July 9 - 12; 5 - 7 p.m.; Weller Park; Cost \$60

MINI-HAWK Ages 5-7
(Soccer, Baseball & Basketball)
Monday - Thursday; July 30 -

Are YOU up for an adventure?

Ages 10-16
Monday-Friday; July 23-27; 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (meet at the Annex Building); Cost: \$40/day or \$175/week (NR: \$45/day or \$225/week); Cost includes admissions, transportation & Friday lunch)

July 23: Gear Up/Shoot Out!
Mountain Biking and Paintball.

July 24: Build & Climb
High ropes course and team-building.

July 25: Saddle & Paddle
Horseback riding and canoeing

July 26: Amazing Race
Bike/Canoe/Orienteering

July 27: Hit the Beach! Let the adventure begin!

Young Rembrandts

The Power of Drawing

Young Rembrandts drawing classes are conducted at the Annex Building in Montgomery Park. All materials are included in the \$48 for fee for each 3-day art camp, held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

July 9-11
Jr. Princess Camp (Ages 5-8): 10:30 a.m.-noon
Summer Art Camp (Ages 7-13): 1-2:30 p.m.

August 6-8
Anime Cartoon Camp (Ages 7-13): 10:30 a.m.-noon
Noah's Ark Camp (Ages 7-14): 1-2:30 p.m.

Comprehensive Park Planning continues

The City of Montgomery is moving ahead in the development of a 10-year Parks Master Plan as it anticipates the needs and wants of community park users. The plan is designed to add value to the parks as an appreciated asset in the community and to further the overall vision of the City.

Over the first several months of the year, feedback has been gathered from the community through public meetings, online surveys, user surveys, and from other local municipalities. The information is now being organized for development of a proposal that will go back to the public for review and follow-up input in August.

Some of the trends developing in the assessment of all the data collected include an emphasis on environmentally conscious elements for heating and lighting, furthering the long-standing national designation of Tree City, and development of the “gardenesque” foliage that sets Montgomery apart of others. Such efforts, when combined with aggressive maintenance plans, add artistic/cultural elements to the parks to provide the quality

level of services expected by our community.

These main areas of focus—along with several other unique

elements—will keep the City of Montgomery Parks servicing the community with beautiful, functional, inspiring outdoor venues for life.

Swim Lessons

Not too late to learn a valuable lifelong skill

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 \$35 per session for current pool members and \$50 per session for non-members. Children must be

at least 4 years of age to participate in general lessons; some special classes available for ages 6 months to age 4.

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

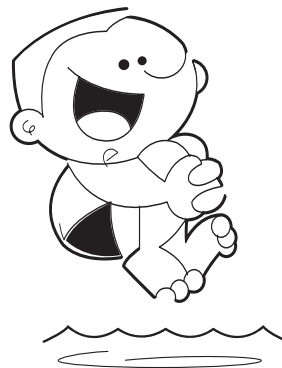
begins. Classes must have a minimum of four participants, with a maximum of six participants, to be offered.

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.

Details on skill levels are at www.montgomeryohio.org.

Beach Party set July 27

Party at the pool from 6 to 8 p.m. with a live steel drum band, hula games, beach volleyball and fruity drinks and snacks minus the sand! Bring your suit, sandals, beach hat and friends to this delightful escape to the beach right here in Montgomery.



Touch-a-Truck planned August 2

Check out city service vehicles during this special program in Weller Park on Thursday, August 2, from 9 to 11 a.m.

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.

MAKE-A SPLASH CAMP

Ages 10-16

Monday- Friday; Aug 6-10; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (meet at the Annex Building); Cost: \$40/day or \$175/week (NR: \$45/day or \$225/week); Cost includes admissions, transportation & Wednesday lunch)

August 6

Swim and Spin
at Coney Island

August 7

Discover Scuba
at Washington Township Rec Center

August 8

Ride the Tides
at The Beach

August 9

Team-Building and Canoeing at Camp Kern

August 10

Aussie's Adventure
down under at Boomerang Bay

ALL AROUND TOWN...

2006 Annual Report now available

Montgomery's 2006 Annual Report is now available for residents to pick up at City Hall or to view online at the City's website. The 18-page report includes 2006 City Highlights provided by the City Administration and City Council with additional department summaries and statistics provided by City employees.

Community Chicken Barbecue Dinner

As part of its 50th anniversary celebration, the Church of the Saviour United Methodist, 8005 Pfeiffer Road, will host a chicken barbecue for the community on Saturday, August 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The event is open

to the public. For more information, contact the church at 791-3142.

Pediatric practice moves to new offices

The doctors and staff of Montgomery Pediatrics will move to a new facility, effective July 2. The medical facility will move from 10535 Montgomery Road to 10700 Montgomery Road. The new location will offer easier accessibility and a larger office to better serve patients.

Drs. Labowsky, D'Souza, Lenkauskas, Roeser, and DeBlasio will locate their medical practice in Suite 100, near the corner of Weller and Montgomery Roads. The phone number, 984-5552, will remain the same.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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2	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
3	Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Concert	Mont. Park	7:30 pm
4	Independence Day holiday/City Offices Closed, trash pick up as usual		
4	Parade		10 am
4	Festival	Montgomery Park	11 am-2 pm
4	Splashatacular	City pool	2-5 pm
6	Vintage Movie Night	Weller Park	dusk (9pm)
9	Arts Commission	City Hall	5 pm
9	Beautification Commission	City Hall	9 am
10	Environmental Advisory Commission	City Hall	4:30 pm
11	Eat to the Beat Concert	Swaim Park	noon
11	Landmarks Commission	City Hall	7 pm
12	Parks & Recreation Commission	Pioneer Park	6:30 pm
13	Bastille Day Picnic	Swaim Park	7 pm
14	Bastille Day Celebration	downtown Montgomery	noon-11 pm
14	Cardboard Recycling	7315 Cornell Road	10 am-1 pm
16	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
17	Sister Cities Commission	City Hall	7 pm
18	Eat to the Beat Concert	Swaim Park	noon
18	Council Work Session	City Hall	7 pm
23	Adventure Camp Week	Annex Building	9 am-4 pm
24	Board of Zoning Appeals	City Hall	7:30 pm
25	Eat to the Beat Concert	Swaim Park	noon
27	Beach Party	City Pool	6-8pm
31	2nd quarter 2007 taxes due		



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