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Addressed on City Website

- How much parkland does the City maintain?
- What is the price of the 10 acres proposed for City purchase?
- Does the City have money in reserve?
- How much, if any, of the City's reserve funds could be used to make such a purchase?
- Why is City Council talking about placing a park levy on the November ballot?
- If the voters say they want to buy the land and accept an additional tax to fund the purchase, is the City obligated or required to make the purchase?
- Would the city have priority over Twin Lakes or any other buyer?
- Are earnings tax monies earmarked in any way?
- How has the City's budget changed over the years?
- What is the City's "wish list"?
- How many people does the City employ?
- What are TIF districts and what does it cost the City?
- Has the City given property away or given preferential treatment to developers?
- If this property that is subject to the initiative doesn't become a park, how will it be developed?
- How can I be involved in decisions made by the City or learn more about those actions?

City strategic plan proceeding on target

In 2001 the City Council adopted its first strategic plan, providing direction in a number of important areas to ensure that Montgomery's high quality of life is maintained.

Using a private sector approach, the plan produced successes like the new Gateway Center and Triangle Point Plaza development; converting "waiting in-line services" into "on-line services" provided through secure Internet transactions; refinancing city debt to save taxpayers \$1.2 million; and the revitalization of Parrott Alley into a safe and identifiable walkway connection between the municipal parking lot on Shelly Lane and Montgomery Road.

Building upon those and other successes, a revised and updated strategic plan was adopted last year. Similar to the 2001 plan, the 2006 version has a five-year time horizon. Based upon community input, it has 5 goals that:

- *Maintain and solicit a diverse range of residential and business developments*
- *Seek business development in the Montgomery Road corridor*
- *Deliver efficient, cost effective, high quality and creative services*
- *Use and protect financial assets, consistent with city policy*
- *Enhance the city's strengths and competitive edge, by*

building upon the city-community trust and cooperation, through a comprehensive communication program

To achieve the goals, 27 strategies and 138 implementation steps were developed. To monitor the plan's implementation, the City staff updated the City Council on June 27. Over the course of an hour, Council learned that, in the five-year plan, 2007 has 68 active projects: 19% were completed; 74% have seen progress; and 7% had not started by the year's mid-point. In addition, work has begun on 31 projects due 2007-2011.

Completed projects include
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Initiative petition filed with City Council

On Friday, July 13, the City of Montgomery was presented with initiative petitions demanding City Council purchase 10 acres of property along Montgomery Road for development as park land. The initiative demanding the City purchase the property does not identify a specific budget source for the funding for the acquisition.

As required by the City Charter, Council appointed a committee comprised of all City Council members to conduct a public hearing on the initiative petition. This public hearing will be held August 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Montgomery City Hall.

The City encourages any interested parties to attend the meeting to voice opinion.

The purpose of the public hearing is to take comments from the public and the petition advocates so a recommendation can be made as to whether the proposal should be made a law or referred for a vote in November.

In the meantime, the Clerk of Council has referred the petitions to the Hamilton County Board of Elections to determine whether the petitions contain a sufficient number of valid signatures for this process to continue.

Questions addressed online

The City of Montgomery has received a number of citizen inquiries regarding information on the initiative petition which has now been filed with City Council advocating for the purchase of 10 acres of property along Montgomery Road.

The City does not and cannot advocate for or against this or any initiative petition, however

it is important that the City provide information to its citizens who make inquiries on this matter.

Answers to questions may be found at www.montgomeryohio.org. (Click "Citizens Inquire City About Proposed Initiative Petition").

Additional questions can be directed to Montgomery City Hall at 513 891-2424.

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A message from City Council

An exciting time for Montgomery Parks

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



**This month's
message by
Council Member
Lynda Roesch**

The verdict is in and the community has spoken, Montgomery has a wonderful park system and great recreation programs. In order to ensure that our parks and recreation facilities continue to meet the needs of the community, the City of Montgomery embarked on the development of a parks master plan.

Montgomery's Park master plan is based on an analysis of this community's comments on the current park system and needs for the future, and it will be unique to Montgomery. Beginning with an inventory and analysis of existing park

facilities and programs, the master plan is considering additional uses that may be required currently and flushing out ideas for change in anticipation of future demands. Montgomery's park master plan will be a workable plan that outlines strategic steps for the next ten years.

To ensure that this proposed plan is being driven by the needs of the entire community, there will be two public meetings in late August where the residents and park users will be asked to provide comment on the proposed suggestions in the report, and the City will gather feedback to make final amendments to the parks master plan.

There are some exciting new trends surfacing in the process which will improve and tailor the Park system for Montgomery's residents. Such proposals for consideration and

investigation include "greening" ideas for the parks such as geothermal heating of some restroom facilities so that they would be available for year-round use; solar heating of the pool and family oriented additions to pool site; improving the annex to make it more usable and more user-friendly for the residents; and improving drainage and site amenities for some of the ball fields. Another idea that has come out of the parks master plan would include a functional redesign of Pfeiffer Park to designate this park as a crossroads signature in Montgomery.

When the master plan is finished, the City of Montgomery will have a blueprint for a superb park plan by utilizing exciting enhancements to its existing park system to serve the residents of Montgomery well into the future.

City Council receives report on "teardowns"

At the request of City Council, staff has been collecting data and studying the trend of residential teardowns since August 2001, when builders began buying numbers of lots to redevelop. That infor-

mation was presented to City Council in June.

The study found that the majority of the homes being torn down by developers date back to the mid to late 1950s and are small

ranch style homes. A total of 78 homes were torn down between 2001 and 2006, peaking in 2005 with 22 homes torn down in that year. The teardown trend has slowed, with 15 homes torn down in 2006 and 7 homes torn down so far in 2007.

The study showed that the average sale price of the new homes was \$666,000 compared to an average sale price of \$268,000 for all other homes sold in the City. The study also highlighted the number of days the new homes were on the market, average square feet of the new homes, identifies the builders responsible for the teardown phenomena and other factual information.

For more information or to obtain a copy of the residential teardown report, contact City Planner Tracy Roblero at 792-8312.



to Jeff Uckotter, a Sycamore High School senior that has shared approximately 100 hours of his time this summer to assist the Service Dept. staff with a variety of "hands on" tasks. These jobs included mulching, weeding and planting trees in the parks, staining park benches and, most recently, Jeff's time and energy were extremely appreciated at the early morning Bastille Day event set up. In addition to preparing for Sycamore's 2007 football season, Jeff also works at Montgomery Inn. A grateful THANK YOU is extended to Jeff for making volunteer participation a priority in his busy summer schedule. He certainly has made a "difference" in his community!



Spreading goodwill from under the Big Top

The City of Montgomery information tent at the 2007 Homearama event at the Vintage Club was staffed by a large group of Montgomery resident volunteers, Sycamore School volunteers, and Montgomery employee volunteers. A big thank you goes out to everyone involved for making the tent such a huge success!

COUNCIL CORNER

Montgomery City Council will meet in its regular monthly business session on August 1, 2007 at the City Hall. Meetings begin at 7 p.m., with public comment welcomed on each item before Council.

PENDING LEGISLATION

- An ordinance adopting goals and policies for a Montgomery Comprehensive Community Plan (*3rd Reading*)
- An ordinance

establishing regulations for street furniture/furnishings in the Heritage Overlay District (*3rd Reading*)

NEW LEGISLATION

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

a contract with Don S. Cisle Contractor Inc. for the 2007 Remington Road Improvement Project

- A resolution to adopt recommendation of the Montgomery Tax Incentive Review Council with respect to the compliance of all Tax Increment Financing Districts within the City of Montgomery

- A resolution designating records managers for the City of Montgomery

- A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with United Healthcare to provide medical coverage for full-time employees

- A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Dental Care Plus to provide dental coverage for full-time employees

- A resolution authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a contract with Lincoln Financial Group to provide life insurance coverage for full-time employees

- An Ordinance Amending Section 34.05 of the Code of Ordinances establishing employee benefits and declaring an emergency

Recent Council Actions

JUNE 20TH WORK SESSION

- An ordinance granting an access easement within Safety Center lot to Twin Lakes in Ohio, not for profit corporation (*Passed 3rd Reading, 7-0*)

JUNE 27TH BUSINESS SESSION

- 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 3rd Reading, 6-0*)
- An ordinance adopting goals and policies for a Montgomery Comprehensive Community Plan (*Passed 2nd Reading, 6-0*)
- An ordinance establishing regulations for street furniture/furnishings

in the Heritage Overlay District (*Passed 2nd Reading, 5-1*)

- A resolution adopting a tax budget for 2008 (*Passed 6-0*)

- 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 (*Passed 6-0*)

- A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Hamilton County General Health District for public health services during 2008 (*Passed 6-0*)

- An ordinance establishing schedules of municipal compensation (*Passed 6-0*)

JULY 18TH BUSINESS SESSION

- Amended resolution declaring the necessity of levying a tax in excess of the 10-mill limitation to .75 mills and requesting the County Auditor to certify matters in connection therewith (*Passed 7-0*)

- Amended resolution declaring the necessity of levying a tax in excess of the 10-mill limitation to 1.0 mills and requesting the County Auditor to certify matters in connection therewith (*Passed 7-0*)

- Amended resolution declaring the necessity of levying a tax in excess of the 10-mill limitation to 1.25 mills and requesting the County Auditor to certify matters in connection therewith (*Passed 7-0*)

Strategic Plan...

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selling surplus city equipment on-line; publishing an article about the private sector's job and tax contributions to the city; coordination and support before and during Homearama 2007; and continued commitment toward building adequate fund reserves to ensure the City's

financial health and ability to provide quality services in the future.

Projects in process include the parks master plan; housing in the Heritage District; construction of the new Triangle Point Plaza; and the study of traffic improvements at Bethesda North. Some projects ahead of schedule are the Remington Road reconstruction; construction of paver crosswalks

throughout the Montgomery Heritage District; and study of expanding broadband capabilities as a community development tool.

Watch the *Bulletin* for periodic progress reports on important elements of the strategic plan. The strategic plan summary is available on the website at www.montgomeryohio.org/government/government.htm.

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

Chipper Crews coming soon

The fall brush collection event that the City brush chipper crew conducts twice a year will begin the last week of September. Watch for your September Bulletin for details or call City Hall at 891-2424.

During yard waste pick-up season, brush may be placed at the curb for Rumpke to pick up, but the brush must be tied in bundles of no longer than four feet in length and weighing no more than 60 pounds each. Each bundle of brush counts against the three items you may place out for yard waste collection each week. (Any more than three items requires a sticker).

Did You Know...

at one time, Montgomery had the largest and oldest shingle oak tree in the United States?

The tree was discovered on December 29, 1963, in the backyard of the Monroe Lumley family, 7951 Cooper Road. It was determined that the tree was 300 years old. The size of the tree was very unique: 15 feet in circumference, 93 feet tall with branches that spanned anywhere from 60-82 feet.

Mrs. A.C. Hummel entered the tree into the Social Register of Big Trees of the National Forestry Service in Washington, D.C. In 1964 it was made a winner.

The Lumley family's grandmother, who died in 1927 at the age of 87, recalled her years as a child that the tree full grown.

The Old Fashioned Garden Club kept the tree alive on a \$400 budget, but — sadly — high winds and a thunderstorm brought the prized tree down in 1972.

Terry's Tree Tips

How to keep our urban forest healthy & vibrant

How can we work together to maintain and develop our urban forest? Simply put, it is by planting and caring for our trees!



When is the best time to plant a new tree? Trees can be successfully planted at almost any time of the year, providing you have time to adequately care for it up to five years as it develops an extensive root network.

If you decide to plant during these hot and dry conditions, make sure to select a tree that has been well cared for at the nursery or garden center, then develop a plan for its continuing care.

Trees require special care during their first five years as they change and grow rapidly. Making regular care a priority will go a long way in having a healthy tree that is a wonderful addition to your landscape and the City's urban forest.

Provide the proper amount of water: Too little or too much water can be extremely damaging. An irrigation system or a low cost soaker hose with a water timer can help maintain a regular schedule of watering. Plant the tree in an appropriate location.

Protect the trees root system: Care should be taken to avoid piling excessive amounts of soil on top of the tree's buttress roots and root collar. Don't bury the top of a newly planted tree as the roots need moisture and oxygen. Piling soil on top of the root ball will only cause problems. In our typically heavy clay soils, it is advisable to plant the tree so the root ball of the tree is 1 to 2 inches higher than the surrounding ground and then slope soil by grading toward the top of the root ball without covering it with large amounts of additional soil.

Complete a soil analysis: A soil analysis will provide information about what deficiencies may exist in the soil and what nutrients may be required for sustained tree health and growth. Trees that were purchased as nursery stock are typically fertilized and will not require any soil amendments during the first year. Plan on doing a soil analysis beginning at the start of the next growing season so that you can determine if additional fertilization or soil amendments may be needed.

Use mulch wisely: A layer of mulch 2-3 inches will conserve moisture and add beneficial organic matter to the soil. It also helps protect the young tree from lawn mower or string trimmer damage. One important reminder is not to place mulch against the trunk of the tree.

Prune selectively: Proper pruning by a certified arborist or one that is familiar with proper pruning techniques will encourage a healthy branch structure in your young tree.

Inspect for insects and diseases: Regular inspections can reveal pest and disease problems so they may be addressed before causing significant damage or even death

of young trees. Some pests or diseases are difficult to detect so you may want to consider utilizing the services of a trained arborist or tree professional to evaluate your trees.

If deer are frequent visitors in your lawn or landscape consider the use of a deer guard from mid August thru the New Year to protect the young trees bark from rutting, when deer can cause significant damage to the bark of a young tree.

While trees do require more frequent care during their early years following planting, the benefits of a well planned maintenance program will pay dividends for you as well as future generations.

If you would like more information on how to conduct a soil analysis, contact the Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District at (513) 772-7645 or see their website at www.hcswcd.org Soil testing boxes and instructions can be obtained for \$10 each.

Certified arborists can be found through reputable tree companies in the phone book or contacting the International Society of Arboriculture at (217) 355-9411 or www.isa-arbor.com.

Car show coming August 11

More than 100 classic and antique cars will be on display 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.

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 City

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

In addition, the Arts Commission will sponsor an Automotive Art exhibit that will include watercolors by Deb Ward; "car parts" photography by amateur photographer, Cliff Goosmann; impressionism artwork by Greg Martin; and pin striping by Jim "Dauber" Farr. Guests will have an opportunity to have an object personally pin stripped by Jim Farr for a reasonable fee. This unique, automotive art exhibit will be open from 5-9 p.m. in tents on the event grounds.

Johnson Nature Preserve

Protecting a natural green belt in the City park system

The seven acres of land, now known as the Johnson Nature Preserve, was donated to the City 35 years ago by Frank and Pat Johnson. Since the generous donation, this area has been maintained as a natural green belt by the City despite the major damage caused by an April 9, 1999, tornado. This deadly F4 tornado caused catastrophic damage to area homes and property, including the Johnson Nature Preserve.

In the aftermath of the tornado, City staff developed a recovery plan presented to the City Council. The staff recommendation was to selectively clear fallen timber and prohibit the use of any motorized equipment or other actions that could cause additional damage to the remaining plant and animal life in the Preserve.

This recommendation would result in the damaged and fallen timber to be cut so that the logs would rest on the forest floor. There, they would decompose and provide a natural recovery process for remaining plants and the trees that were predicted to sprout from the damaged root systems.

This recovery plan drew some opposition with some asking that the fallen timber and severely damaged trees be removed through logging operations. The logging proposal was based on the thought that the fallen timber would provide fuel for wild fires and that quick action to remove the timber would also provide the necessary revenue stream to clear all of the Preserve's storm damage caused by the tornado.

After consideration, City Council expressed concerns that the logging of the nature preserve would cause even more damage and, ultimately, the decision was made to follow the staff's recovery plan. Subsequently, staff submitted a Nature Works grant application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources

and was notified in 2000, that the project grant application was approved, covering 75% of the cost to plant additional trees, shrubs, and groundcover; provide an evaluation of existing trees; and remove or prune trees that were determined to present an unacceptable risk to visitors. Since then, staff has carefully worked in the Preserve by following many of the original ideas to minimize the use of any equipment or process that would adversely impact the natural recovery of this tremendous native ecosystem in our community.

Eight years later, the Preserve's recovery has been documented and is available on the City's website in the "Parks and

Recreation" section, under departments. Visit www.montgomeryohio.org to view "The Rebirth of a Forest," documenting the recovery of the Preserve. Or visit the Johnson Nature Preserve, 10840 Deerfield Road, to see the park firsthand.

Recognizing a family living life to the fullest...

At the July 3 Patriotic concert, the City honored Mr. and Mrs. Johnson for their donation of the Preserve that bears their family name. The Johnsons have stated their life motto has become "To Live Life to the Fullest is to Give." The City of Montgomery extends its thanks to the Johnsons for their generous donation now and for generations to come.

Meetings to encourage final feedback on Parks Planning

To provide residents with an opportunity to voice opinions on the emerging master plan for City parks, two follow-up meetings have been planned in August to ensure the findings are consistent with public expectations

After a series of public meetings, surveys, interviews and other research, the consulting team of LSM Inc. and Human Nature Inc. has completed the fact finding portion in development of the parks master plan. Efforts have found that opinions about the Park and Recreation System in Montgomery are generally positive.

Comments indicated that the system was well maintained, located in close proximity to the population and responsive to customer needs. The team indicated that Montgomery is well served with 13.91 acres per 1,000 residents, placing the City in the top 25% of

comparable cities in Hamilton County and closely matches the average when comparing with regional mid-density communities.

The conclusion reached is that refinements to the system are an appropriate vision for the future. Jess Parrett, LSM Inc. said, "We realized early in the process that the community celebrates the parks, trails, parkways and community gateways.

To build on these valued assets, the proposal being presented for public review is a vision which expands these amenities and includes many environmentally conscious and creative elements."

The City and the consultants want to share this proposed vision with the citizens to make absolutely sure that they heard them correctly and that the vision for the future is an appropriate interpretation of those public wishes."

Follow-up Meetings

Monday, Aug. 27

6:30 p.m.

Terwilliger Lodge

(Dulle Park)

Wednesday, Aug. 29

6:30 p.m.

City Hall

Council Chamber

Computer Recycling nets 4 tons of old gear

Montgomery's 3rd Annual Computer Recycling Collection Event in June yielded more than 238 various computer/electronic items. The unwanted equipment weighed in at 7,805 pounds. Items collected include PC workstations, scanners, monitors, cables, printer, tape/disk drives, cellular phone and other peripherals.

The Technology Recycling Group worked with the City of Montgomery and Environmental Commission to undertake the recycling collection and has acknowledged that all electronic data on functional storage devices was erased by means of a "destructive write process." The process uses a program that destroys any and all data on drives by writing zeros to every head, cylinder and sector per track so that no data in any format is recoverable. Technology Recycling Group has also acknowledged that all storage devices deemed to be non-functional have been shredded for complete destruction. These processes assure that all software and data will be non-recoverable after processing.

Due to the success of the effort, another Computer Recycling Collection will likely be offered next year.

Thank You Community Partners...

The month of July was full of family fun events that were made possible by many critical and appreciated partnerships between community-minded area businesses and the City of Montgomery. Without these partnerships, many of the unique features that enhance these events and add to your family's enjoyment would not be. Our heartfelt thanks to those who make it possible:

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Participating Sponsors

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Labor Day Concert to be September 3

The annual Labor Day Concert of the Blue Ash Montgomery Symphony Orchestra will be performed September 3 at 6 p.m. in the Blue Ash Towne Square. The orchestra, directed by Maestro Michael Chertock, will reunite Music Directors and performers from past and present to celebrate its 20th Anniversary.

Founding Music Director Paul Stanberry and his successor, James Braid, will be guest conductors. Three of the 2006

Young Artist Competition winners will display their artistic mastery of the piano, with first place winner, Tiffany Woo, playing Chopin's 2nd Piano Concerto in F minor. Second place winner, Sonoka Ito will perform Brahms's 1st Piano Concerto in D minor. Special performance winner, ten-year-old Kevin Bao, will play Beethoven's 3rd Piano Concerto in C minor.

The program also included Verdi's Overture to La Forza del

Destino, Tchaikovsky's Polonaise from Eugene Onegin and Brahms's Hungarian Dances.

The concert is free to the public. Guests are invited to bring lawn chairs or blankets and picnic suppers. Beverages and light snacks will be sold at the park.

In case of rain, the performance will be held at Sycamore Junior High School, 5757 Cooper Road.

BAMSO performs at Aronoff with Bernadette Peters

The Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra will accompany Broadway star Bernadette Peters when she performs at the Aronoff Center August 18. The 8 p.m. performance is a benefit commemorating the 20th anniversary of Caracole, an organization that helps people with HIV/AIDS.

September gala to celebrate BAMSO 20th Anniversary

The Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra will celebrate its 20th Anniversary during a gala dinner performance on September 8 at the Kenwood Country Club. Maestro Michael Chertock will join WXIX News Anchor Jack Atherton to present a star-studded list of vocal artists in a salute to the joy of music.

\$150, with individual tickets priced at \$95 (a portion of which may be tax deductible). For more information, call 232-0949 or visit www.bamso.org.

Public-Private partnership to promote walking trail network

The Montgomery Park system is laced with trails that highlight the diversity of Montgomery's Parks from forests, meadows, creeks, playgrounds, sport fields and special niches. One of the overall visions for Montgomery Parks is connectivity of parks and neighborhoods. To develop such a network, the City is actively seeking opportunities for public-private partnerships.

Trails have expanded through successful public-private partnerships with the Good Shepherd Church to connect the existing 0.64-mile trail in Weller Park to the beautiful new trails encompassing the campus of Good Shepherd. The connection point is right behind the basketball courts in the park. In the future, a second connection will be made to create a complete loop for users.

Further partnerships with the developer of the Vintage Club area, contiguous to both Weller Park and Good Shepherd Church, will more than double the existing trails with an additional option for users to connect with the many natural trails that are planned to showcase several scenic features of the Vintage Club development, which includes lakes and woody creek beds traversing the neighborhood.

August Volunteer Opportunities

- **Recreation Dept. Splash Camp**
(August 6-10, 8:45 a.m. - 4 p.m.) (minimum age 17)
- **Adopt-a-Bed/Park Flowerbed Maintenance** (Flexible)
- **Pioneer Park Butterfly Garden Maintenance** (Flexible)
- **Service Dept.-Cardboard Recycling Project** (August 18)
- **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).



Parks & Recreation Programs

HIGHLIGHTS OF OFFERINGS FROM MONTGOMERY PARKS RECREATION

YOUTH PROGRAMS

DRAW ON!

Young Rembrandt's Art Class

Ages 7-13

Monday-Wednesday; Aug 6-8;
(Annex Building); Cost \$48

ANIME CARTOON CAMP

Young Rembrandt's Art Class

Ages 7-13

Monday-Wednesday; Aug 6-8;
10:30 am-noon (Annex Building)

Come explore the world of Anime with Young Rembrandts! We will spend time learning about and drawing cartoons in the Anime style. In addition, students will learn to create their own original Anime characters. We will use a variety of facial expressions and action and movement to illustrate our scenes. On the final day, we will pull from what we already learned to draw a large comic book type scene using the Anime style. Cost \$48

NOAH'S ARK CAMP

Young Rembrandt's Art Class

Ages 7-13

Monday-Wednesday; Aug 6-8;
1-2:30 pm (Annex Building)

During this special Young Rembrandts camp we will explore the world of Noah and

the ark he built. On days 1 and 2 we will draw a wide variety of animals - some even 2 by 2 - in different styles, using different media. On the last day we will take all our animals and combine them together into one large ark scene, including Noah himself! Cost \$48

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

ADULT FITNESS

TUMMY TUCKS

Tuesday & Thursday; Aug 28-
Oct 18; 6-7 pm (Annex Building)
Join us in this innovative Pilates
class geared towards using core
body mus-



cles: abdominal, obliques, back, and gluteals, to get effective results in your mid-section. This workout gets results in all the problem places by working on lengthening of the spine, proper alignment and posture, and a strong center to give you a slimmer profile. Classes taught by a Tri-Health certified instructor. Some equipment provided. Register at Montgomery City Hall by Aug 24 (Limit 20 participants). Cost: \$65R/\$70NR

20/20/20 BOOMER STYLE

Tuesday & Thursday; Aug 28 to
Oct 18 (16 classes); 9-10 am
(Annex Building)



Here's a class specifically designed to meet the needs of Baby Boomers. This class offers light cardiovascular exercises, light strength

training, and light stretching for 20 minutes each. The instructor has experience in teaching to people over 50, and will teach to your fitness level taking into account common physical concerns and the value of gaining and maintaining muscle strength. Some equipment provided. Register at Montgomery City Hall by Aug 24 (Limit 20 participants). Cost \$65R/\$70NR

KICK IT UP A NOTCH W/ TAEKWONDO

All Ages

Monday & Wednesday;
Ongoing; 6:30-7:30 pm or 7:30-
8:30 pm (Annex Building)
Emphasis is placed on self-defense, kicking, stretching and promotion to the next belt. This is a year-round course for all ages interested in Taekwondo Korean Karate. Cost: \$35R/\$40NR per month.

Catch these movies

On the first Friday of each month, you can enjoy a family movie FREE at Weller Park. Movies start at dusk (rain cancels the event). Concessions benefit park enhancements.

August 3

The Goonies

Mikey stumbles on a treasure map of the famed pirate, "one-eyed" Willie. Mikey and a few friends set out on a quest to find the riches.

September 7

Ghostbusters

"Who ya gonna call? GHOSTBUSTERS! Enjoy this ageless classic under the stars.

Dive-In for Happy Feet

Bring the family to the Municipal Pool for this unique Friday night "Dive-In" movie. Cost is just \$3 (Pass-holders are FREE). The movie starts about 8:30 p.m.

August 10

Happy Feet

In Antarctica, the Emperor Penguin must attract his mate with his own distinctive heart song. Mumble is a penguin who is born without the ability to sing...however, he is the best tap dancer at the South Pole!

Move over for Rover

Take a swim with your dog on Monday, September 3, for Doggie Day at the Pool. Dogs of all breeds and sizes are invited to go for an end of the summer dip at the Montgomery Community Pool from 5 to 8 p.m. before the pool is closed for the summer. Dogs must be people friendly and non-aggressive towards other dogs and—of course—a swimmer of some sort. Pets of members swim for free (\$3 for non-members). Always be



courteous of others and clean up after your pets.

ALL AROUND TOWN...

Touch-a-Truck planned August 2

City service vehicles will be on display 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.

Sycamore Schools to re-open August 23

With Sycamore Schools starting back up on August 23, the Montgomery Police Department will step up

enforcement measures within all school zones, especially at the beginning of the school year.

Motorists are advised to be alert to the flashing yellow lights indicating a 20 mile-per-hour school zone, as well as the laws governing stopping for school busses.

Church celebrates 50th with chicken 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.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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| 1 | Council Business Session | City Hall | 7 pm |
| 2 | Touch a Truck | 9:30 – 11:30 Weller Park | |
| 3 | Vintage Movie Night | Weller Park | 8:30 pm |
| 6 | Arts Commission | City Hall | 5 pm |
| 6 | Planning Commission | City Hall | 7:30 pm |
| 8 | Public Hearing on Initiative Petition | City Hall | 6:30 pm |
| 8 | Landmarks Commission | City Hall | 7 pm |
| 9 | Parks & Recreation Commission | City Hall | 6:30 pm |
| 10 | Dive-In Movie | City Hall | 8:30 pm |
| 11 | Classic Car Show | Weller Park | 5 - 9 pm |
| 13 | Beautification Commission | City Hall | 9 am |
| 14 | Environmental Advisory Group | City Hall | 4:30 pm |
| 18 | Cardboard Recycling | 7315 Cornell Road | 10 am - 1 pm |
| 20 | Planning Commission | City Hall | 7:30 pm |
| 21 | Sister Cities Commission | City Hall | 7 pm |
| 22 | Council Work Session | City Hall | 7 pm |
| 23 | Sycamore Schools reopen | | |
| 28 | Board of Zoning Appeals | City Hall | 7:30 pm |



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