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Gerri Harbison & Todd Steinbrink win re-election

Voters elect three to Montgomery City Council

Vicki Hirsch will become the newest member of Montgomery City Council, joining Gerri Harbison and Todd Steinbrink who were re-elected to four-year terms.



Gerri Harbison

Mrs. Harbison will serve her third term as a Montgomery City Council member. She has served as Montgomery's Mayor since 2005. Mr. Steinbrink was elected to his second term on Montgomery City Council.



Vicki Hirsch



Todd Steinbrink

Dr. Hirsch will replace retiring City Councilmember Bill Niehaus, who will leave office in December.

A ceremony has been planned for Wednesday, December 5, to administer the oath of office to

each of those elected in the November election. The public is invited to attend the ceremony, which begins at 6 p.m. The regular meeting of City Council will follow at 7 p.m.

The three Councilmembers elected in November will join Mark

Combs, Barry Joffe, Lynda Roesch, and Ken Suer whose terms continue through 2009.

During the December 5 regular meeting, City Council will select the City's Mayor and Vice Mayor in accordance with Montgomery's City Charter.

Councilmember Niehaus' retirement caps years of service to Montgomery

Council's December 5 meeting will be the final session for Councilmember William Niehaus, who did not seek re-election in order to pursue his retirement.

Mr. Niehaus served the City of Montgomery as a member of City Council from 1995 to 1999 and again from 2001-2007. He also was a member of the City's Parks and Recreation Commission, where he served as Chairman, the Board of Zoning Appeals, and the Planning Commission.



William Niehaus

During his work with the City, Mr. Niehaus has been involved in many aspects of city government including the development of the Montgomery Heritage District, park development and assistance to organized sports activities. He has also provided an excellent historical background to Council members and staff, based upon his long-term residency in the City.

Mr. Niehaus was an aerospace engineer for 25 years and spent 11 years with E.W. Scripps Co. Currently, he is semi-retired and has served as an engineering consultant and as an office Manager and Senior Tax Advisor with H & R Block. He also enjoys a position with BassPro where he works in the fly fishing department, sharing his talents with others who are interested in learning more about the sport.

Council member Niehaus and his late wife Marian moved to Montgomery in 1964. They have three sons, three daughters and 13 grand children.

Voters reject Issues 35 & 36

Issues 35 and 36 generated much attention prior to the November 6 election. Both issues were defeated by voters.

Issue 36 was an initiative issue that would have required the City to purchase approximately 10 acres of property along Montgomery Road

for use as a park.

Issue 36 did not identify a source of funding for the purchase, so the City placed Issue 35 on the ballot. Issue 35 was a 1.25 mil property tax as means to fund the land purchase without seriously impacting other City services.

A message from City Council

A look back... and a look to a bright future

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



This month's message by Mayor Gerri Harbison

As we come to the close of another year, it is time to reflect on the events in our lives of the past year and look to the future for our city.

It has certainly been a busy fall and the elections have come and gone. Along with Todd Steinbrink and myself, we were fortunate enough to have two new candidates step up and offer to devote time to their city.

Vicki Hirsch has been always been an active volunteer and supporter of our city, and we welcome her to City Council.

I would also like to commend Fred Isaac for throwing his hat into the ring. It takes a lot of effort to run a campaign and

while this time not successful, we hope that Fred will consider volunteering on one of our Boards or Commissions and offer his time and talents in that venue.

We would also like to thank Bill Niehaus for his many years of service to the city. With the completion of his term, Bill will be retiring and taking some well deserved time off. We will miss Bill and his perspective of history in the city, but wish him the very best as he leaves City Council to put his many talents to work in other ways.

Also on the November ballot were Issues 35 and 36. Issue 35 was a tax levy for the proposed park and was initiated by City Council to provide a funding source in the event that the parkland initiative was adopted. Issue 36 was initiated by a small group of individuals asking the city to buy land to be used as parkland.

While these issues may have

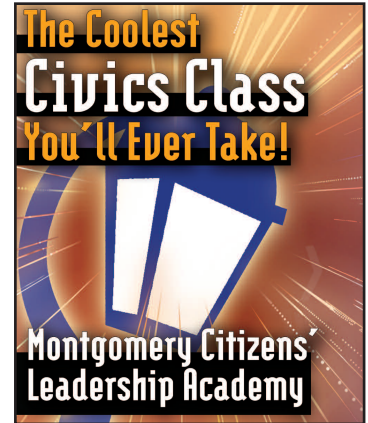
created some controversy, everyone had the opportunity to exercise their right to vote.

And while these issues may have sparked some highly spirited debate, they also served to enable neighbors to get to know each other better and come together to work for their view of the issue. This proves what we all know to be true, that no matter what side you are on, we all still love our city and want to make it the very best it can be.

As sometimes happens in situations like this, tension and hurt feelings may linger. I would ask that — as we enter into this holiday season of family and friends — that we all put the past behind us and come together to heal our city and move ahead into the new year together.

We are fortunate, indeed, to live in such a great community and we need to work together to maintain it as the special

“home” that it is to us all. For, after all, that is truly the spirit of what Montgomery is all about!



MCLA attracts overwhelming interest

Applications have now closed for the Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy (MCLA). The response, however, has been overwhelmingly positive. Seventy percent more applications were received over and above the slots that were available. The selection process has begun to assemble a diverse class that will address the contemporary issues that will challenge the class.

Fellow residents and City leaders should be impressed with the number of Montgomery residents willing to sacrifice their time, often away from their family, to ultimately benefit the community. City Finances, Economic Development, Historic Preservation, Parks, Public Works and the Schools — among other issues — are all areas requiring citizen input.

Those who are not selected will be given first priority in next year's class. For those who considered application, be sure to follow the news about the MCLA to gauge individual interest in the 2009 class.

COUNCIL CORNER

Montgomery City Council will meet in its regular monthly business session on December 5 at the City Hall. Meetings begin at 7 p.m., with public comment welcomed on each item before Council.

PENDING LEGISLATION

■ An ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Montgomery, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008 (3rd Reading)

NEW LEGISLATION

■ A resolution adopting a five year Capital Improvement Program for the City of Montgomery

Recent Council Action

NOVEMBER 7 BUSINESS SESSION

■ A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor (Passed, 6-0)

■ A resolution accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Morton International, Inc., Morton Salt Division, for the purchase

of de-icing rock salt (Passed, 6-0)

■ A resolution authorizing internet auction of surplus personal property and authorizing a contract with Propertyroom.Com, Inc. (Passed, 6-0)

■ A resolution adopting the Hamilton County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (Passed, 6-0)

■ A resolution adopting rules and procedures for Council (Passed, 6-0)

BAMSO Holiday Concert planned December 2

The annual Kindel Memorial Holiday Concert will be held at the Montgomery Assembly of God Church, 7950 Pfeiffer Road, Montgomery at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 2. Highlights of this free concert include Leroy Anderson's Christmas Festival Overture, Bach's Keyboard Concerto in D Minor and Mozart's Concerto No. 23 in A Major, performed by nationally known pianist Timothy

Lovelace, this year's Willa H. and Cushman M. Cambre Memorial Soloist. Longtime BAMSO bassist, Nick Greenberg premieres his newly composed Song for Hanukkah.

The Cincinnati Children's Bel Canto Choir, under the direction

of Robyn Reeves Lana, will take the stage with several traditional carols plus two selections by John Rutter, including *Star Carol*, which will be performed with the Orchestra. Soprano Angeline Wheeler joins the Orchestra for beautiful renditions of *What Child is This?* and *O Holy Night*, and then will be joined by the Jubilant Singers, directed by Jim Akin, the

Bel Canto Choir and the Cincinnati Choral Society, directed by Douglas Belland for selections from Handel's *Messiah*. Ms. Wheeler's appearance is sponsored by Montgomery-based Schulte & Uhrig, Certified Public Accountants.



As in past years, the winners of the Orchestra's highly competitive Annual Young Artist Competition will be introduced at the concert. This year the competition has been expanded to award prizes in three different instrumental categories. Winners will play with the Orchestra at one of the

2007 concerts.

The concert is supported by the Edward and Marilyn Kindel Memorial Fund, the City of Blue Ash, the City of Montgomery, the Fine Arts Fund, the P&G Fund, the Ohio Arts Council and the Friends of BAMSO.

Cincinnati Community Orchestra to perform "Souvenirs" concert

The Cincinnati Community Orchestra will perform in its annual "Souvenirs" concert beginning at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, December 1. All CCO concerts are performed at the Church of the Saviour United Methodist, 8005 Pfeiffer Road, just west of Montgomery Road in Montgomery. Parking is ample and admission is free.

The December 1st concert will feature Joseph Haydn's *Symphony No. 104*, Ottorino Respighi's *Ancient Airs & Dances - Suite No. 1*, Franz Schubert's *Symphony No. 5*, and

Maurice Ravel's *Mother Goose Suite*.

The CCO is comprised of 80 local musicians from many walks of life: From local physicians to technology specialists, from teachers to students. All members share an intense passion for performing classical music.

For more information about the orchestra or this concert, call Gerald R. Doan at 791-7815 or visit the CCO web site at www.cincinnaticommunityorchestra.org.

Resident received her FREE energy audit... YOU can too!

(Editor's note: Recently, a Montgomery resident took advantage of Duke Energy's free energy audit at her home. Her first-hand account of the review may help others decide if they would like to call Duke Energy for their own free energy audit.)

Here is a brief description of the Energy Auditor's visit, which took an hour. A detailed interview was conducted about the age and size of the house, the number of occupants, and the age and types of appliances.

Then we took an inspection tour. We started in the basement where he looked at the mechanicals and appliances. He showed me

where additional insulation was needed, how to install it and what type of tape to use for the duct joints. He advised how to insulate the water heater pipes and measure the water heater for an insulation jacket. We then toured the main floor (we have a ranch) and the outside. He identified places where insulation and caulking were needed. He also described methods to improve the weatherization on my unheated garage to keep cold air from reaching the heated area. He did not go into the attic.

Before leaving, he wrote an

On-Site Check Summary, which included his recommendations. He gave me a copy and said I would receive a more detailed report from Duke within 2 weeks.

I was then given a free Energy Efficiency Starter Kit and a packet containing the following literature: an Energy Savers Booklet; a Glossary of Terms; a comprehensive list on the approximate cost of operating household appliances; and a workbook providing advice on how to make good home energy efficiency choices. He then went over the contents of

the Starter Kit and explained how to install the items. The Kit contains about 8 different items such as compact fluorescent bulbs, low flow shower-head, faucet aerator, etc.

I found his visit helpful. Now I have work to do that will save me money, help the environment and preserve our local resources.

The free Home Energy House Call is available to those who buy their electricity directly from Duke Energy by calling (toll-free) 1-877-388-7676.

Come and celebrate the season!

With the holiday season in full swing, several community events have been planned in celebration. The City of Montgomery — along with Ohio National Financial Services, Twin Lakes of Montgomery and Bethesda North Hospital — will present a series of holiday events.



holiday lights to recognize or memorialize those loved ones with a light in their honor. Details are available at www.bethesdafoundation.com or by calling Diana Fogel at 513-745-1617. Plenty of parking is available on site to take advantage of the Jolly Trolley to circulate among the other celebrations that evening!

Holiday in the Village Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 1 • Downtown Montgomery Historic District • 4-6 pm
Holiday Passport Stop 1

Share in the cheer of a classic holiday season with carolers, Santa and his live reindeer friends, carriage rides, Mrs. Claus crafting and a heralding brass ensemble all in celebration of the season. Bring the family

through the Universalist Church to view the local art talent in the coloring contest and create your own winter craft with Mrs. Claus or write a letter to Santa. Holiday horse drawn wagon rides will run from the church through the downtown. Free popcorn, Starbucks coffee\cocoa, and cookies will be offered by Neon Lites. *(Neon Lites will*

offer lunch with Santa from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stop by Neon Lites for reservations.)

Ohio National Victorian Holiday Village

Friday, November 30 • 6-8:30 pm
Saturday, December 1 • 5-8:30 pm
Thursday, December 6 • 6-8:30 pm
Friday, December 7 • 6-8:30 pm
Supports the Free Store Food Bank
Holiday Passport Stop 2

The Ohio National Victorian Holiday Village is in its sixth year as a holiday tradition. The event offers dazzling lights, child-sized houses decorated with holiday scenes, free cocoa & cookies, free photos with St. Nick, a miniature train and more! The event is FREE, however visitors are encouraged to bring one nonperishable food item as a donation to support the Free Store Food Bank.

Twin Lakes Christmas Cabaret

Saturday, December 1 Chapel • 3 pm
Holiday Passport Stop 4

Twin Lakes will present a FREE Christmas Cabaret in the Chapel at Twin Lakes. The cabaret will feature classic holiday carols followed by a reception with light refreshments. The Twin Lakes parking lot is also open for your convenient use of the Trolley!

High Street A Cappella Holiday Concert

December 1 • Universalist Church • 7 pm
(supports Montgomery Women's Club Scholarship Fund)

For the second year, the High Street A Cappella Holiday Concert will be performed at 7 p.m. in the historic Universalist Church. This seasonal event features the High Street Men's Octet singing classical, popular and holiday pieces as a special fundraising event to benefit the Montgomery Women's Club scholarship fund to help local kids in the advancement of their education. Tickets are \$10 and are available at City Hall or www.montgomeryohio.org. Seating is limited, so don't wait to get your tickets and round out your festive experience at Holiday in the Village and support a great cause.

The Jolly Trolley is your ticket to free holiday gifts

The FREE Jolly Trolley will offer a magical trip to all the December 1 points of interest. Everyone, from elves to reindeer — and you, too! — will have a chance to visit each of the four holiday posts to get your Holiday Passport stamped! Completed passports should be

left with the North Pole representative on the Jolly Trolley each guest will be officially entered to win great holiday gift certificates donated by Montgomery businesses.

Winners will be called on Tuesday, December 4.

Participating Sponsors

The Wine Store	Pedigree Interiors	Germano's
Z Place	Kroger	Tri-Health Pavilion
Le Salon	Artfordable	Pilates Center of Cincinnati
Morgan Kooshesh	Benzie Salon	Twin Lakes at Montgomery
Neon Lites	Turn Styles	Hair Studio Blue
Little Liza Janes	The Original Pancake House	

Breakfast with Santa planned December 15

Enjoy a pancake breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 15, at Dulle Park. All-you-can-eat pancakes will be served by the Montgomery Fire Department from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$5/person (family rate of \$20). After

breakfast, visit with Santa! All proceeds benefit the Holiday Family Fund to support a local family in need with gifts and toys shared in the generosity of the holiday spirit. Get your tickets at the door.

Bethesda North Hospital Light UP a Life

Saturday, December 1 • 5-8 pm
Holiday Passport Stop 3

Located in the conference center above the main lobby of the hospital and gift shop area, the event features entertainers, hot cider and cookies, the Light Up a Life holiday program, a free gift and other seasonal performances and activities. The Light Up a Life program sells strands of

DID YOU KNOW?

The number of wreaths hung throughout the City: Over 256
The number of twinkling lights strung up in the trees: 36,000
The number of volunteer hours shared: 144
The way the City of Montgomery looks around the holidays: *Priceless...*

This year, give a part of history

This year, give a gift of your hometown. Collectible ornaments or Montgomery's custom designed afghan make unique gifts that will become family treasures.

Latest Collectible Ornament

The Bell House (c 1825) is the latest edition of Montgomery's collectible ornaments on sale throughout the year at City Hall, the Wilder Swaim House anytime it's open, or by calling 791-9025. Each ornament is \$7, with proceeds benefiting the Historic Trust Fund to offset cost for repairs and maintenance of City-owned landmarks. A purchase of the full set will also include a free



special edition stained glass window ornament.

Earlier ornaments include: the former Village Hall building, the Blair-Barker House, the Weller House, the Pioneer Building, the Crain-Conklin House, the Yost Tavern,

the Universalist Church, the Wilder-Swaim House, the Hopewell-Montgomery Presbyterian Church, the

Hopewell church window and the Snider House.

The Montgomery Afghan

The custom-designed afghan depicting the Montgomery bicentennial quilt pays tribute to Montgomery landmarks and other notable sites of interest.

This unique, custom-designed afghan would make a colorful accent for a



chair, sofa, bed or table. This one-of-a-kind afghan is a warm gift idea that is sure to become

a treasured heirloom and would be especially appreciated by those who have moved away.

The afghan, measuring 54"x70", is 100 percent cotton jacquard woven. It is currently on display in the

lobby of City Hall and can be purchased for \$60.

A special thanks for the special touch...

Thanks to a fantastic team of volunteers under the direction of Ruth Harrison,

Arlene Wojcieszak and Renie Taylor, the Heritage District has been decorated in holiday attire. The annual project that incorporates hundreds of wreaths, bows and garlands is spearheaded by members of the Montgomery Woman's Club and the Beautification and Tree Commission.

This year's project included two stages. Twenty-six volunteers assisted with the Saturday

morning "fluffing" and bow attaching process while the actual decoration-hanging happening was accomplished the following Monday by 42 volunteers. The City is extremely grateful to all the volunteers that generously shared their time to create a warm and welcoming holiday atmosphere in our Heritage District that has already received countless accolades from both our residents and visitors to our community.

City facilities available for your holiday functions

If you're still looking for the unique location for your holiday party, consider the warmth and charm of a Terwilliger or Swaim Lodge.

Terwilliger Lodge, located in Dulle Park, can host more than 100 guests and offers free wireless Internet access, full kitchen, wood burning fireplace

and beautiful view of Dulle Park.

Swaim Lodge, located in Swaim Park, can host about 40 guests and includes a full refrigerator and microwave.

Check availability and make reservations online at www.montgomeryohio.org.

Yard waste collection to end, but holiday items will be collected after Christmas

After December 7, yard waste collection will stop until March 2008. The only exception will be the collection of Christmas trees, wreaths and swags which can be placed at the curb on the three Saturdays following Christmas (December 29, January 5 and January 12).

Residents who want to participate in the City's tree, wreath and swag curbside collection program will not be required to have a yard waste sticker attached to them. Simply place the item at the curb and Rumpke will pick it up.

Each item must be completely free of all plastic, flocking, tinsel and decorations.

Thanks

Hats Off...



to the Arts Commission that recently hosted the last of its quarterly "Artists in the Park" event. In addition to the customary event preparation, three of the members were also among the featured artists at the event demonstrating woodturning (Cliff Goosmann), metal sculpting (Ray Miller) and ceramic art (Rosalee Stocker). Additional Arts

Commission members (Andi Wilson, Mark Mallette and Chuck King) along with Greg Leader (new resident) should also be recognized for their time and efforts expended in planning a unique "hand made" art event for the enjoyment of our community members.

"Thank you" volunteers for making a difference!

Criminals want to ruin your holiday...

As you get into the spirit of giftgiving this holiday season, be aware that while you are strolling the aisles in search for the perfect present, criminals may be window shopping in the parking lot. Taking some precautions when you are out and about running holiday errands can keep the holiday "scrooges" at bay!

- Shop and travel in daylight hours and keep your doors locked.
- Carry a cellular phone.
- Conceal all valuables like gifts, electronics and other items that might tempt a burglar.
- Be alert! Pay attention to your surroundings.
- Keep track of personal belongings like your wallet, checkbook, purse and packages. Do periodic checks to see that you still

have everything with you.

- Shop with friends and family. There is safety in numbers.
- Keep extra close watch on children. There are lots of temptations that can draw your kids away and the crowds during the holidays make it easy to lose track

of youngsters. Set up safe meeting place or make certain your children know who is safe to approach for help when separated (*store clerk, security, etc.*)

- Try to use a debit card or credit card instead of cash. Limit the number of cards you carry in the event your wallet is stolen. Take one

or two checks with you and leave your checkbook at home.

- If traveling by air, use TSA approved security locks on your luggage so that if they have to be checked, they can be opened by security and relocked to protect your bags for the rest of your travels.

Ten facts to stop deadly stats

Every year, holiday fires because \$930 million in damages, and injure 2,600 people. Help to keep your family safe and avoid holiday fire damage if you follow these 10 holiday fire safety tips:

- Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors; change the batteries every year.
- If you use your fireplace, make sure to use a fireplace screen.
- Never burn wrapping paper, boxes or other trash in your fireplace.
- Don't leave a fire unattended; put the fire out before you go to bed.
- Candles are beautiful, but make sure they are in stable and secure holders and keep them away from combustible materials and small children. Never leave candles unattended.
- If you have a real Christmas tree, put it in a stable stand, and keep it fresh by checking the water level daily. A dried tree is more susceptible to fire. Keep the tree away from heat sources that could dry it out. Most trees dry out in two weeks, so don't leave your tree up long past the holidays.
- Check holiday lights for cracked or broken bulbs, frayed wires and loose plugs. Don't use lights that aren't safe.

- Use lights that have been approved by testing labs like Underwriters Laboratory (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM).
- Use lights as designed; never use "indoor only"

lights outdoors.

- If your smoke, fire, or carbon monoxide detectors go off, get everyone outside and call 9-1-1. Don't try to solve the problem yourself.

EAB meeting rescheduled

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Emerald Ash Borer workshop, scheduled for November 27, has been rescheduled for Monday, December 10. Sponsored by the Beautification & Tree Commission, the workshop will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Terwilliger Lodge in Dulle Park. Guest speakers include Wendi Van Buren from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Urban

Forestry Division and Joe Boggs from The Ohio State University Hamilton County Extension Service.

Topics will include how the Emerald Ash Borer got into the country, where it has spread, restrictions imposed and preventative methods available.

The workshop is free and is open to the public.

City newsletter gets facelift

In the 2005 citizen survey, residents ranked the *Montgomery Bulletin* as the number one medium through which they receive information from the City. Because residents have expressed interest in the publication, the *Bulletin* has grown over the years. In an effort to make the newsletter even more readable, it has undergone a bit of a re-design. An index on the front page help readers quickly see important content and headlines have been enhanced improved scanning of stories. Where possible, graphics will help identify stories of interest.

Web surfers can also download a full color version of the newsletter a week or so in advance of your mail delivery. Just go to www.montgomeryohio.org and on the home page under "Online Services," click "City Documents" and then on "Monthly Bulletins". You could also subscribe to receive the bulletin via email by registering online. The *Montgomery Bulletin* is designed to better communicate with residents. Any feedback you may have is welcomed by calling 891-2424 to share your thoughts and ideas.

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792-8309

Code Enforcement
Action Line
792-8356

Parks & Recreation Programs

HIGHLIGHTS OF OFFERINGS FROM MONTGOMERY PARKS & RECREATION

Register for these and other programs online at www.montgomeryohio.org

KICK IT UP A NOTCH TAEKWONDO LESSONS

**Mondays & Wednesdays;
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 is \$35R/\$40NR per month*

WINTER HORSEBACK TRIP

**Ages 10+
Friday, January 4; 8 am-5
pm; Meet at Swaim Lodge**

If leaving tracks in the snow all bundled up on top of a horse is your idea of a perfect start to the new year, be sure to sign up now for this trek through the beautiful landscape in the hills of Salt Creek Ranch in Indiana. Trip includes transportation by bus, horse training, a 2 hour horseback ride through the woods and a campfire lunch. *Cost: \$45*



Register online or at City Hall by December 28. Limited to 35 participants. Signed waiver forms required. (Volunteer chaperones needed. Call 792-8348 if interested.)

SENSORY SUNDAYS RETURNS IN FEBRUARY

Sundays; February 17, March 2 & 9; 5-7:30 pm; Terwilliger Lodge
Reserve the dates now for this unique three part series. A delightful collage for your senses, this event caters to your sight with a variety of art displays, your hearing with a talented and soulful sounds of area musicians and your taste

with specialty samplers from local chefs.

Sylvain Acher's group Fabian will be back with French-styled jazz and the Motown sounds of the Medicine Men (previously of H. Bomb

Ferguson), will also be bringing their toe-tappin' jazzy tunes back to the lineup.

Restaurants include some of the unique cuisine from Wild Bill's of Lebanon, the savory flavors of the new hotspot, Hugo's and the delicious creations of Chef Jean Robert. Look for detail information and ticket sales in the January *Bulletin* and the Sensory Sundays brochure. Tickets are limited to 90 guests and can be purchased at Montgomery City Hall starting January 7. For information, call 891-2424.



Hear Jazz



Taste Treats



See Stuff

Park Commission to review recommended improvements

The City of Montgomery is set to receive the list of park projects and improvements as recommended from Leisure Services Management. The professional recommendation will be before the Parks and

Recreation Commission to review and begin to discuss at its December 6 meeting. The commission's review will be focused on the list of proposed park projects and priorities established from the community

input and the cost estimates to support the proposal.

LSM has worked closely and cooperatively with the staff to assure attainable goals for a tailored list of projects to consider. The order of the actions is determined by a number of considerations and impacts as outlined below.

- *Appropriate timing of sponsorship support of improvements.*
- *Appropriate timing to use philanthropic initiatives based on the City's cultivation of donors.*
- *The need of manpower/contractual support for programs, maintenance, and operation of newly constructed or improved amenities.*
- *Level of revenue generation as a result of the capital improvement*

Come share the "Galette"

To celebrate the Feast of Epiphany, The Alliance Française of Cincinnati will sponsor its popular annual "Fête de la Galette des Rois" on Sunday, January 6.

Open to the public, the party takes place at Terwilliger Lodge in Montgomery, 2-4:30pm.

The "Galette" is a favorite tradition in France. A "fève" or small china figurine, is hidden in the galette or cake before baking. The lucky guest who receives the fève in his piece of cake is crowned king or queen for the day. Children love the

game. Additional kids games are planned.

Reservations are required by January 2. The cost for the event is \$6 for Alliance Française members; \$8 for non-AF members; \$12 at the door. The cost includes one slice of galette and one drink). Send check for attendees to: Alliance Française, 1316 Deliquia Dr., Cincinnati OH 45230.

Terwilliger Lodge is in Dulle Park at 10530 Deerfield Rd.. For more information go to www.france-cincinnati.com, or contact Alliance Française voice mail, 513-389-9100.

- *Amount of public support for an individual element*
- *Existing City capital improvement budgets and funding availability.*
- *Existing condition of facilities, life expectancy, need for renovation.*
- *Coordination of individual projects to avoid increased cost and quantity discounts.*
- *Spread load costs over time.*
- *Need based on safety, comfort or service delivery concerns.*
- *Availability of national, state, and local grant monies.*

Capital improvement cost estimates for the proposed master plan are based on sources such as a nationally recognized construction cost services, local similar park and recreation projects and team experience on recent projects. Operating cost estimates are based on client budget and expense records and existing pay scales. Other sources are cost histories and service levels of similar government units, locally and regionally.



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New City Calendar to be mailed

The 2008 City Calendar entitled "A Palette of Patriotism" will be mailed to residents by the end of this month. The artwork, depicting Montgomery venues, was creatively designed by the 2007 Sycamore High School Advanced Placement Studio Art Class under the direction of Margaret Copfer. The calendar is a valuable resource that notes regularly scheduled Council and Board/Commission

meetings, as well as a myriad of recreation and community events. Additional copies can be purchased at City Hall for \$3.

Baseball sign ups begin December 1

Beginning December 1, baseball registrations can be conducted by visiting www.sycamorebaseball.com

Church to offer drive-through live nativity series

More than 300 members of the Church of the Savior, 8005 Pfeiffer Road, are busy at work on a live nativity series which can be viewed from the comfort of your car. Ten scenes will tell the religious story Christ's birth on Sunday, December 16, from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Visitors will drive through luminary-lined

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS			
DECEMBER • DECEMBER • DECEMBER • DECEMBER			
1	Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony	downtown Montgomery	4-6 pm
1	Wilder Swaim House decorated for the holidays		2-4 pm
1	CCO holiday concert	Church of the Savior	7:30 pm
2	BAMSO holiday concert	Mont. Assembly of God	7:30 pm
3	Arts Commission	CANCELLED	
3	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
5	Council Business Session	City Hall	7 pm
6	Parks and Recreation Commission	City Hall	6:30 pm
10	Beautification & Tree Commission	9630 Todd Drive	9 am
10	Ash Borer Workshop	Terwilliger Lodge	6:30 pm
12	Landmarks Commission	City Hall	7 pm
15	Cardboard Recycling	7315 Cornell Road	10 am - 1 pm
15	Breakfast with Santa	Terwilliger Lodge	8-10 am
17	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
18	Board of Zoning Appeals	City Hall	7:30 pm
18	Sister Cities Commission	CANCELLED	
19	Council Work Session	City Hall	7 pm
24	Christmas Eve/City Offices Closed	<i>(trash pickup as usual)</i>	
25	Christmas Day/City Offices Closed	<i>(trash delayed one day)</i>	

"streets of Bethlehem" as inspiring music helps relate the events which are now celebrated as Christmas.

Held rain or shine in the area behind the church, the event is offered free without any need for a donation.

The Church of the Savior has staged the drive-through event for the past 21 years to an estimated 40,000 people.