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# Montgomery Bulletin

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## Recycle cardboard

Corrugated cardboard can be included in your curbside recycling.. Cardboard placed at the curb must be flattened and bundled, with the bundle not exceeding two feet by two feet.

## Need a bin?

If you need a second recycle bin you may obtain one at City Hall on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or on Saturday, February 18 at the Service Department, 7315 Cornell Road, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Yardwaste pick-up begins March 1

By now, residents should have discarded their holiday trees. Free curbside pick ups have ended. Regular yard waste pick up will resume the first of March.

## Approves 2007 operating budget

# Council sharpens focus on City's future

Montgomery City Council unanimously passed the City's 2007 operating and capital budget during its December 6 business session. The total 2007 appropriation for city operations is \$30,671,531. In adopting the budget for the new operating year, council established important priorities and policies contained in the new budget.

The first budget priority, as in previous years, is to provide the financial resources for City staff to develop and provide efficient and high quality services for Montgomery's residents, businesses and visitors. The

second priority is to continue the prudent management of the City's assets to maintain the City's financial health.

In addition, the key budget objectives are to

support the initiatives of the new five-year strategic plan and propose short- and long-term policy discussions. For example, because of the City's priority for showcase economic development projects, Council

committed to partner with the Vintage Club project by

establishing a \$15 million tax increment financing (TIF) arrangement. The budget impact of this one-time event is an increase in the

appropriations of 84 percent over 2006. Revenues from the Vintage Club TIF district will be dedicated to pay the \$15 million debt. The Vintage Club will be the site of the 2007 Homearama.

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# Homearama is underway for Montgomery return!

When Homearama makes its return to Montgomery this summer, 12 high-end prestigious homes will be showcased in the 46th annual event, to be held in the Vintage Club development off Montgomery Road north of Cornell in Montgomery. Great Traditions Development Group, Inc., is developer of the Vintage Club, which extends from Montgomery Road east to Weller Park.

Construction has begun and is well underway for many of the homes in an effort to be ready for the June 8 premier night of the event. Homearama will be open to the public daily from June 9 - 24.

Ten different builders are

constructing exquisite, diverse homes to showcase their talent for imaginative design of livable space for active families. The list of participating builders includes Artisan Estate Homes, Bush Custom Homes, Daniels Homes, deStafano Custom Builders, Hensley Custom Building Group, Hering Homes, Kurlemann Custom Building Group, Leland Group, Pinnacle Building group and Rookwood Building Group. Many of these builders are seasoned veterans of Homearama, as well as being current builders of a number of homes throughout Montgomery.

The City of Montgomery is partnering with the Greater Cincinnati Home Builders Association to support this long-

standing, highly respected event. Due to the long-term impact of the development, the City is working to ensure the superior quality of the project. Currently, the Community Development Department has much of the responsibility for reviewing and permitting the building plans for each of the twelve homes as part of the overall site development plan.

After reviewing initial plans for the Homearama entries, Community Development Director Frank Davis has indicated that the designs and amenities of the houses and neighborhood is likely to make the upcoming event the most exciting Homearama ever.

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## City Officials

Mayor  
**Gerri Harbison**

Vice Mayor  
**Ken Suer**

Council Members  
**Mark Combs**  
**Barry Joffe**  
**William Niehaus**  
**Lynda Roesch**  
**Todd Steinbrink**

Clerk of Council  
**Susan Hamm**

City Manager  
**Cheryl A. Hilvert**



*to resident Kay Coburn who has been a City Hall front desk volunteer receptionist for the past six years. Kay "fills in" for staff at least once a month. Kay's responsibilities include greeting the public, answering and transferring phone calls, selling tickets for special events and checking the availability of park facilities. A grateful "thank you" is extended to Kay for her time and contributions to the City and, most importantly, for making civic participation a personal priority.*

# COUNCIL CORNER

Montgomery City Council will meet in its regular monthly business session on February 7

at City Hall. Meetings begin at 7 p.m., with public comment welcomed on each item before Council.

### NEW LEGISLATION

*Council has no new legislation to consider; however residents will*

*be given an opportunity to address their elected officials on issues of concern to the community.*

## Recent Council Actions

### JANUARY 3RD BUSINESS SESSION

■ An ordinance granting a storm sewer easement within Weller Park to Vintage Club Associates, LTD (*Passed, 7-0*)

■ A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Whiteboard Broadband Solutions, LLC, for professional services related to the Citywide Broadband Infrastructure Assessment (*Passed, 7-0*)

■ A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with

Schottenstein, Zox and Dunn Co., LPA for professional services related to Cable Television Franchising (*Passed, 7-0*)

■ A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with The Impact Group for professional services related to the development of a Comprehensive Communication Program (*Passed, 6-1*)

■ A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Leisure Services Management Inc. for professional services related to the

development of a Comprehensive Park Master Plan (*Passed, 7-0*)

■ A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with CDS Associates, Inc. for professional services related to General Engineering and Architectural Services (*Passed, 7-0*)

■ A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with 32 Ford Mercury for the purchase of police cruisers (*Passed, 7-0*)

■ A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a

contract with Langenheim and Thomson for the Triangle Point Plaza Project (*Passed, 7-0*)

■ An ordinance enacting and adopting the 2007 Recodification to the Code of Ordinances and declaring an emergency (*Passed, 7-0*)

■ An ordinance to amend appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Montgomery during the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2007, relating to the Montgomery Triangle Tax Increment Financing Fund (*Passed, 7-0*)

## 2007 Operating Budget

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Another budget policy decision was to change the distribution formula for the earnings tax revenues. The previous formula sent 63.5 percent to the general fund; 21.5 percent to the capital improvement program (CIP); and 15 percent to the debt retirement fund. Since city debt is relatively low and fund reserves are very healthy, its share is reduced to 8 percent. The remaining 7 percent is split between the general fund (67 percent) and the CIP (25 percent). The additional CIP funds will be used to maintain the city's infrastructure assets.

The Council included funding to

increase customer service levels in finance and in parks and recreation. Before hiring, however, a proposal will be presented to Council for approval describing how and where the positions will fit in the City.

Another 2007 initiative is the hiring of a firm to assist with the development of a comprehensive communication plan that comes from the strategic plan. Additional master planning work will be done on technology and right-of-way functions.

In addition to the Vintage Club project, the Council approved the detailed five-year Capital

Improvement Program (CIP). This approach provides an excellent planning device for projecting future capital costs and identifying funding for future projects.

The 2007 - 2011 CIP includes funding for normal levels of capital equipment purchases/replacement, as well as capital projects. The capital projects include funding to complete street resurfacing (\$550,000); requests for sidewalk construction (\$120,000); enhancements to the Montgomery Road Corridor (\$75,000); and the construction of an additional northbound lane between Pfeiffer Road and the Bethesda North Hospital entrance (\$200,000).

## A message from City Council

# What YOU can do to participate in City affairs

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



This month's message by Barry Joffe

At a recent public hearing, a resident from one of our neighborhoods stepped up to the podium and expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to air her views in public forum. She also said that it was only recently that she realized this was an avenue for her to express her views and was eager to find out about other ways in which a resident can stay informed of city developments and participate in the debate. Resident involvement is vital for the city. Our council is intent on making decisions in the best interests of the community, which is why citizen views on community issues are so important. As a relatively new council member, I have been extremely impressed by the heartfelt views expressed by our citizens, the straightforward approach of the council members and the professionalism of our city staff. This is truly a powerful partnership coupled with the vitality of our business community!

### What can you do as a resident to increase your participation?

**Become Informed:** For residents, the first step is becoming informed about what is happening in the city – and being apprised of the facts. Sometimes inaccurate information is circulated, often through mass email forwarding generating concerns that have no basis in fact.

### How do you find out about what is going on?

**Attend Council Meetings:** The business of the city is conducted in open meetings of council and residents are encouraged to attend and offer comment at meetings of the boards,

commissions and council committees. And the meeting agendas are published in advance either through the city's website or the bulletin board at Kroger adjacent to city hall. In the case of proposed changes to the zoning code and development projects for example, public hearings are held and with development projects, residents within a stipulated distance of the proposed project get a personal letter from the city advising them of the application and inviting them to offer input. In addition to these required public meetings, the City occasionally holds special meetings for the express purpose of eliciting public comment on that specific issue.

### Read What's Going On – Website, Bulletin & Other Sources:

Fortunately, I don't need to tell you to read the *Montgomery Bulletin Newsletter* – you're doing it right now! Indeed, it has become a most valued vehicle of communication with 98% of our residents reporting in the latest survey that they find the *Bulletin* useful or very useful. There is a wealth of information that is posted on the city's website. And don't forget about the bulletin boards in the city's parks and at the Kroger, as well as the special event signage displayed on City properties throughout the city. Also, we regularly have announcements and news coverage in the press – both the *Cincinnati Enquirer* and the *Northeast Suburban Life* newspapers.

### Contact a Council Member or Member of Staff Directly:

If you'd like more personalized attention contact a council member or a member of staff either by phone or through the city's website. Indeed, the city is continually enhancing the website to improve communication and this past year the city has introduced more interactivity via the website such as pool sign-ups

and class registrations.

**Become a Volunteer:** If you feel you'd like to get more actively involved, there are also numerous opportunities to volunteer – not least of all by seeking membership on one of the dozen or so boards and commissions as well as numerous city projects and events.

### Collaboration with Administration – a High Performance Organization

The opportunity for resident participation is mirrored in the way the city is administered. Early last year the council undertook its five-year strategic planning process – a collaborative effort between staff and council members.

Participation was open to any staff member interested in contributing to the process – and all views enjoyed equal importance. Citizen views also contributed significantly to the development of the strategic plan, as many goals were included as a result of resident surveys and other feedback. Day-to-day city operations are managed through applying a high performance organization culture in which city departments challenge themselves to attain higher levels of participation in decision-making and service provision. The proactive step of creating a new customer service department to enhance the customer-facing tasks performed by the city is testimony to the city's commitment to aspire to higher and higher levels of service to the citizens.

### So, Consider Getting Involved!

Both the Council and the Administration would like to see as many of our residents share their thoughts and ideas and be involved in their city. After all, it is the essence of democracy to have an active and involved citizenry where our collective efforts can contribute to the best possible local government.

## 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

## Hopewell plots available

Owned and operated by the City of Montgomery, Hopewell Cemetery is historically significant, serving as the burial location for many of the City's early settlers and founding fathers.

In 2002, the City of Montgomery began selling new burial plots in the southeastern corner of the cemetery, near Montgomery Road.

Gravesites are available at \$750 each. Flush-mounted and monument-style markers are permitted in the new cemetery section. To inquire about a burial plot in Hopewell Cemetery, call the City of Montgomery at 891-2424.

# Internet program earns professional honor

Officers Paul Payne and Tom Wagner have earned an Honorable Mention award from the Hamilton County Police Association for developing and presenting the internet safety program, "Caught in the Web? Don't Let it Happen to You." The program was highlighted in the October issue of the *Montgomery Bulletin*.



Paul Payne



Tom Wagner

The program has been presented to students, parents, school administrators and law enforcement officials throughout the State of Ohio. More than 5,000 participants have attended the presentation. The officers received their award at the annual

Hamilton County Police Association banquet on January 18 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Blue Ash.

# City welcomes new staffers

Nick Miller and Mike Rogers are the latest employees to join the City of Montgomery. Both are Public Service Workers in the Public Works Department.



Nick Miller

Nick was born and raised in Saint Bernard, where he still lives with his wife and daughter Autumn. He graduated from St Bernard High School. Outside of work, Nick enjoys traveling, rehabbing homes, and spending time with his family. Before coming to Montgomery he worked for two years at Saint Bernard, most recently working five years with the Public Works Department in



Mike Rogers

the Village of Mariemont.

Mike graduated from Taylor High School, then went on to earn a teaching degree from Northern Kentucky University. He recently worked for Miami Township in Hamilton County, where he worked part-time while attending college, then full-time for nearly three years after reaching his degree. He has lived on the Westside his whole life and recently purchased a home there. Mike has a 15-month-old son that keeps him very busy.

He enjoys playing softball, basketball and working out in his spare time.

## Please keep rights-of-way clear

During snow emergencies, when snow must be plowed from the streets, snow emergency legislation prohibits residents from parking vehicles on the street. Other items, such as portable basketball hoops can also create serious problems for snow plow operators. These items are actually prohibited from being placed in the public right of way at all times, however not all residents observe this rule.

Especially during snow emergencies, keep cars off roadways, as well as any other portable structures avoid injuries or damage to plowing equipment or personal property.

# ODOT to continue work on Montgomery Road

The Ohio Department of Transportation will continue work on Montgomery Road during 2007, with work

concentrated from Cornell Road north to Calumet Way. Construction will include the installation of a new 42-inch

diameter water main followed by other improvements necessary for the widening of the roadway to multiple lanes for both northbound and southbound traffic.

# Montgomery hosts 20th Annual Photo Competition

All photographers are encouraged to focus their attention on Montgomery's annual Photo Competition sponsored by the Arts Commission. The contest is open to students, amateurs and professionals. This year's Reception and Exhibit are scheduled for Sunday, March 18, from 1-4 pm in the Universalist Church.

A maximum of two entries per photographer will be accepted and a non-refundable entry fee \$5 (student) or \$10 (adult) is

required for each entry. To enter the competition, pick up an entry form at City Hall or at local photo labs and framing galleries. Entry forms are also on the City's website at [www.MontgomeryOhio.org](http://www.MontgomeryOhio.org).

Corson Hirschfeld, nationally published and exhibited photographer, will judge all qualifying entries. Winners will receive monetary awards for their creative work. The deadline to enter the competition is Friday, March 9.

The latest ODOT plans indicated that final pavement resurfacing on the entire project from Weller Road to Calumet Way will not begin until September or October. Because of concerns about the construction time-frame, the City of Montgomery has requested that all final resurfacing at the southern end of the project south of the bridge over I-275 be completed in this spring. An ODOT response has not yet been communicated. Watch future *Montgomery Bulletins*, visit [www.MontgomeryOhio.org](http://www.MontgomeryOhio.org), or contact Public Works Director Bob Nikula at 792-8311 for the latest information.

# Select trees carefully for years of benefits

In the last two *Montgomery Bulletins*, this column noted the trees can be planted as an excellent addition to the urban landscape. There are many benefits of planting trees: shade, beauty, windbreaks, privacy, cleaner air, less glare from light intrusion and an increase in property value. The key is that the right tree is selected and that it is planted in the right place. The right tree in the right place will not only assure a better chance of a lifetime of satisfaction, but will also lower maintenance costs.



zone, for southwest Ohio a tree must be able to grow in hardiness Zone 6.

Moisture requirements and tolerance of trees vary so consider soil conditions when selecting a tree.

The need or tolerance for varying light requirements varies. Some trees only thrive in full sunlight while some are very shade tolerant.

Pest tolerance must also be considered, selecting a tree that is either bred for resistance to disease is always preferable. If a tree is planted that is susceptible to certain diseases or insects the ability of the tree to grow and thrive will be impacted as will maintenance costs.

Factors such as soil depth, structure and pH can mean the difference between success or failure after planting. Soils conditions and types will vary even though certain types of native soils are more prevalent in this area. Some trees are adversely impacted by the use of

deicing road salt. It is imperative that trees are a suitable match for the soil conditions they are planted in.

If the tree's purpose is to provide shade, plant for the hottest time of the year and the time of day that you desire the shade.

Aesthetics and beauty may be subjective but consider the importance of proper planning to ensure that the natural beauty and characteristics of the tree will serve as an enhancement to the landscape and your property. Trees can frame an area, provide a backdrop or delineate boundaries.

Trees can be planted as windbreaks or screens. Noise, dust, wind or light can all be blocked or screened in some manner if the right tree or groupings of trees are selected and planted in the right location.

Trees have varying mature sizes and have different crown shapes. If in doubt, ask the nursery what the size or shape of the tree will be as the tree matures. You want to make certain that the tree you select fits the space you select

The City of Montgomery has an excellent urban forestry program and has been recognized for 10 consecutive years as a "Tree City USA" that provides continuing care and maintenance of public trees. There are many ways that property owners can find information about tree selection and planting including local nurseries, at an excellent website; [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org) or by calling 792-8355.

A tree's requirements to thrive, its form or shape, its size at maturity and its role or function in your landscape are all factors in determining the best tree to plant and also will identify the appropriate planting location. Factors to consider include:

Trees selected must be appropriate for the hardiness

## Bulk brush pick-ups begin April 16

The Service Department spring curbside collection of bulk brush and limbs is scheduled to begin on April 16 and continue over a 5 week period. The week of brush pick up will correspond to the day of regular trash pick up, shown at right.

Specific guidelines for this curbside collection will be included in future issues of the *Montgomery Bulletin*. Information is also available on the City's website at [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org).

<b>Monday</b> April 16 - 20
<b>Tuesday</b> April 23 - 27
<b>Wednesday</b> April 30 - May 4
<b>Thursday</b> May 7 - 11
<b>Friday</b> May 14 - 18

## Homearama underway...

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In addition to being a guest at this year's Homearama, residents will also have a unique volunteer opportunity during the event. Volunteers will have an important part of projecting

Montgomery in a positive light to the expected 90,000 guests who will visit the event... many of whom may consider Montgomery as a home for their family or business.

Specific opportunities have not yet been defined as Montgomery, the schools, businesses and the many boards and commissions partner to present Montgomery to visitors. Watch your *Bulletin* for information on volunteer opportunities as the event approaches.

## Welcome Montgomery Dental Care

*Janette A. Williams D.D.S. has recently relocated her dental practice into the City of Montgomery at 9563 Montgomery Road. Dr. Williams was formerly located further south on Montgomery Road in Norwood. Montgomery Dental Care offers state of the art techniques and procedures such as Zoom bleaching, Invisalign invisible braces, dental implants, and natural looking metal-free crowns, veneers, and fillings. Modern advances also have improved the quality and efficiency of traditional dental treatments such as bridges, root canals, and full and partial dentures.*

*Dr. Williams is currently accepting new patients at her new location in the Remax Building. Office hours are regularly maintained on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For an appointment, call 792-5703.*

## February "Artists in the Park" sports Valentine theme

Be sure to attend the second "Artists in the Park" event to glean some fresh ideas for your special "Valentine." Sponsored by the Arts Commission, the afternoon happening will feature the following businesses:

### **Z's Place**

*fine wines, imported cheeses and specialty desserts*

### **FruitFlowers**

*edible floral creations*

### **Starbucks**

*coffee beans-varieties & countries of origin*

### **Dollface Portrait Arts**

*Artist Meg Robinson will be working on an oil painting of the Weller House. Fine art works incorporating photos will be on display.*

### **Lindsey Duncan**

*Celtic Harper*

Z Place, located at 7823 Cooper Road, is owned and operated by Zoe Rezai. Brett Lindstrom (distributor) will provide



information on Glazer Wines (red, white & dessert), Zoe Rezai will focus on imported cheeses and Deanna Escobosa will demonstrate the art of making a Mexican three milk cake creation.

FruitFlowers is a franchise that is locally owned by Jean and Bob Hartmann (9545 Fields Ertel Rd.). Their shop creates more than two dozen different flower-like

designs, incorporating a variety of fruits and vegetables in the arrangements.

Starbucks Coffee Company, located at 9412 Montgomery Rd. in the Heritage District, will have a representative in attendance to provide an educational display of coffee beans and their country of origin. Sample tastings will be provided by all of the above culinary artists.

Dollface Portrait Arts, family owned, is located in the Weller House Landmark Building at 7795 Cooper Road. The shop specializes in creatively transforming personal photographs into fine art works. Examples include jewelry, handbags, blankets, mugs, puzzles, paperweights, and much more.

Celtic Harper Lindsey Duncan will provide musical selections from the Celtic lands, plus Renaissance and popular tunes.

## Free Valentine's Day Concert

The City of Montgomery presents the Blue Ash Montgomery Symphony Orchestra in a free public concert on Sunday, February 18, at 6 p.m. at St. Barnabas Church on Montgomery Road. The concert will feature many recognizable loved themed Broadway hits sung by Daniel Weeks, two classics featuring the new church pipe organ and a special opening feature to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

Make this a great night out with your sweetheart mixing culture with romance! For more detailed information on the program lineup, featured guest talent and the symphony, visit [www.montgomery-ohio.org](http://www.montgomery-ohio.org).

## Sensory Sundays series begins February 25

Limited space is still available for the upcoming series of Sensory Sundays, the annual event that delights the senses. The series includes a variety of art displays, talented and soulful sounds of area musicians, and specialty

samplers from local chefs.

The popular event is planned for the Sundays of February 25, March 11 and March 25. Each installment of the series will be presented at Terwilliger's Lodge from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are limited to 90 guests and can be purchased at Montgomery City Hall (891-2424) or online at [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org). The cost is \$27 per event or \$70 for the series.

### **February 25**

**FEBRUARY 25  
SOLD OUT**

Phil DeGreg Trio with vocalists Mary Ellen Tanner and Larry Kinley coupled with the art talent of Holly Monroe and the fine Italian cuisine of Germano's.

### **March 11**

Deron Bell smooth jazz renditions paired with the creative American dishes of One Restaurant and the photographs and wooden bowls designed by Cliff Goosmann

### **March 25**

Jeremy Long on saxophone will seduce guests along with the tastes of Brazil from Amor Fieri Steakhouse and the vibrant canvases of Brian Thoman.

## Fine Arts Sampler features City's Ansel Adams collection

Montgomery's Arts Commission will showcase the City's 17-piece, Ansel Adams collection of original photographs as a participant in the 21st annual Fine Arts Sampler Weekend sponsored by Macy's. The photography collection, a gift to the City by an anonymous donor in 1985, will be exhibited on Sunday, February 11, from 2 - 4 p.m. in City Hall.

Members of the Blue Ash Montgomery Symphony Orchestra will be in attendance to provide a musical element at the event that is free and is open to the public.

Fine Arts Sampler brochures, listing approximately 90 venues and a myriad of performances in the greater Cincinnati area, are available at City Hall and at local art galleries and frame shops.

# A tradition of giving well into the future

The City of Montgomery provides many ways for citizens to assist the non-tax supported work of our community. Tax dollars alone do not support the many arts, cultural, historic and memorial activities of our city. Generous donations from individuals and corporate citizens through the years have greatly assisted efforts in historic preservation as well as arts and cultural related programs and projects.

In recent years, the City received an additional reminder of the caring and generosity of citizens and friends through the generous

donation of \$110,000 to the City's Arts and Amenities Fund from a long-time Montgomery resident. While a significant gift to the community, the City regularly receives inquiries about how to give memorial gifts, bequests or other contributions toward the betterment of Montgomery. Not only does such a gift benefit the community, but it also offers those giving the gift a tax savings on top of the deep satisfaction of helping others.

Some of the several ways that residents can contribute to the community are; a cash gift,

including the City in a will through a general or directed bequest, a memorial or tribute gift to honor a special individual, gifts of real estate or property such as works of art, automobiles and similar items, just to name a few.

To assist in answering questions, the city has created a brochure that outlines the history of giving in Montgomery and provides information about charitable giving opportunities. City staff is also available to discuss a specific charitable donation. For more information, contact Susan Hamm at 792-8314.

## SPRING BREAK-A-WAY

**Ages 7-12**

March 26-29; 9 am - 4

p.m.; Leaving from Swaim Park (lower lot). Monday: "Ohio's Wildlife Zoo and Hands-On Discovery" at Boonshoft Museum Center; Tuesday: "It's a Jungle Out There" at Jungle Jim's International Market and CiCi's Pizza; Wednesday: "Danger, Danger, Danger" with endangered species at Cincinnati Zoo; Thursday: "Climb Like a Monkey & Swim like a Fish" at the University of Cincinnati Campus Rec Center. Trips limited to 25 paid registrations. Waiver forms are required. Bring a packed lunch and snacks (except on Tuesday, which

includes a pizza lunch buffet). Dress appropriately for each trip, especially good walking shoes for the wildlife safari adventure week! Register by March 19th online or at City Hall. Cost: \$40 day/\$150 week (\$45 day/\$170 week NR)

## KARATE

Mondays and Wednesdays; 6:30 - 7:30 pm OR 7:30 - 8:30 pm; Annex Bldg.

Join instructor Tom Hardy in this year-round course for all ages in Taekwondo Korean Karate. You may join at the beginning of any month by registering prior to the 10th of that month. Register for three months and receive a free uniform. Emphasis is placed on

self-defense, stretching, kicking and promotion to the next belt. Cost is \$35R/\$40NR per month.

## PERFECT NORTH SLED, SKI OR BOARD TRIP

**Ages 10+**

February 19 (President's Day); 9 am to 7 pm; Meet at Swaim Park (parking lot on Zig Zag)

School's out and we are off to the slopes for our annual trip to Perfect North for kids ages 10 and up. Join us on a bus excursion to the slopes for a full day of winter adventure. It's all white and powdery and the world goes by in a blur, but you can choose to see it sitting down in a tube or navigating the slopes on skis or a snowboard. The trip includes transportation, equipment rental, lift tickets and basic lessons for those interested in a refresher or introduction to the slopes. Indicate your choice of sledding, boarding/skiing or a combination of the two at time of registration. Bring a packed lunch and a snack (or extra money for snacks). Limited to the first 50 paid registrations. Minimum of 25 required. Online registration available at [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org). Waiver forms required. Register by Feb 14th. Cost: \$65 for skiing, or \$42 for sledding. Do both for \$70 for sled/slopes combo. Volunteer chaperones needed, call 792-8329.

## Pool memberships start March 19

Montgomery Municipal Pool memberships go on sale starting March 19. Resident rates are \$235 for a family and \$120 for a single pass. A limited number of 90 non-resident passes are available on a first come basis with family rates at \$425 and singles at \$195.

Returning members will receive 2007 membership verification stickers and new members will take pictures for their IDs during the first two weeks of the pool season at the Municipal Pool.

The pool opens Memorial Day

weekend on Saturday, May 26, at 11 a.m.

The Montgomery Makos swim team is open to 120 team members. Swim team registration is open to returning members only from March 19 to April 6, with open registration beginning April 9. Swim lesson registration for levels one through five begins on May 7. Updates on rates, schedules, swim team and lessons, rules and information are available at [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org). Registration is also available online.

## Did you know?

Each of Montgomery's Landmark Properties has a rich history. Wilder Swaim House is especially important to the City's past. The Wilder Swaim House, on the corner of Cooper and Zig Zag Road, was the home to the first residents of Montgomery, James & Susan Wilder.

At first, they lived in only the east portion of the home. A two-story addition was added in the 1840s. Years later, in 1917, the home was purchased by William T. Swaim. Sixteen years later, in 1933, his daughters converted the property from a residence to a golf course. The golf course was sold in 1976 for a residential subdivision, with the City acquiring 13 acres for what is today Swaim Park.

Currently, the building is home to the Montgomery Historic Preservation Association, an active group dedicated to the preservation of Montgomery's Landmark Properties.



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# **ALL AROUND TOWN...**

### ***MWC antiques show returns March 17***

The Montgomery Woman’s Club will hold its 35th Annual Antiques Show & Sale

at Sycamore High School, 7400 Cornell Road, on Saturday, March 17 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday, March 18 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission is \$7 at the door, which includes both days of the popular event.

Admission includes a special presentation,

“Decorating with Antiques,” on Sunday at 1 p.m. The presentation will feature interior decorator John Harrison, A.S.I.D., of Closson’s Interior Design in Montgomery.

### ***Be prepared for the unknown***

If disaster hit, would you be prepared? The Hamilton County General Health District suggests citizens be prepared to be self-reliant for at least three days following an emergency situation. Preparation includes an emergency supply kit and a plan to make contact with family members who may have been separated. Begin your plans by visiting [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

Residents can also help with communitywide preparation by volunteering with the Health District. For information, call (513) 946-7800 or visit [www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org](http://www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org).

The Montgomery Woman’s Club Antiques Show & Sale is one of the longest running and most prestigious antique shows in the Midwest. More than 40 dealers from 8 states will display the country’s finest examples of American and English antiques furniture, crystal, silver, china, jewelry, pewter, folk arts and more. Proceeds help Montgomery Woman’s Club support its community projects. For information, call (513) 852-1901.

## **COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

### **FEBRUARY • FEBRUARY • FEBRUARY**

4	Artists in the Park	Terwilliger Lodge	2 - 4 pm
5	Arts Commission	City Hall	5 pm
5	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
7	Council Business Session	City Hall	7 pm
8	Parks & Recreation Commission	City Hall	6:30 pm
10	Community Leadership Forum	City Hall	8:30 - 11 am
11	Fine Arts Sampler	City Hall	1 - 4 pm
12	Beautification Commission	City Hall	9 am
14	Landmarks Commission	City Hall	7 pm
17	Cardboard Recycling	7315 Cornell Road	10 am - 1 pm
18	BAMSO Valentine Concert & Dinner	Sycamore HS	7:30 pm
19	Presidents Day (Sycamore Schools Closed) — Rec. Dept. Day Trip		
19	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
20	Sister Cities Commission	City Hall	7 pm
21	Council Work Session	City Hall	7 pm
25	Sensory Sunday (reservations required)	Terwilliger Lodge	5 pm
26	Environmental Committee	City Hall	7:00 pm
27	Board of Zoning Appeals	City Hall	7:30 pm