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# Montgomery Bulletin

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## Holiday greenery pick-ups

*Residents who want to participate in the City's tree, wreath and swag curbside collection program will not be required to attach a yard waste sticker to the items.*

*To have your holiday tree, wreath or swag collected simply place it at the curb and Rumpke will pick it up on one of the following three dates:*

*Saturday,  
December 30*

*Saturday  
January 6*

*Saturday  
January 13*

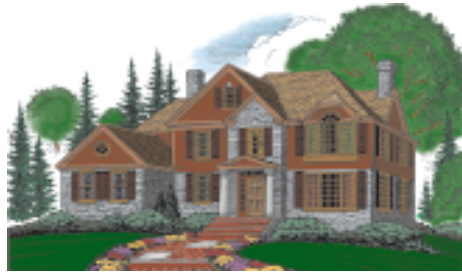
*Each item must be completely free of all plastic, flocking, tinsel and decorations.*

## Trash pick-up delayed

*Trash pickup will be delayed one day for residents whose trash day is on Monday, January 1.*

## Montgomery to host 2007 Homearama

The City of Montgomery will host the 46th annual Homearama, marking the event's return to Hamilton County for the first time since 1995. The new Great Traditions development north of I-275 on Montgomery Road has been selected as the site of the event. Great Traditions is a part of the Vintage Club, an exciting "village-style," pedestrian friendly, mixed use community of homes and businesses.



The Vintage Club development will consist of 40 estate homes, 20 club homes, 46 courtyard homes and 100 condominium homes, offering a vibrancy and uniqueness to the Montgomery community. Homearama will highlight this quality development, as well as capture the interest of more than 90,000 visitors projected to visit the two and a half week event.

The 2007 Homearama in Montgomery will feature 11 luxury homes to be valued at just under \$2 million dollars each and showcasing the best and newest designs and developments in architectural features, landscapes and novelty furnishing. Current home builders involved include locally known companies and several other seasoned participants.

The 2007 Homearama is expected to showcase the best of Montgomery as a great place to live, work, shop and dine. The City staff will work with the

event staff to maximize the positive impacts to the community. Area businesses, the Sycamore School District and many volunteer organizations will be invited to join in the event to ensure that Montgomery is well represented, highlighted and promoted as a premier community.

The partnership has already generated solutions regarding anticipated traffic volumes, alternate exit and entrance routes, necessary signage and use of onsite parking. The total impact is expected to be favorable to area businesses, which comprise the heartbeat of Montgomery. The event will offer an excellent opportunity to highlight the exemplary school system, variety in homes throughout the community and the unique beauty of Montgomery as a premier community.

## City communications to reach for an even higher level

The City of Montgomery has committed to take its communication efforts to a new level with the development of a comprehensive communications plan that will target two-way dialogue, continuous feedback opportunities and community outreach to build citizen involvement and ownership of the exciting developments and reputation of our premier community. The effort will rely strongly on community responsiveness to ensure that the City staff is listening with an open-ear and

delivering what is needed and desired by the community it is dedicated to serve.

The plan will also require community responsibility to stay informed on public developments, an effort to stay educated on public policy and limitations, and cooperation to pick up on services where the local government can empower resident groups and organizations who have committed to building a strong future.

The City plans to partner with a knowledgeable, enthusiastic communications consultant to help create a neighborhood feel to communications between City Council, City staff, residents and businesses. The goal is to build—together—the type of community of which each participant can be proud to call home and conduct business.

This initiative is part of the city-wide strategic plan that used the 2005 Community Survey as a

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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 three members of the City's "labeling team" that contributed 30 hours of their time to prepare the 2007 City Calendar for mailing. Betty Perry, Alma Fisher and Lillian Burns labeled and stuffed 4500 calendar envelopes. Thanks to their efforts, Montgomery residents and businesses received their calendar copies in a timely manner. A gigantic and grateful "THANK YOU" is extended to each of these dedicated volunteers for a job well done!

# COUNCIL CORNER

Montgomery City Council will meet in its regular monthly business session on January 3 at City Hall. Meetings begin at 7 p.m., with public comment welcomed on each item before Council.

Items on the agenda for consideration include:

#### PENDING LEGISLATION

- An ordinance granting a storm sewer easement within Weller Park to Vintage Club Associates, LTD (3rd reading)

#### NEW LEGISLATION

- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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

- 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

- A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with 32 Ford Mercury for the purchase of police cruisers

- A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Langenheim and Thomson for the Triangle Point Plaza Project

- An ordinance enacting and adopting

the 2007 Recodification to the Code of Ordinances and declaring an emergency

- 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

## Recent Council Actions

#### DECEMBER 6TH BUSINESS SESSION

- An ordinance for the allocation of Earnings Tax revenues and amending Section 44.14 of the Montgomery Code of Ordinances (3rd reading, Passed 7-0)
- An ordinance establishing a Vintage Club Capital Construction Fund (3rd reading, Passed 7-0)
- An ordinance creating the Vintage Club Tax Increment Financing Fund (3rd reading, Passed 7-0)
- An Ordinance Establishing a Special Revenue Fund for the Maintenance and Operation of the Municipal Swimming Pool (3rd reading, Passed 7-0)
- An ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Montgomery during the fiscal year ending

December 31, 2007 (3rd reading, Passed 7-0)

- An ordinance granting a storm sewer easement within Weller Park to Vintage Club Associates, LTD (2nd reading, Passed 7-0)

- A resolution adopting a Five Year Capital Improvement Program for the City of Montgomery (Passed 7-0)

- A resolution authorizing an amendment to the current contract with Donnellon, Donnellon and Miller for legal services to the City of Montgomery (Passed 7-0)

- A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept the proposed 2009-2010 option years with Rumpke of Ohio, Inc. (Passed 7-0)

- An ordinance amending ordinance No. 14, 2006 with

respect to property declared to be a public purpose (Passed 7-0)

#### DECEMBER 20TH WORK 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, 2006 (Passed 7-0)

- An ordinance amending ordinance No. 14, 2006, with respect to property declared to be a public purpose and declaring an emergency (Passed 7-0)

- A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a labor agreement with the Montgomery Firefighters IAFF Local 4391, for wages and benefits from April 1, 2006, through March 31, 2009 (Passed 7-0)

## A message from City Council

# A time to reflect on the City's promising future

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



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

As this year comes to a close and we look forward to the bright and shiny promise of 2007, it is exhilarating to look at the many diverse projects our city has on the horizon. The dynamic growth we are involved in is exciting!

While some nearby communities struggle just to survive, we are not only surviving, we are growing and thriving. This is a great time to share the many wonderful projects happening along the Montgomery Road corridor that are beneficial to our residents.

The Downtown Heritage District offers a diverse mix of restaurants including Pomodori's Pizza, Montgomery Inn, Germano's, European Café, Neon Lites (which also offers ice cream and frozen yogurt), Jimmy D's Steakhouse, Village Tavern, Starbuck's and Perkin's. There are many unique shops and businesses that are a draw for not only our residents, but

for our neighbors in surrounding communities. We have made a significant investment in the Triangle development and have been told by the developer, Montgomery Gateway Partners, they will feature a mix of restaurants, office and retail when they have finished construction.

In regards to the retail mix, it is important to note that most neighborhood business districts must resort to entertainment and specialty stores to survive. "Big Box" retailers have taken away a huge chunk of the retail market that small stores just can't compete with. Frequently we hear of small stores and retail establishments that cannot compete with the large chains and internet. Our commitment is very strong to the Downtown Heritage District. It is the Crown Jewel and heart of our city.

Driving north on Montgomery Road there are a variety of small shops, restaurants and businesses that can provide just about any service you need. Montgomery Square Shopping Center offers a delightful mix of retail and businesses.

As many of you know, the Bethesda North Hospital is now

a level 2 trauma center offering critical emergency as well as other medical services to the citizens of Montgomery and the Greater Cincinnati region. Imagine having those services so close when your family needs it most! The benefits to be derived from a facility of this nature as well as the associated medical offices in the vicinity of the hospital are immeasurable and part of what makes our community so desirable to residents and businesses alike. The medical community is a very important resource to our city, both in terms of services to our community as well as a source of tax revenue to sustain our city operations.

At the north edge is the newest addition to our city, The Vintage Club. This community will make its debut in Homearama 2007. It will offer a variety of exciting housing, retail and office for our current residents as well as drawing new residents and visitors into our community.

I hope you will take some time in the upcoming year to visit some of these great businesses that help keep Montgomery such a vibrant community. It is an exciting time for our city – let's enjoy it together!

## Low interest loan program available to residents

Hamilton County Commissioners have expanded a popular low-interest loan program. The program offers homeowners and owners of residential commercial properties special loans at an interest rate 3 percent below the lowest rate charged by banks.

The Home Improvement Program is available to owners of one and two family homes with assessed values up to \$350,000, which is a higher valuation than in previous years. In addition, HOP loans are available for commercial

properties up to \$350,000. Owners of residential buildings with three or more units are eligible regardless of property value.

Under the programs, loans up to \$50,000 are available. Each must be repaid within five years.

Participation in the program is not limited by income and carries few restrictions. Loan proceeds can be used for almost any improvement or repair project, such as additions, remodeling, exterior

enhancements, or landscaping. Funds cannot be used, however, for appliances or installation of luxury items, such as swimming pools or hot tubs.

Additional information and a loan application are available on Hamilton County's website at [www.hamilton-co.org](http://www.hamilton-co.org) or by contacting Patrick Hanrahan at 946-8234. Applications and program brochures are also available at any branch of a participating bank: Fifth Third, Key, North side, National City, PNC or US Bank.

## 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

## MHPA to meet in annual session

*The Montgomery Historical Preservation Association will conduct its annual meeting at Swaim Lodge on Monday, January 15, 2007. The business meeting begins at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.*

## Free water shut-offs offered for vacations

Residents who are customers of Indian Hill Water who are planning an extended vacation, may contact the Indian Hill Water Works Billing Office at 561-6679 to have water service temporarily discontinued.

Crews will turn off service at the street stopping all charges for water service during an absence. A shut-off offers the best protection against a water leak. The homeowner or a designee must be present when the water is turned back on.

While reconnection is offered without charge during regular business hours, customers needing reconnection during non-business hours will be charged for personnel overtime.

# Jason Alderman becomes newest officer

Jason Alderman joined the City of Montgomery in December as the newest full-time Police Officer. A graduate of Milford High School, Jayson recently received an honorable discharge from the United States Air Force.

During his time with the Air Force, Jayson served as an Operational Intelligence

journeyman for four years. He was stationed in Texas and Germany, finishing his tour of duty in Ohio.

In his spare time, Jayson enjoys fishing for Bass, Crappie and Walleye. He also likes to spend time outdoors riding ATVs. Jayson's



Jason Alderman

household is expecting its first child in February.

The Montgomery Police Department serves residents and businesses with 20 full-time officers and a civilian staff of four employees.

## Second "Artists in the Park" planned February 4

Be sure to mark your calendar now for the second quarterly "Artists in the Park" event sponsored by the Arts

Commission. The February 4th happening is scheduled from 2-4 pm at Terwilliger Lodge in Dulle Park. The afternoon will

afford guests the opportunity to meet local artists while learning more about a gamut of art formats. Commission members are developing an interesting Valentine's theme that will include a wide range of art formats including culinary arts. Look for specific details in the February Bulletin for this event that is free and open to the public.



Karen McMannon of Karen McMannon Calligraphy demonstrates the art of calligraphy at the November 12 Artists in the Park event. Ute Kramer of Ute's Unique Lifestyle Jewelry was also in attendance to show the art of jewelry making while 15 members of the Hills of Kentucky Dulcimers performed.

## Valentine concert to feature new pipe organ

The Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra will perform its Valentine's Concert on Sunday, February 18. The concert, which begins at 6 p.m., will be held at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 10345 Montgomery Road.

The Orchestra and guest soloists will present a romantic program highlighting several orchestral and vocal favorites relating to the theme of love. In addition, the opening overture will celebrate the Chinese New Year, which will also be celebrated in mid-February.

The performance will include the five-manual Rodgers digital pipe organ which is currently

being installed at St. Barnabas. The new organ will be featured during two towering classics included in the program.

Following the Chinese New Year Overture opening the performance, the orchestra will present Tchaikovsky's Romeo & Juliet Fantasy Overture. Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1 in B flat Minor follows

with the first movement performed by Pianist Lei Weng.

The concert continues with Puccini's *Nessun Dorma* followed by a variety of Broadway Hits featuring Tenor Daniel Weeks.

The new Rogers pipe organ will conclude the concert, playing the introduction to Strauss' famed *Also Sprach Zarathustra* and John Williams' *Olympic Fanfare*.



# Sensory Sundays begin February 25

Registration starts January 10 for 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 on a first-come basis, limited to 90 guests and can be purchased at Montgomery City Hall (891-2424) or online at [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org). Tickets are \$27 per event or \$70 for the series.

SUNDAY	Hear Jazz	Taste Treats	See Stuff
<b>FEBRUARY 25</b> <b>"Traditions"</b>	<b>Phil deGreg Trio</b> <i>with locally acclaimed vocalists Mary Ellen Tanner and Larry McKinley</i>	<b>Germano's Fine Italian Restaurant</b> <i>Best in authentic Italian cuisine</i>	<b>Holly Monroe</b> <i>Heirloom art feeds the soul making meaningful words beautiful</i>
<b>MARCH 11</b> <b>"Eyes of the Soul"</b>	<b>Deron Bell</b> <i>Vocal and instrumental soulful movements of jazz</i>	<b>The One Restaurant</b> <i>Creative twist on American classics!</i>	<b>Cliff Goosman</b> <i>Photographer and Artisan</i>
<b>MARCH 25</b> <b>"Color of Fire"</b>	<b>Jeremy Long</b> <i>"Saxy" Jazz renditions personified and driven sounds</i>	<b>Mi Amor Fiery Steakhouse</b> <i>Brazilian vitality, heat &amp; delicious flavors</i>	<b>Brian Thoman</b> <i>Vibrant abstract impressions of bright colors</i>

## Montgomery Elementary enters Guinness Book!

The fourth grade classes at Montgomery Elementary, along with 547,826 readers from 50 of the United States and 27 other countries, set a new world record for most number of people reading out loud all at the same time. Sharon Touchton, the school's Media Center Specialist, helped to organize this tremendous achievement as the students all read a selection from E.B. White's well known classic, *Charlotte's Web*.

Special recognition goes to Carolyn Lunt-Hartoin, Montgomery's Assistant Recreation Director and long-time resident John Keller of R-K Electronics were asked to witness the achievement (John's five adult children were all students in the Sycamore School District at one point in time). The reading took place at noon eastern standard time (which, for some depending on where they lived, would equate to reading in the middle of the night). School Superintendent Dr. Adrienne James led the children as they read in unison.

The old world record was set in 2004 with 155,528 readers reading *Daffodils* by William Wordsworth.

## Communications...

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basis from which to generate initiatives that work toward an ideal and realistic vision for Montgomery. Citizen input on the survey helped to set the stage for this ground breaking initiative to succeed in Montgomery.

The goals of the communications effort include:

- Create networked, committed community spirit that is needed to reach a much broader goal of "community"
- Develop a true sense of belonging, responsibility and pride through action.
- Jointly build a strong foundation and sense of community that will give participants the tools and support needed to ensure success in maintaining Montgomery as a viable, premier community.

## International Reception well attended

Approximately 75 guests representing 20 countries attended the International Reception on October 22, 2006, in Terwilliger's Lodge. Hosted by the Sister Cities Commission, the annual event provides guests an opportunity to meet numerous

international community members while sharing ethnic foods representing their native culture. The event epitomizes the commission's motto—"Bringing the World Together...One Friendship at a Time."



Guests at the International Reception included the Popenoe family. Featured in the photo from left to right are Darwin, Flora and Subira Popenoe. Flora is from the country of Tanzania.

## Did you know?

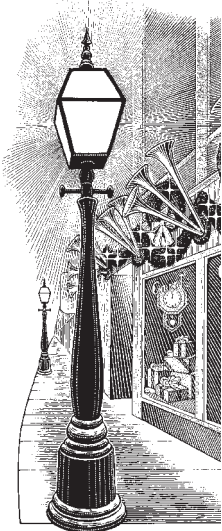
*During the holiday season many take in the sights and sounds of the season. All around Montgomery, homes are lit with twinkling lights and decorated with beautiful wreaths. Among the holiday sites are Montgomery's 32 landmark buildings, each one different and unique. This month's "Did You Know" article features the Yost Tavern at 7872 Cooper Road. Built in 1809, the building was the home and business of Abraham Yost, one of Montgomery's earlier settlers.*

*The Yost Tavern has experienced some recent face lifts. Over the past year, work was undertaken on the roof. The City plans to repaint the property in the coming spring.*

*There are many landmark properties within Montgomery that are occupied by business and residential owners, each of these individuals have made a commitment to the upkeep and betterment of these special properties providing a significant service to preserving the character of the Montgomery community.*

# It's true: What goes up, must come down

Volunteers did a phenomenal job decorating the Heritage District for the holiday season. Once again, the City received numerous accolades on our festive holiday atmosphere that all the wreaths and garlands elicited.



Volunteer assistance is now needed to remove, inventory and store the holiday decorations. Members of the

Montgomery Woman's Club and the Beautification and Tree Commission would welcome additional helping hands on Wednesday, January 3, at 10 am. Those volunteers preferring to work outdoors to do the "take down" work will meet at the Universalist Church (corner of Remington & Montgomery

Roads) while those volunteers working indoors to focus on inventory and storage will meet at the City Service Bldg. (7315 Cornell Rd.)

Contact Joyce Yock (792-8329) to sign up or for additional information. Donating even an hour of your time to this project will be most appreciated!

## Kick the new year off right with a Volunteer Leadership Role

**Make a positive difference in your community.**

**Learn more about our City government.**

**Meet other civic minded residents.**

**Share your unique talents and professional experiences.**

Contributing your time to serve on a City board or commission may be your ticket to accomplishing all of the above in 2007. Volunteer positions

are available on the following commissions:

Arts, Civil Service, Landmarks, Parks & Recreation, Planning and Sister Cities, as well as the Board of Zoning Appeals.



If you would like to attend an upcoming meeting to learn more about the board or commission's projects and to meet the current members, contact Joyce Yock, Volunteer Coordinator, at 792-8329 or visit [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org).

### Terry's Tree Tips

## To stake or not to stake... which is best?

Staking newly planted trees is a good idea if planted as a bare root tree or if the tree will be caused to lean before the tree roots can anchor and stabilize the tree in a vertical alignment where winds are strong. When the City of Montgomery plants trees they are typically 1.75 to 2-inch caliper, balled and burlapped tree stock. This size tree normally does not require staking as the root ball on a tree this size effectively anchors the tree in place. In nurseries and home improvement

stores it is becoming more common to find that trees are planted in containers as they are easier to transport for both the seller and buyer. Container grown trees are also less prone to transplant shock. While container trees can be easier to transport, plant and are quicker to grow than balled and burlapped trees they are quite often top heavy and may require staking during the first growing season. If you do choose

to stake new trees it is important that the tree's delicate bark is protected from ropes, cables or wires that will cause girdling unless the cabling material is covered with an appropriate material. One option is to use 6- to 12-inch sections of garden hose to protect the tree bark from the cabling material. Once the tree is properly secured, leave staking in place only as long as necessary and certainly no longer than one growing season. Research has shown that natural swaying and movement of the tree during light to moderate winds actually improves the strength of the tree's trunk and improves root development.



# Think those warm thoughts of pool fun!

The City of Montgomery is gearing up for another hot summer (despite the cold winter underway!) Pool memberships will go on sale March 19 at City Hall. Residents can register online and avoid the lines, but non-residents who want one of the 90 limited season passes will need to come by City Hall to buy their pass to a splash-tacular summer!

As with most other entertainment venues, operation of the Municipal Pool will be impacted by passage of the Ohio constitutional amendment in the November general election which increases Ohio's minimum wage by 30 percent. The increase will also impact all wage schedules since pay scales will need to be recalculated to

## Baseball, softball registration set for 2007 programs

Registration for Sycamore Baseball and Softball Association (SBSA) programs is underway for the 2007 Knothole Baseball, Softball or Instructional Season. Children ages 5-16 are invited to participate.

Due to the success and popularity of on-line registration last year, participants are encouraged to sign up for programs at [www.sycamorebaseball.com](http://www.sycamorebaseball.com). For those not comfortable paying registration fees on-line, alternate instructions will be provided on how to pay by check after registration.

In-person registration will also be available on Saturday, January 6, from 9 a.m. to noon at Montgomery City Hall and the Blue Ash Recreation Center. Youths ages 13 and older are eligible for summer employment as Umpires and Youth Instructors. See the website for more details.

take into account years of experience, responsibilities or certification levels. The impact on the pool operational expenses has been spread out so as to not burden any one user group.

## Chocolate event set February 5

If you are a chocoholic, then February 5 is your special day as the renowned COCOJO'S tempts you with a variety of chocolates just in time for Valentine's Day. From 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Terwilliger's Lodge, design a gift for that special

Memberships and daily rates, swim lessons and swim team all will share in the increases. Details on the 2007 price structure are available online by visiting [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org).

someone or indulge yourself.

The event is open to all ages 10 and up. Cost is \$20 per person. Sign-up online at [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org). (At least 15 must sign-up to ensure the event.)

## Make the promise... then KEEP it in the new year!

### TUMMY TUCKS

January 23 to March 15 (16 classes); Tuesdays & Thursdays; 6-7 pm; Annex Building. This innovative Pilates class is geared towards using core body muscles (abdominal, obliques, back, and gluteals) to get effective results in your mid-section. Taught by a Tri-Health certified instructor, 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. Some equipment provided. Register online at [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org) or at Montgomery City Hall by January 18. Minimum of 12 participants required, but no more than 25 participants. Cost \$65R/\$70NR

### 20/20/20 BOOMER STYLE

January 23 to March 15 (16 classes); Tuesdays & Thursdays; 9 - 10 am; Annex Building. Designed for the Baby Boomers, this class schedule offers cardiovascular exercises, strength training, and 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 online at [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org) or at Montgomery City Hall by January 18. Minimum of 12 participants required, but no more than 20 participants. Cost \$65R/\$70NR

### YOUNG REMBRANDTS CARTOON DRAWING CLASSES (ages 6-12)

Wednesdays, February 7 to March 14; Terwilliger's Lodge; from 5 to 6 p.m. Learning to draw can be fun, especially when creating silly characters, funny expressions, and drawing sequences that tell a joke! This delightful program combines Young Rembrandts' innovative, step-by-step drawing method with light-hearted subject matter that engages children, their sense of humor, and their vivid imaginations. No lesson ever repeats! Cost \$60R for 6-week session.

## Ski Trip

The winter weather is a perfect time for a trip to Perfect North Slopes on Monday, February 19, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Participants from 10 to 16 years of age should meet at Swaim Park, where they will be dropped off after the event. Bring snacks or money for food.

Whether you glide down the slopes on skis, grinding a rail on a snowboard, or sliding downhill on a tube, you're sure to enjoy this fast-paced adventure.

Cost is \$65 for skiing/snowboarding or \$42 for tubing. Combine the rush for \$70 to tube and ski, OR to tube and snowboard (includes rental).

Sign up online at [www.montgomery.oh.us](http://www.montgomery.oh.us) or stop by City Hall.

## Young Rembrandts Pre-School Drawing Classes (ages 3 1/2-6)

Wednesdays, February 7 to March 14; Terwilliger's Lodge; from 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Young Rembrandts instructors provide a positive, nurturing environment for your child. We'll concentrate on the skills of drawing and coloring, but also work on developing fine motor skills, focus, listening, and staying on task. Classes are 45 minutes, all materials are provided. Call 779-5858 for more information.



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# **ALL AROUND TOWN...**

### ***MWC Scholarships seek area applicants***

Applications for Montgomery Woman's Club Senior

Scholarships are now available to high school seniors in area high school guidance offices. Applicants must reside in the Sycamore School

District, have a grade point average of at least 3.0, participate in extra-curricular activities and provide proof of financial need.

Applications for the Radia S. Pfingstag Art Scholarship are available to high school seniors in the area at high school guidance offices. Applicants must reside in the Sycamore School District, have a grade point average of at least 3.0, demonstrate artistic talent and plan to pursue a career in art or an art related field such as architecture or photography, etc.

3.0 and demonstrate financial need.

Applications for undergraduate grants can be obtained by calling (513) 852-1901 or (513) 677-8568. Applications are also available on-line at [www.angelfire.com/oh3montgomery](http://www.angelfire.com/oh3montgomery).

### ***Rendez-vous le Dimanche 7 Janvier***

Start the year off by attending a unique, family event that celebrates Galette des Rois, viewed as the most popular activity of the French Alliance of Cincinnati. The Epiphany event will be held on January 7, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at Terwilliger's Lodge and will feature children's activities and, of course, the Galette.

College students whose primary residence is in the Sycamore School District may apply for financial assistance through the Montgomery Woman's Club, Inc., Undergraduate Grant Program. Students must attend an accredited college or university, have a grade point average of at least

## **COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

### **JANUARY • JANUARY • JANUARY**

1	<b>New Years Day</b> — City Offices Closed, trash delayed one day		
3	Council Business Session	City Hall	7 pm
6	Sycamore Baseball Sign-Up	City Hall	9 am - noon
7	Galette des Rois	Terwilligers Lodge	2 - 4:30 pm
8	Beautification Commission	City Hall	9 am
8	Arts Commission	City Hall	7 pm
8	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
10	Landmarks Commission	City Hall	7 pm
11	Parks & Recreation Commission	City Hall	6:30 pm
15	<b>Martin Luther King Day</b> — City Offices Closed, trash pickup as usual		
15	MHPA Annual Meeting	Swaim Lodge	7 pm
16	Sister Cities Commission	City Hall	7 pm
20	Cardboard Recycling	7315 Cornell Road	10 am - 1 pm
23	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
22	Environmental Advisory Commission	City Hall	7 pm
23	Board of Zoning Appeals	City Hall	7:30 pm
24	Council Work Session	City Hall	7 pm
31	Fourth Quarter 2003 Taxes Due		