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Annual concert to honor Independence Day

The Blue Ash / Montgomery Symphony will once again perform its free, patriotic concert on Tuesday, July 3, in Montgomery Park from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Presented with the theme "Stars and Stripes

Ellington, Gershwin and Sondheim.



Forever," the concert will include vocal renditions of many of the greatest patriotic classics, including Sousa marches and Glen Miller hits. The second half of the symphonic concert will feature popular jazz performances with vocalist Nancy Nolan, works of Duke

of the Battle Hymn of the Republic.

The event is made possible by generous support of Ohio National Financial Services as presenting level sponsor and the participating sponsors listed at right.

JULY 3RD CONCERT STARS & STRIPES FOREVER

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Waste Wheelers tied to specific address

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

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

July 4th Parade & Festival: Continuing the tradition

It's not too late to participate in Montgomery's long time tradition—the 2007 Independence Day Parade scheduled for Wednesday, July 4. Registration forms are available on the City's website or by calling Joyce Yock at 792-8329.

The Blue Chip Jazz Band and Kevin Fox will provide the musical entertainment for the Independence Day celebration. In addition, kids' games, pony rides, food booths from area restaurants, the popular Pet

Show, a GSSA sponsored mini soccer clinic and much, much more will be featured at the event.

You can be part of this great event without being a parade

Parade units will assemble at 9 a.m. at designated locations on Cooper Road. The parade begins its route at 10 a.m., ending at Montgomery Park where the July 4th Festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ride in the Parade!

Youths at least five years old are encouraged to ride their bike in the July 4th Parade. Meet in the Montgomery Elementary School parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Get a start by decorating bikes with streamers, cards, tassels, balloons, flags and flowers, then add final touches just before the patriotic ride! No advance registration is required to participate.

entry. Consider volunteering to help organize or judge the parade units on event day or to drive your convertible as an official transport for government officials participating in the parade. Call Joyce Yock for more info at 792-8329.

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to Mark Mallette, ASA, CAI, of Mallette & Associates, Inc. and current member of the Arts Commission who shared his professional expertise to conduct the May 9, "Appraisal in the Park" event in Terwilliger Lodge. Thanks to his efforts, approximately 50 guests received verbal appraisals for their antiques/collectibles. Proceeds from the event will enable the Arts Commission to host future "Artists in the Park" happenings. A grateful THANK YOU is extended to Mark for the vital role he played in making this event a highly rated one and for his continued commitment to promoting the arts for our community members.

A message from City Council

Importance of the Montgomery Road Corridor

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



This month's message by Council Member Bill Niehaus

Councilman Todd Steinbrink, in a recent article in this bulletin, had an excellent discussion on coming to terms with the issue of growth in our community. In the article he emphasized the continuous planning that has been going into the Montgomery Road Corridor, and which continues today for various sections of the corridor, including both developed and undeveloped land. This planning has come in the form of land use studies, development of innovative zoning controls, the implementation of aesthetic design standards, and adoption of sound access management principles.

The City has both the advantage and the disadvantage of having a major state highway—Montgomery Road—pass through it. This significant roadway introduces major concerns to our city, including:

- 1** The heavy volumes of pass-through traffic and the safe control of that traffic in an orderly manner;
- 2** The issue of how private property on Montgomery Road is developed while maintaining our City's goal of retainings its image as an upscale residential community, and,

3 The major question of how to deal with all of our individual preferences and "wish lists" for the Montgomery Road corridor, while at the same time recognizing the rights of private property owners to develop their properties in accordance with applicable City and State laws.

These concerns, if not properly addressed, can affect our lifestyles, property values, safety, and long term prosperity of our city.

The Montgomery Road corridor, reaching from Walnut Hills through Evanston and Kenwood, has changed in character and development over the years. As newer retail has moved to the shopping malls, the old central business districts have struggled. The loss of these neighborhood business districts in many of our neighboring communities has also impacted residential housing stock through the corridor and has impacted the property values in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Keeping in mind what other communities south of us on Montgomery Road have experienced, we can ask "What do we need to do to protect our central business district and our business corridor and at the same time our residential community?" This balancing often requires tough decisions which are not popular, but respect personal property rights. As we learned in the Norwood/Rookwood court case on the use of eminent domain by cities to control development within their boundaries, a

community cannot impose its wish list for an upscale shopping center and require an individual property owner to make the sacrifice.

The Montgomery Road corridor must be developed, nurtured and maintained by the owners of properties along it who are committed to the long-term occupancy and stability in their property, while maintaining the present character of Montgomery as we know it. Also, our residents who, for the most part, do not live on Montgomery Road, must be committed to planning, developing and maintaining the Montgomery corridor. This will, and always has, required compromise between the residents, who live both on and away from Montgomery Road, and the business and property owners on Montgomery Road. This situation can clearly surface the inherent conflict in development—while we do not want our property rights to be governed at, or for, the convenience and desires of our neighbors, we often expect their property rights to be governed by our wish lists and conveniences. This inherent conflict creates much of the discord and communications that happen when change is proposed to an area, including our Montgomery Road corridor.

The development of our Montgomery Road corridor has upscale businesses, restaurants, schools, shopping centers, a major hospital, a combination of residential, retail and rental developments from one end to the other. Some of these are developments or things that are not on our personal wish lists,

COUNCIL CORNER

Montgomery City Council will meet in its regular monthly business session on June 6 at the City Hall. Meetings begin at 7 p.m., with public comment welcomed on each item before Council.

PENDING LEGISLATION

- An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20, 2006, which established the procedure for the receipt and disposition of personal property (*3rd Reading*)
- An ordinance granting an access easement within Safety Center lot to Twin Lakes in Ohio, not for profit corporation (*3rd Reading*)
- An Ordinance to Amend General Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the City of Montgomery, State of Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2007 (*2nd Reading*)

NEW LEGISLATION

- A resolution authorizing the City Manager to contract

with Frost Brown Todd, LLC to provide special counsel service

- A resolution amending Resolution No. 48, 2004, establishing a Budgetary/Financial Policy for the City of

Montgomery relative to Targeted Fund Balances for effective planning and emergency financial needs

- An ordinance adopting goals and policies for a

Montgomery Comprehensive Community Plan

- An ordinance establishing regulations for street furniture/furnishings in the Heritage Overlay District

Recent Council Actions

MAY 2ND BUSINESS SESSION

- An ordinance amending Section 50.02 of the Code of Ordinances governing the disposal of real estate pursuant to an urban renewal/urban redevelopment plan or through the Montgomery Community Improvement Corporation (*Passed 7-0*)
- An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20, 2006, which established the procedure for the receipt and disposition of personal property (*2nd Reading, Passed 7-0*)
- An ordinance granting an access easement within Safety Center lot to

Twin Lakes in Ohio, not for profit corporation (*2nd Reading, Passed 7-0*)

- A resolution recognizing the month of May as National Historic Preservation Month in the City of Montgomery (*Passed 7-0*)

- A resolution accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Terry Asphalt Materials, Inc. for the 2007 Bituminous "Black Mat" Surfacing Project (*Passed 7-0*)

- A resolution accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Barrett Paving Materials, Inc. for the 2007

Montgomery, Cooper and Zig Zag Roads Resurfacing Program (*Passed 7-0*)

- A resolution accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Bob McDorman Chevrolet, Inc. for the Purchase of a 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe SUV Police Package (*Passed 7-0*)

- An ordinance to amend General Appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Montgomery, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007 (*1st Reading, Passed 7-0*)

Montgomery Road Corridor...

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but combined with our residential community, it keeps our corridor viable and our City a more desirable place to live. Let's recognize that to continue to be a viable community requires some peaceful and safe co-existence between our residents and our business community. It is this

coexistence that will to keep the City of Montgomery a viable and desirable community in which to live and do business.

I once read in a book on law the following, and I quote: "That the whole should protect all its parts, and that every part should pay obedience to the will

of the whole; or in other words, that the community should guard the rights of each individual member, and that in return for this protection, each individual should submit to the laws of the community; without which submission of all it is impossible that protection can be extended to any." That is, respecting the rights of others will help others respect your rights.

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



Eat to the Beat

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

July 11
ANNA & MILOVAN
(father and daughter acoustic pop/folk/blues sound)

July 18
ZUMBA
(classic music of Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean)

July 25
MENAGERIE
(Jon & Lisa Butts folk and celtic music)

Progress reported on area road projects

State Projects

Montgomery Road Widening:

The Ohio Department of Transportation Montgomery Road widening project north of Weller Road continues with work concentrated between Cornell Road and Calumet Way.

Construction will continue over the next five to six months. In accordance with a request by the City of Montgomery, the final asphalt resurfacing was recently completed south of the I-275 bridge. Traffic delays are anticipated along the Montgomery Road corridor, especially north of Cornell Road, as a result of this ongoing construction. (The Ohio Department of Transportation field office phone number for this project is 469-1222.)

I-275 Noise Barrier Walls: The Ohio Department of Transportation has cleared about 95 percent of the areas where the noise barrier walls will be

installed. Installation of the posts for the wall is scheduled to begin by mid June. The project should be completed by November 2008. (The Ohio Department of Transportation field office phone number for this project is 933-6666.)

City of Montgomery Projects

Jolain Drive Sidewalk Project:

Installation of a new five foot wide concrete sidewalk along the north side of Jolain Drive should be completed by mid-June. The sidewalk will extend from Tollgate Lane west to a point approximately 400 feet east of Knollbrook Terrace.

Triangle Area Projects:

The construction of public improvement projects surrounding the Triangle development are in various stages of completion. The traffic signal improvements at Main and Cooper have been completed, including the installation of a protected left turn movement installation for southbound traffic on Main at Cooper Road. Street resurfacing on the portions of Montgomery Road, Cooper Road and Main Street immediately

adjacent to the Triangle is now underway will be substantially completed by early June. The Triangle Plaza improvements located at the southern end of the Triangle development will be substantially completion by the end of June with the exception of the fountain centerpiece that will be installed in mid September.

Street Resurfacing: The Montgomery Road, Cooper Road and Zig Zag Road street resurfacing project will begin in mid June. Because much of the project includes work in the Heritage District along Montgomery Road between north Main Street and Cooper Road and Cooper Road west of Montgomery Road, work involving lane closures will be limited to 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. or after 7 p.m.

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

CPR Class offered June 4

Would you know what to do if someone you loved started choking, stopped breathing, or went into cardiac arrest?

The City of Montgomery Fire Division will offer an introductory course on CPR. Entitled "CPR for family & friends," the course is available without charge to Montgomery residents.

The Monday, June 4, class will start promptly at 7 p.m. and will conclude about 10 p.m.

The class is an introductory course from the American Heart Association which involves instructional training, without the need for a practical or written test. To reserve your spot for this important learning opportunity, call the Montgomery Fire Division at 985-1633.

This class is offered quarterly.

Bridgewater returns to staff... this time, for good

After gaining valuable experience working for the Montgomery Service Department over the past four summers, Chelsey Bridgewater has joined the City full time as Community Development and Customer Service Representative.



Chelsey Bridgewater

Chelsey is a graduate of Sycamore High School and recently graduated from Ohio University

with a Fine Arts Degree.

When she is not working with the City, Chelsey enjoys painting, running, watching sports and being outdoors.



Their program gains national honor

Police Officers Paul Payne (left) and Tom Wagner has received an award from the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) for their "Caught in the Web" safety education program that teaches parents and students about the potential dangers associated with the Internet.

HOMERAMA '07: Not just homes on display

When HOMEARAMA 2007 gets underway June 9 - 24, ten spectacular homes will be on display at the Vintage Club development off of Montgomery and Kemper Roads north of the Gate of Heaven Cemetery. The homes, however, are not the only focus of the 100,000 visitors expected to tour the event. Montgomery will also be showcased to the 100,000+ visitors for its uniqueness as a community.

To promote the City, Montgomery will have a tent at the event highlighting some features and valued aspects of the community, including the schools and area businesses. City officials, staff and volunteers will be on-site each day to welcome guests and to promote Montgomery.

As part of the development underway at the Vintage Club site in preparation for HOMEARAMA 2007, residents can expect changes to accommodate the construction in advance of the event, as well as the presence of the many visitors during this event.

The City has taken steps to work with the hosts of HOMEARAMA to minimize the impact of this event on daily activities of residents and businesses.

In order to better inform residents and business operators, the City has developed a series of event facts that are highlighted on the City website. The information covers such topics of interest as pre-show work, event cleanup and maintenance, traffic control, security and on-site parking.

Visit www.montgomeryohio.org or log onto the Home Builders Association of Greater Cincinnati website at www.homearama.cc. You may also call the City of Montgomery at 513 891-2424 during regular business hours or the Montgomery Police Department at 513-985-1600 with questions and concerns.

Greeters needed

Approximately 50 community members have enthusiastically signed up to be City greeters at this year's Homearama event at the Vintage Club in Montgomery. A few time slots are available, however, on the three June weekends of the event. Please contact Joyce Yock (792-8329) if you would like to participate in this prestigious event.

City to celebrate Bastille Day on July 14

Montgomery will honor its 19-year friendship with Sister City Neuilly-Plaisance, France, when it celebrates Bastille Day, regarded as the French day of independence. Montgomery's Bastille Day celebration will be Saturday, July 14, from noon to 11 p.m. in Downtown Montgomery.

The annual event offers fun, food, drinks and entertainment for the whole family. Area restaurants will feature a variety of French cuisine and wine, as well as local favorites such as ribs, pizza, funnel cakes, fries and beer. Entertainment features a variety of talents. The mainstage will get guests

"howling" along with the guys from HOWLband bringing back the classic karaoke hits, as well as Red Idle and the Mistics performing classic rock and Motown.

New this year is a Marie Antoinette Guillotine photo booth! In the street café area guests can enjoy raffles, strolling artists, musicians and singers. The kids area is alive with games of luck, artistic projects, face painting, clowns and Moonwalk.

Join the extensive team of volunteers working on event day to help make this community celebration a success. Adult volunteers are needed to work in the beverage ticket booth, the children's game ticket booth and the wine booth from noon-11 pm. Teen volunteers are needed to manage the children's game booths from noon until 8 p.m. A two-hour minimum commitment is required for all these volunteer positions. To lend a hand, contact Joyce Yock, 792-8302.

Tour De Montgomery bike ride to open Bastille Day celebration

The longstanding tradition of the Tour de France is the inspiration behind bringing the Tour de Montgomery bike ride to the Sister Cities celebration, Bastille Day! The City will host three rides, a 8-mile family ride within Montgomery and two longer distant rides — 35-mile or 65-mile rides — through Montgomery and surrounding communities.

Proceeds from the ride will offset medical costs of Angie

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

Cost for participation is \$30 per rider in the distance rides and \$30 per family in the 8 mile ride. Details will be available on the City website at www.montgomeryohio.org and through the HeartStone Foundation's website at www.heartstonefoundation.org.

Entries sought for Beautification Awards

The annual beautification awards program, sponsored by the Beautification and Tree Commission, provides an excellent opportunity to recognize Montgomery community members for beautifying their properties.

Nomination categories include Residential, Business/Church, Landscape Niche, Window Box/Container, Mailbox Setting and Most Improved (requires "before" and "after" photographs).

Volunteer judges will critique the properties from a curbside view only. Backyards will not be considered in the judging process.

Nomination forms are available at City Hall, Pipkins and on the City's website. Nominations can also be placed on the Beautification Awards Hotline at 792-8345.

The deadline to submit nominations is June 29.

Did You Know...

Even back in the late 1930s, Montgomery was a booming little town with its very own drive-in theatre. The business was the earliest of area drive-ins, with one of the widest screens. The drive-in showed the most recent movies and offered a playground for kids. Admission was \$1.20 per carload.

The drive-in was used for many events, including Easter sunrise church services. The choir and ministers would stand on the roof of the concession stand and offer the service to a lot full of cars and excited people.

In 1949, the theater was also the site of a balloon ascension of the famous balloonist Wood.

Over the 32 year history of the drive-in, four massive fires occurred. A 1948 fire could be seen for miles as the 110 x 75 foot structure burned. This particular fire caused \$30,000 damage. A fire on October 15, 1971, caused enough damage that owners decided not to rebuild and closed the drive-in for good.

Soon after, the property was sold and the Columbia Oldsmobile dealership began operating at the Montgomery Road location.

Development plan reviews safeguard the future

When someone wants to build a new building or add an addition, the City requires that person to obtain a building permit. Building permits are issued by the City through National Inspection Corporation, the private plan review and inspection agency under contract with the City.

In addition to getting a building permit, new construction and changes in use of a property also require a zoning permit through the Community Development Department. There are several different review processes, depending on the type of project:

Single Family Permits: New single family homes, including teardowns, additions to homes, and construction of patios, detached structures, and swimming pools are approved at the staff level by the Community Development Department and the City Engineer. In cases where a project does not meet one of the dimensional standards of the zoning code (setbacks, size, or height), variances from the code may be approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA), which is a group of seven residents appointed by City Council. This board meets monthly. The decision of the BZA is final and can only be appealed to the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas.

Multi-Family, Commercial, Office Developments and Subdivisions: Except for small additions less than 1,000 sq. ft., all new construction projects for commercial, office, apartments, and institutional uses must be approved by the City Planning Commission, which is also a seven member board of volunteers appointed by City Council. The first step is for the property owner or their representative to have a pre-application meeting with the zoning administrator to discuss the code requirements and review process. For larger projects that will be built in phases, a general development plan must be

submitted that outlines the scope of the project and the proposed timetable. If the project involves creating new lots, the City's subdivision regulations must be adhered to. Most new projects are built at one time and do not involve subdivision of land. A final development plan review is required in these instances.

Prior to consideration of subdivisions, general development plans, or final development plans, surrounding property owners within 300 feet of the project receive a written notice announcing when the Planning Commission will be meeting to review the application. Planning Commission meets on the first and third Monday of the Month in City Council Chambers. There is always a time on the agenda for interested residents to ask questions or voice opinions about the project. For most final development plans, the Planning Commission will hold one or two meetings and then make a decision to approve the application as submitted, approve with modifications, or deny. The Commission uses the criteria in the zoning code to evaluate each application. Areas of interest include the building setbacks, site layout, landscaping, lighting, noise, traffic circulation and access, signage, and storm water runoff. The decision of the Planning Commission may be appealed to City Council. Surrounding residents are also notified of the Council hearing on an appeal. If a site plan does not meet one of the dimensional requirements of the zoning code, the Planning Commission will refer the application to the BZA, who will decide whether a variance can be granted.

Conditional Uses: A conditional use is a use that is permitted in a zoning district, but must meet certain additional conditions and requires specific findings by the Planning Commission. Projects that involve the establishment or expansion of a conditional use must be reviewed not only by

Planning Commission, but also City Council. Public notice to surrounding property owners and notices in the paper are required prior to both the Planning Commission and Council meetings.

Historic District Plan Review:

The City has established by ordinance a Heritage Overlay District which includes the downtown area and immediately adjoining residential properties. Projects for new construction, including changes to the exterior facade of a building, in the Heritage Overlay District must be reviewed by the City's Landmarks Commission, a seven member board of volunteers appointed by City Council. The Landmarks Commission makes recommendations to the Planning Commission on the architectural design of the proposed project and also on new signage. The Commission has final approval authority on city designated Landmark buildings, a group of thirty buildings which have recognized historic or architectural significance to the community. Recently, the City carved out a portion of the Heritage Overlay District between downtown and Cross County Highway and created a new zoning district, the Old Montgomery Gateway District. Projects in this area are also subject to review by the Landmarks Commission.

The City's plan review process attempts to balance the interests of an individual property owner with the overall standards of the community, as represented in the City's land use regulations. The process requires the commitment of dedicated citizen volunteers who must make difficult decisions that can have a significant impact on the community. The process is quite long and can be frustrating to an applicant, however, it is necessary to ensure that everyone's rights are considered and Montgomery remains a quality community.

Area students earn MWC scholarships

During its annual Scholarship Awards ceremony in April, the Montgomery Woman's Club honored area students with the proceeds from the group's Town Hall Lecture Series.

Senior scholarship recipients were: Misha Arnold, Rachel Bucalo, Nina Laybourne & Ian Weider from Sycamore High School; Lauren Kishpaugh from Mt. Notre Dame; and Geoffrey Lovett from Moeller High School.

Undergraduate grants were awarded to Christen Emo, Heath Hampton & Adam Woll from Ohio State University; Brian DiNardo of Purdue; Katie Kirschner of U.C.; Michael LoBan of XU; Deanna Rosen from the University of Dayton, and Kathryn Sluka from Belmont University. Golden Achievement Awards were given to Sarah



Scholarship recipients include (left to right) front row: Nina Laybourne, Rachel Bucalo, Misha Arnold, Lauren Kishpaugh & Svetlana Stancheva; middle row: Rita Klofta, Rachel Lang & Katie Kirschner; back row: Geoffrey Lovett, Ian Weider & Michael LoBan.

McGrath and Zachary Goldman. The High Street A Cappella scholarship was awarded to Rachel Lang. Three scholarship are awarded annually in memory of past MWC members. Anne Sluka received the Linda Clark

Cornett Memorial, Svetlana Stancheva received the Mary Ellen Coryelland Memorial, and Rita Klofta received the Radia S. Pfungstag Memorial. For information, visit www.montgomerywomansclub.org.

Volunteer leadership positions offer opportunity

Two of the City's "hands on" commissions are looking for a few more members to complete their volunteer team.

The Beautification & Tree Commission spearheads numerous City events and projects including the Basket Planting Project, a spring and fall Plant Swap, Beautification Day, the Beautification Awards Program and the Children's Marigold Project.

This commission, comprised of seven members, meets at 9 am on the second Monday of each month in City Hall. Being a skilled gardener is not a requirement for this commission. A willingness to assist with "hands on" projects, however, is important.

The Sister Cities Commission meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in City Hall. With their motto "Bringing the World Together...One Friendship at a

Time, the Sister Cities Commission coordinates the annual International Reception and is also actively involved in organizing and staffing the infamous Bastille Day Celebration that is held each year in July and honors our City's friendship with our Sister City-Neuilly-Plaisance, France. Numerous exchanges (adult & student) have transpired during

the 19-year relationship with our Sister City and commission members are currently planning the 2008 exchange.

If you're interested in learning more about either/both of these leadership, volunteer positions or would like to attend a monthly meeting, contact Volunteer Coordinator Joyce Yock at 792-8329.

June/July Volunteer Opportunities

- Service Dept./Recycling Project (June 16)
- Service Dept./Holiday Tree Lights Repair (Flexible)
- City Hall Finance & Payroll Depts./Clerical Help (Flexible)
- Pioneer Park Butterfly Garden Maintenance (Flexible)
- Adopt-a Bed/Park Flowerbed Maintenance (Flexible)
- Beautification Awards' Judges (First week of July)
- July 4th Parade Organizers/Judges (8:30-10 am)
- July 4th Parade Convertible Drivers (9-11 am)
- July 4th Festival/Game Booth Managers (10:45 am-2 pm)

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

Teens sought for summer service

Teens are encouraged to lend a hand with the City's upcoming summer programs and events. Volunteering is a great way for young adults to share some of their vacation time with their community while gaining work experience and future documentation for college and job applications. Call Volunteer Coordinator Joyce Yock at 792-8329 for more information or to request an application for any of these teen volunteer opportunities:

- Safety Village
- Teacher Assistants
- Recreation Dept. Camp Programs, and
- Game Booth Managers for the July 4 Festival in the Park and/or the July 14 Bastille Day Celebration.



No excuse for summer boredom!

Plenty of places for paces

Whether you walk or run, the City has marked out a number of main routes with sidewalks that crisscross and connect neighborhoods and parks. These routes are marked every tenth of a mile so runners and walkers know their distance and can better pace themselves in their aerobic training. The sidewalks, including the park loops, offer about 15 miles (30-miles round-trip!) of scenic landscapes. Whether it's a leisurely stroll or serious training, the mile marker pavers can be a big help.

The main roads with markers include Montgomery Road, Cooper, Zig Zag, Weller, Deerfield, Pfeiffer, Shadowhill, Monte and Tanagerwoods. For a print out of the map and key with distances, visit the City website at www.montgomeryohio.org.

Skyhawks Sports Camps

Montgomery has joined with Skyhawks to offer another summer of great sport programs for youth. Skyhawks has the best curriculum and fun no matter what sport your child loves. Registration is underway at www.montgomeryohio.org for these fun, weeklong (Monday-Thursday) offerings:

CHEERLEADING Ages 5-8 & Ages 9-12
Monday - Thursday; June 25 - 28; 5 - 7 p.m.; Dulle Park; Cost \$60

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

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

BEGINNING GOLF Ages 5-9
Monday - Thursday; July 16 - 19; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; Weller Park; Cost \$60

PRE-K GOLF Ages 3-4
Monday - Thursday; July 16 - 19; 9 - 10 a.m.; Weller Park; Cost \$45

MINI-HAWK Ages 5-7
(Soccer, Baseball & Basketball)
Monday - Thursday; July 30 - August 2; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; Weller Park; Cost \$60

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

TINY-HAWK Ages 3-4
(Soccer, T-Ball & Basketball)
Monday - Thursday; July 30 - August 2; 9 - 10 a.m.; Weller Park; Cost \$45

YOUNG REMBRANDTS THE POWER OF DRAWING

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

June 11-13
Egyptian Drawing Camp
(Ages 7-12): 10:30 a.m.-noon
Jr. Monster Camp (Ages 5-8)
1-2:30 p.m.

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

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

MAKE-A SPLASH CAMP

Ages 10-16
Monday- Friday; Aug 6-10; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (meet at the Annex Building); Cost: \$40/day or \$175/week (NR: \$45/day or \$225/week); Cost includes admissions, transportation & Wednesday lunch)

August 6: Swim and Spin
at Coney Island

August 7: Discover Scuba
at Washington Township Rec Center

August 8: Ride the Tides
at The Beach

August 9: Team-Building and Canoeing
at Camp Kern

August 10: Aussie's Adventure
down under at Boomerang Bay

ADVENTURE CHALLENGE!

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

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

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

July 25: Saddle & Paddle
Horseback riding and canoeing

July 26: Amazing Race
Bike/Canoe/Orienteering

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

KIDS ON BIKES: THE LITTLE LEAGUE OF BICYCLE RACING

Ages 8-10 (Youth)
Ages 11-14 (Juniors)
Mondays; June 11-August 6; 6:30-8 p.m.; Practices and lessons are offered at Pioneer Park; Meets are held in other locations in Loveland, Lebanon, and Montgomery
In partnership with Montgomery and Queen City Wheels, this fun event offers skill building with low key, team-based competition. Learn and develop basic bicycle racing skills on a grass oval track. Test skills against other local teams. Riders will participate in league fun meets, local road and criterium races, learn to ride on the Major Taylor Velodrome in Indianapolis, and learn how to participate in the sport of bicycle racing the rest of the year. The series is taught by experienced and nationally certified cycling coaches. Riders must supply a properly functioning bike and proper safety helmet. For more detailed information call 403-1951. Cost: \$60 resident (\$65 NR) Registration fee includes instruction, a T-shirt and race event entry fees.

Park plan expected by late summer

Ten years from now, the parks will still be an appreciated, diverse, and well-used asset to our community. By actively seeking public input, evaluating current uses and amenities, and comparing ourselves to local and national standards, the City will develop a plan to walk the community through the safe maintenance and development of City Parks and greenspaces for the next decade.

A series of public meetings, stakeholder discussions and user surveys are all valuable sources of information that is being assessed and compiled into a basic document that will be the basis for the development of a proposal that is comprehensive, citizen driven and forward thinking.

This phase of assessing the facts and visioning for the future will take place in June and July with

a goal of presenting a long-range proposal to the public for final public comment in August.

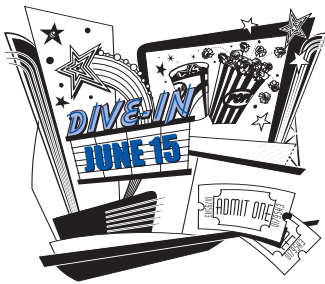
Thanks to each resident for the time given so far in helping the City to better understand current use and thoughts for the future for Montgomery's parks. Creating a parks master plan is a joint partnership in action. Results should produce tailored made parks to meet the changing and anticipated needs of the community well into the future.

Dive-In opens June 15

Enjoy a Dive-In Movie at the pool June 15 at dusk (about 8:30 p.m.). The night's feature will be Open Season, an animated film rated PG.

Boog is a happily domesticated 900-pound grizzly bear who enjoys a comfortable world as the star of a local nature show. His world is turned upside down when he is stranded out in the woods at the beginning of hunting season! He joins

forces with a fast talking mule deer named Elliot until they can be saved from the encroaching orange vests!



Cost is \$3 at the gate for non-member residents and guests. Pool pass holders are free.

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and sit back to enjoy a fun

night out with the family. The concession stand will be open for popcorn, drinks and snacks.

Informational programs provide peace of mind

BETTER BABY SITTERS

Instruction and training for 5th through 8th Grades

Monday & Thursday, June 25 & 28; 12:00-4:30 p.m.; Annex Building in Montgomery Park

Would your child know what to do if the child they were babysitting were choking? Would they know what to do if a stranger came to the door? Your child will be taught the skills needed to be safe when baby sitting, as well as, CPR, First Aid, Growth and Development, Diapering and Feeding. Guest speakers from the Police and Fire Departments. *Cost: \$70 per student (minimum of 6 to offer)*

HOME ALONE

Instruction for 3rd through 6th Grades

Monday & Friday, June 18 & 22; 12:00-2 p.m.; Annex Building in Montgomery Park

When are your children ready to stay Home Alone. This course is designed to guide parents and teach children about being home alone, and is an avenue to begin discussion between parent and child regarding the many situations that may arise. At the end of the class the student will feel more confident, learn to THINK, then ACT appropriately if an unusual situation should occur while home alone. *Cost: \$35 per student*

Last call for swim lessons

Swim lessons are offered Monday through Thursday for a two-week time frame, with Fridays as a make-up day in case of cancellation. All lessons are taught by a trained instructor in the water with the participants. Classes are planned so that no more than six students are with an instructor.

Four sessions are offered for the summer season. Lessons are \$35 per session for current pool members and \$50 per session for non-members. Children must be at least 4 years of age to participate in general lessons; some special classes available for ages 6 months to age 4. Parents and siblings are NOT permitted on the pool deck during lessons, so please be sure your child is willing to go with the instructor and classmates. No refunds will be given once the first class begins. Classes must have a minimum of four participants, with a maximum of six participants, to be offered.

Registration is limited to one session per child, with no advanced registration permitted for later levels in order to be sure the child first masters the skills in the current class in which enrolled.

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

Pool Membership

The pool is open to your family for just \$235! That's a tremendous value to you and your family as a resident of Montgomery. Membership provides 14 weeks of cool summer fun for the whole family and includes two Dive-In Movie nights, the Splashtacular July 4th event, and a beach party! The pool offers a unique summertime reprieve from the heat and a great activity your whole family can enjoy together.

Online registration is available at www.montgomeryohio.org or stop by the pool for your family membership.

Friday night movies

July and August movies have been announced for the monthly family-oriented Friday Night Vintage Movie Series in Weller Park. On the first Friday of each month, FREE movies will be shown at dusk. (Rain cancels the event.) Concession sales benefit park enhancements. Upcoming movies include:

July 6 *Grease*

Sandy Olsen is a goody two shoes from Australia, Danny Zuko is the head T-Bird from Rydell High. However when the two meet up during the summer, they fall in love thinking they won't see each other ever again until Sandy ends up at Rydell High! How tough guy Danny going to play it cool with a goody goody like Sandy?

August 3

The Goonies

The adventure begins when Mikey stumbles on a treasure map pointing to the sunken jewels and gold of the famed pirate, "one-eyed" Willie. Faced with obstacles of a dopey criminal family in hiding, pirate booby-traps and asthma, Mikey and a few friends set out on a quest to find the riches in hopes to save their homes.

Terry's Tree Tips

The facts about the Emerald Ash Borer

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an insect from Asia, inadvertently imported 10-15 years ago that has invaded parts of Ohio and is starting to kill ash trees.

This wood-boring beetle generally kills ash trees over a three to five year period. Adults are dark metallic green, about the size of a TIC-TAC, and are able to migrate between trees from May and September. Once they lay eggs beneath the bark the insect larvae remain beneath the bark of trees and when they emerge as adults, leave behind small D-shaped exit holes in the bark.

EAB initially arrived through cargo containers and infested Michigan. The EAB is now in parts of Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, and Ohio with the closest spotting to Cincinnati along I-75 in Warren County. The migration pattern of the pest would indicate that the spotty infestation areas indicate the pest is being transported through

contaminated wood products such as firewood. The City of Montgomery has been working with the Ohio Department of Agriculture to monitor small ash trees in our community. Thus far there have been no sightings of EAB in Montgomery.



The City of Montgomery will continue to work with the Department of Agriculture to monitor the pest. Some Ohio communities have responded to EAB by indicating that they want to remove all ash trees whether or not there are infested. The City's approach regarding this pest is cautious and reactionary.

This monitoring approach has historical relevance. Many of you will remember another notorious pest, the Elm bark beetle that impacted and killed elm trees in the 1970's and 80's. While many elms died as result of this pest, some trees survived. Had communities simply removed all elm trees at that time an entire species of trees would have been eliminated

A wonderful example of an elm tree that survived the impacts of the Elm bark beetle is at the Montgomery Safety Center just east of the "Safety Sea". The survival of this tree is due in part to genetics and natural selection and should be viewed as a basis to not panic and remove every ash tree just because there is a pest that is threatening that particular tree species.

The City of Montgomery stopped planting ash trees in 2004 as a precautionary measure even though ash trees were available and at a good price. Presently one is not even able to purchase ash trees at Ohio nurseries. The City of Montgomery will continue the monitoring program and enjoy the beauty of our Ash tree population however we must temper that with preparation for the worst if, or when, the EAB arrives so that our urban forests are protected for current and future generations.

One question often asked is whether or not an ash tree should be treated to prevent attack. Companies do advertise treatments but these treatments are generally not guaranteed to prevent infestation, are expensive and have to be applied every year.

For further information contact a reputable tree company with questions regarding treatment options and costs. With approximately 10 -15% percent of all trees in the City of Montgomery being Ash trees, once EAB arrives it will most likely have a huge impact on our landscapes.

If you would like more information concerning the Emerald Ash Borer you can contact the Ohio department of Agriculture toll free at 1-888-OHIO-EAB or online at www.ohioagriculture.gov/eab.

Flag retirement service planned

As a community service and in recognition of Americans' respectful observance of traditional flag protocol, Montgomery Care Center, a locally-owned skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility, will conduct a reverent ceremony to retire old, worn, tattered, frayed or faded U.S. Flags. The event is planned at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 16. The service will be officiated by the American Legion, Halker-Flege Post #69.

that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."



Flags may be brought to the ceremony or can be dropped off at the Montgomery Care Center at 7777 Cooper Road. The service will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m.

Following this respectful event, a cookout will be held with music provided by the Elmer Beiler Band. For information, call (513) 793-5092.

The U.S. Flag Code states, "The flag, when it is in such condition

Recycled art contest seeks entries

The City of Montgomery and the Environmental Advisory Commission will sponsor the third annual Recycled Sculpture Contest. The contest is open to all children and adults who live in Montgomery.

All sculpture entries must be made from items that can be recycled in the City of Montgomery Curbside Recycling Program. Entries must not be taller nor wider than 24 inches, and can be no heavier than 10 pounds.

To enter the competition, pick up an entry form at City Hall. A brochure is available via mail by calling 891-2424 or by visiting www.montgomeryohio.org.

All entries must be received by July 9 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall, 10101 Montgomery Road. The Environmental Advisory Commission will judge all qualifying entries. Winners will be announced and entries will be displayed at the Universalist

Church on July 14 during the Bastille Day celebration.

The contest is a challenge to each resident's creativity to develop a sculpture that not only educates the value of recyclable materials, but also allows them to receive a prize for their creativeness.

Eligible sculpture components include:

PLASTICS

- Milk containers
- Soft drink bottles
- Shampoo bottles
- Laundry and detergent bottles

GLASS

- Clear food and beverage containers and jars
- Brown food and beverage containers and jars
- Green food and beverage containers and jars
- Blue food and beverage containers and jars

BEVERAGE & STEEL FOOD CANS

- Aluminum cans
- Steel soup and food cans
- Empty aerosol cans

NEWSPAPER & MIXED PAPER

- Newspapers with glossy ad inserts
- Magazines
- Catalogs
- Telephone Books
- Junk Mail

CARTON/CARDBOARD

- Soft Drink and Beer Cartons
- Paperboard boxes
- Corrugated Cardboard

The City and Environmental Advisory Commission is committed to educating residents about the importance of recycling. This contest is an opportunity to encourage recycling and promotes the purchase of items made from or packaged in recyclable materials.

Rid yourself of old computer equipment

Over the years, many residents upgrade computer related equipment, then retire the old equipment to storage in the unlikely event they might need the old items months or years down the road. As more equipment is upgraded, the pile of outdated gear grows and grows. It may be time to discard the old equipment in an ecology friendly way during Montgomery's 3rd annual Computer/Electronic Recycling Event.

For your convenience, the City of Montgomery is offering residents a local drop off site and

will transport all electronic materials collected to Technology Recycling Group, which harvests reusable components that can be recycled into new parts and components. Not only can the raw materials be extracted from the old parts, a significant amount of energy can be saved by not having to start production from scratch.

The following equipment will be accepted: monitors, terminal, CPU's, scanners, printers, keyboards, mice, fax machines,

cables, laptops, mainframes, tape and disk drives, cell phones, computer speakers, PDAs and backup batteries.

Equipment which can be dropped off for the collection includes: monitors, terminals, CPUs, scanners, printers, keyboards, mice, fax machines, cables, laptops, mainframes, tape and disk drives, cell phones, computer speakers, PDAs and backup batteries.

Items can be dropped off at the Service Facility, 7315 Cornell Road, across from Sycamore High School on June 21 from 4 - 7 p.m. and June 23 from 10 a.m. - noon.

For more information visit the City of Montgomery website at www.montgomeryohio.org or contact the City of Montgomery at 891-2424.



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Huff Realty plans June opening in Triangle

Scheduled for early June, a new Huff Realty Montgomery Office will open on the second floor of the Montgomery Gateway Building in the heart of Montgomery

The new office provides ample space to accommodate an increasing agent roster and will feature upscale, contemporary décor, innovative workspaces, state-of-the-art facilities, meeting rooms, community space and wireless communications.

The new address of the Huff Realty Montgomery Office will be 9730 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati OH 45242.

ALL AROUND TOWN...

Classic Car Show planned August 11

Weller Park will be the host of Montgomery's inaugural Classic CAR SHOW on August 11. The event, which begins at 5 p.m., will offer family fun with an anticipated 200 cars on display ranging in styles dating from the 20s to the 80s.

If you own a classic car or have a beloved garage project, register to show it off. Advanced registration is available for \$10 at www.montgomeryohio.org, or \$15 on the day of the show at 3 p.m. A limited number of auto-related vendors are also invited to participate. A 10x10 booth is \$50.

Judging for a variety of

categories, including people's choice, will be from 5-8 p.m., with awards presented at 8:15 p.m. Classic rock will be performed by Red Idle. Drinks and food will be for sale by the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Montgomery Police Department as fundraisers for local causes. *(Coolers and glass bottles are not allowed in the park.)*

June 11 -17 to be Men's Health Week

Mayor Gerri Harbison will proclaim June 11-17 Men's Health Week at the TriHealth Fitness Pavilion on June 13.

Men's Health Week is recognized each year to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and

encourages early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys. During Men's Health Week, the TriHealth Fitness & Health Pavilion will feature complimentary

physician-led lectures on fitness and nutrition, men's health issues, men and cancer, and health and fitness screenings. A free guest day for use of the fitness center will be on

Wednesday, June 13, from 5:15 a.m. to 10 p.m.

For info, contact Lindy Neal at 985-6732, or lindy_neal@trihealth.com.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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1	Sycamore Schools last day of classes		
2	Kiwanis Fishing Contest	Swain Park	9-11am
4	Arts Commission	City Hall	5 pm
4	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
6	Council Business Session	City Hall	7 pm
7	Parks & Recreation Commission	Weller Park	6:30 pm
11	Beautification Comm.	City Hall	9 am
13	Landmarks Commission	City Hall	7 pm
15	Dive-In Movie	City Pool	8:30 pm
16	Cardboard Recycling	7315 Cornell Road	10 am - 1 pm
18	Safety Village Week begins		
18	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
19	Sister Cities Commission	City Hall	7 pm
20	Council Work Session	City Hall	7 pm
25	Second week of Safety Village begins		
25	Environmental Advisory Group	City Hall	7 pm
26	Board of Zoning Appeals	City Hall	7:30 pm
27	Council Business Session	City Hall	7 pm
30	Beautification Nominations Deadline		



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