

ALL AROUND TOWN...

MWC announces new Lecture Series

The Montgomery Woman's Club has announced its 45th season of the popular Town Hall Lecture Series:

September 26 & 27
Eileen Collins, former astronaut and shuttle mission commander

October 24 & 25
Joan Rivers, comedienne, actress and talk show host

November 14 & 15
Scott Turow, attorney & best selling author

February 27 & 28, 2008
Bill Schustik, performer of songs and storyteller of legends (*The American Civil War*)

March 19 & 20, 2008
Boomer Esiason,

former NFL quarterback" "*Former NFL quarterback and Current Analyst on CBS' NFL Today*"

The Wednesday and Thursday morning lectures will be held at the theater inside Kings Island at 11 a.m. and the Wednesday evening lecture will be held in the auditorium of Sycamore Junior High School at 8 p.m. Total cost for the series is \$100. Proceeds are used for scholarships and other educational projects.

Order forms are available online at: www.montgomerywomansclub.org. For additional ticket information, visit the web site or call 684-1632.

TriHealth to offer free wellness activities

In recognition of Men's Health Week, the TriHealth Fitness & Health Pavilion, a

medically based fitness facility, will feature complimentary physician-led lectures and health and fitness screenings. FREE Guest Day will be on

Wednesday, June 13.

Watch for the June issue of the *Bulletin* or contact Lindy Neal at 985-6732 (lindy_neal@trihealth.com).

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MAY • MAY • MAY • MAY • MAY • MAY

1 National Historic Preservation Month		
2 Council Business Session	City Hall	7 pm
4 Vintage Movie Night	Weller Park Dusk	8 pm
5 Wilder Swaim Open House	1-4 pm	
7 Arts Commission	City Hall	5 pm
7 Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
8 Environmental Committee	City Hall	4:30 pm
9 Landmarks Commission	City Hall	7 pm
10 Parks & Recreation Commission	Dulle Park	6:30 pm
14 Beautification Commission	City Hall	9 am
15 Sister Cities Commission	City Hall	7 pm
19 Cardboard Recycling	7315 Cornell Road	10 am - 1 pm
19 Beautification Day	City Hall Parking Lot	9 am - noon
21 Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
22 Board of Zoning Appeals	City Hall	7:30 pm
23 Council Work Session	City Hall	7 pm
26 Montgomery City Pool Opens		
28 Memorial Day		
28 Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Concert	Blue Ash Town Square	6 pm



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Brush pick-ups ending

Two weeks remain for the city brush pick up program for those residents whose normal TRASH day is Thursday or Friday. All other residents have had their final brush pick up until fall. Watch your Montgomery Bulletin for that schedule.

If your trash day is Thursday, your pick up week will be the week of May 7th

If your trash day is Friday, your pick up week will be the week of May 14th.

Yard waste pick-ups underway

Yard waste will be collected without charge on a weekly basis for all one and two family residential homes. The program observes a three bag, can or bundle limit, or one 90 gallon yard waste toter. Additional cans, bags or bundles will require one \$1.50 Rumpke Waste Sticker per item. Additional 90 gallon toters will require three stickers. Stickers are available for purchase at Montgomery Kroger or Montgomery City Hall during regular business hours.

Memorial Concert: a day to remember

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, the Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra will salute Veterans in its annual FREE concert. The performance begins at 6 p.m. in Blue Ash Town Square (Sycamore Junior High in the event of rain).

Under the direction of Maestro Michael Chertock, the concert will open with Leonard Bernstein's rousing *Overture to Candide*. The concert will feature Rimsky-Korsakov's *Capriccio Espagnole*, Aaron Copeland's *Suite from Rodeo* and a special appearance by 16-year-old violinist Janet



Carpenter, winner of the 2006 Young Artist Competition, playing Saint-Saens's *Rondo Capriccioso*.

The Blue Ash Youth Symphony Orchestra, directed by Dale Swisher, will present the opening

movement of Beethoven's *Symphony No. 5*, several selections from *Fiddler on the Roof* by Jerry Bock and, as a tribute to Memorial Day, the traditional *When Johnny Comes Marching Home*. The two orchestras will join forces for Borodin's *Prince Igor Overture* and conclude with an *Armed Forces Medley Salute* honoring all veterans.

Lawn chairs, blankets and picnics are encouraged. Drinks and light snacks will be sold at the park. Visit the BAMSOS web site at www.bamsos.org for more details on the orchestra's 2007 Season.

Planning underway for July 4th parade

Strike up the band; get your marching shoes on; design a float or decorate your classic car

in patriotic fashion for Montgomery's long time tradition — the annual Independence

Presented by Ohio National Financial Services

Concert to celebrate America

Celebrate America's Independence at Montgomery's annual patriotic concert. This year's FREE concert in Montgomery Park will be Tuesday, July 3, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The Blue Ash / Montgomery Symphony will perform in a FREE public concert. The annual celebration features a stirring patriotic tribute to those in the armed forces, national patriots and local hometown heroes. As in previous years,

local civic organizations — such as the Rotary Club and the Boy Scouts — will offer concessions at a modest cost.

This year's celebration is presented by Ohio National Financial Services with support from Bear Creek Capital, Cincinnati Pool Management, Fifth Third Bank, and Donnellon, Donnellon and Miller (*as of press time*).

Watch for more details in upcoming *Bulletins*.

Day Parade! This year's event is scheduled for Wednesday, July 4. Parade entries will assemble at designated locations on Cooper Road at 9 a.m. with the official parade kick off at 10 a.m. Parade registrations can be obtained by calling 792-8329 or by visiting www.MontgomeryOhio.org.

Want to be part of this patriotic event, but being a parade entry is not your forte? Consider a volunteer role as a parade day organizer, entry judge or convertible driver transporting officials along the parade route. Call Joyce Yock at 792-8329 if you would like to lend a hand with this event.



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 community member, Bob Schmank, who shared his painting expertise to repaint all the City's exhibit pegboards. Bob shared approximately 20 hours to complete this project that transformed the dingy white pegboards to attractive black ones.

A grateful "THANK YOU" is extended to Bob for sharing his time to enhance our event exhibits and, more importantly, for making civic participation a personal priority.

COUNCIL CORNER

Montgomery City Council will meet in its regular monthly business session on May 2, 2007 at the City Hall. Meetings begin at 7 p.m., with public comment welcomed on each item before Council.

PENDING LEGISLATION

■ 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 (3rd Reading)

■ An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20, 2006, which established the procedure for the receipt and disposition of personal property (2nd Reading)

■ An ordinance granting an access easement within Safety Center lot to Twin Lakes in Ohio, not for profit corporation (2nd Reading)

NEW LEGISLATION

■ A Resolution Recognizing the Month of May 2007 as National Historic Preservation Month In The City of Montgomery

■ 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

■ 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

■ A Resolution 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

■ 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

Recent Council Actions

APRIL 4TH 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 2nd Reading, 6-0)

■ A resolution accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Brock & Sons, Inc.

for the construction of the Jolain Drive sidewalk project (Passed, 6-0)

■ A resolution authorizing an agreement between the City of Montgomery and the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners relative to the improvement of Remington Road from Montgomery Road to the Montgomery/Indian Hill corporation limits (Passed, 6-0)

■ A resolution

adopting rules and procedures for council (Passed, 6-0)

■ An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20, 2006, which established the procedure for the receipt and disposition of personal property (Passed 1st Reading, 6-0)

■ An ordinance granting an access easement within Safety Center lot to Twin Lakes in Ohio, not for profit corporation (Passed 1st Reading, 6-0)

Be responsible for your pets... DOG gone it!

Residents are reminded to be a courteous and conscientious pet owner when walking your dogs throughout our community. City ordinance 90.11 requires all dog owners (except blind individuals with guide dogs) to immediately clean up after their pets. This clean up requirement includes both public



and private property, unless the person in charge of the dog owns the private property where the droppings are deposited.

While penalties and fines for non-compliance of clean up requirements are possible, the ordinance should simply serve as a reminder to dog owners utilizing public sidewalks and

public areas of the importance of being a good neighbor and responsible pet owner by helping to keep the community clean, safe and enjoyable for all residents, visitors and especially for our devoted four legged canine friends.

Residents that would like to review the ordinance should log onto www.MontgomeryOhio.org, visit City Hall, or call 891-2424.

Coming to terms with an issue of growth...

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



This month's message by Council Member Todd Steinbrink

Now that Twin Lakes has submitted plans to develop a portion of this property, we are facing the reality, that change is going to occur to the view we've been graced with over the years.

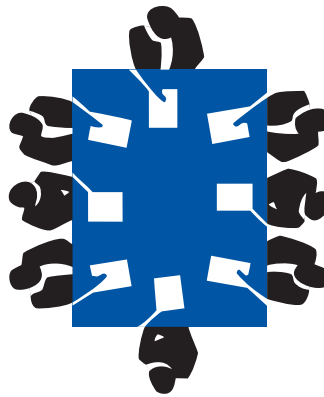
Planning Commission placed several conditions on Twin Lakes to mitigate the project's impact on Montgomery Road and the neighboring properties near it. Several were aesthetic, such as building further from the road and requiring more landscaping than would be normal for other residential developments. The other subject of the five month debate was the point of access for the development. The intersection offered by Twin Lakes' builder — studied by a third-party engineering firm, found consistent with the 1988 codes regarding access, and approved by Planning Commission — is aligned with the Forest Glen entrance.

The last piece of the puzzle is granting an easement on a very small corner of unused Safety Center land to best construct and properly align the intersection. This is the current focus of the debate.

"So does the city of Montgomery have to grant an easement for them to proceed?" The short answer is "yes" and "no".

Yes, in order to proceed with an approvable intersection, the city must allow a small radial curve of asphalt to cut across the southwest corner of the Safety Center lot, so that northbound cars would have proper exit onto Montgomery Road and the two outlets would be properly aligned.

No, because without the easement the development can still proceed with an alternate access point to Montgomery Road that may or may not be in a desirable situation from a safety or aesthetic standpoint as what is currently under consideration.



Some residents would like the answer to be "no" — so that the left turn out of Forest Glen will avoid the potential conflict of 13 other Montgomery residences using the same intersection.

Unfortunately, there aren't any good options.

We could eliminate left hand turns out of one or both neighborhoods to avoid conflict — an option that would require a large number of U-turns in other intersections. That would be a far worse safety issue than the possibility of two Montgomery neighbors looking out for each other, both hoping to turn across a busy road, much like we do everyday along the business corridor.

Planning Commission and others reviewed the rules, exhausted the options, and made a tough choice. Council now faces a similar difficult choice.

Back in 1975, I frequently rode my bike on Montgomery Road — times have certainly changed. I would like to see a Montgomery Road with fewer cars - maybe someday we will. Until then, we all have to manage to work within our means to create solutions that are a compromise for everyone involved. There is a process. Everyone's concerns do get heard. It is also important that we all listen and work together to meet the needs of our entire community.

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

Time to get fit

Get together with others to begin a regular fitness program between May 22 to July 12. Participants are being sought for a Tuesday and Thursday sessions of a 20/20/20 program, to be held from 9 to 10 a.m.. Later in the day, from 6 to 7 p.m., a Tummy Tucks program will be held.

Cost is \$65 (\$70 for non-residents). For more information, visit www.montgomeryohio.org, or stop by City Hall.

A minimum of 12 will be required to offer either program, but no more than 20 can be accepted.

Planning continues for June HOMEARAMA

Did You Know...

Montgomery has a sister city in France? Established in 1988, Montgomery's Sister Cities relationship with Neuilly-Plaisance, France has grown into a nationally recognized award winning program. A committee of volunteers (the Sister Cities Commission) works to encourage this relationship with our friends from Neuilly-Plaisance, a suburb of Paris with a population of approximately 20,000 people.

Activities of the Sister Cities Commission have included travel between the sister cities by a large number of students, several official exchanges, and the annual Bastille Day celebration – a gathering of international residents and friends for a street party in downtown Montgomery. All of these activities pursue the commission's goal: "Bringing the World Together . . . One Friendship at a Time".

For more information about Montgomery's sister city, log onto www.montgomeryohio.org and click on the "Discover" link.

This summer the City of Montgomery will proudly welcome HOMEARAMA 2007, an exciting home show hosted by the Home Builders Association of Greater Cincinnati. The 16 day event will take place at the Vintage Club June 9-24 from 4 - 11 p.m. on weekdays, and noon to 11 p.m. on weekends. The Vintage Club is located off of Montgomery Road and Kemper Road, just north of the Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Montgomery's City leaders have



expressed excitement over the Home Builders Association of Greater Cincinnati's selection of

the City for this major attraction. Such events complement and promote the outstanding quality of life offered in our City.

For more information and updates on HOMEARAMA 2007, visit the City's website at www.montgomeryohio.org or call City Hall at 891-2424.

If you would like to serve as a volunteer greeter at the City's tent at HOMEARAMA 2007, contact Joyce Yock at City Hall at 792-8329.

Pardon our dust... these projects are a must

Montgomery Road Widening

The Ohio Department of Transportation Montgomery Road widening project north of Weller Road is underway with work concentrated between Cornell Road and Harper's Point. Construction will continue over the next six months.

Traffic delays are anticipated along the Montgomery Road corridor as a result of this ongoing construction. For specific information, call the Ohio Department of Transportation field office at 469-1222.

I-275 Noise Barriers

The Ohio Department of Transportation I-275 Noise Barrier Wall project is underway, with work starting along the south side of I-275 just east of the Montgomery Road interchange. Work is continuing eastward.

The project will install noise barrier walls along I-275 between the Montgomery Road and Loveland-Madeira Road

interchanges. Work is expected to take 18 months to complete. For information, call the Ohio Department of Transportation field office at 933-6666.

Local City Projects

Jolain Drive Sidewalks: Work on the Jolain Drive Sidewalk Project is expected to begin in mid May. This project includes installation of a five foot wide concrete sidewalk along the north side of Jolain Drive from Tollgate Lane extending west to a point approximately 400 feet west of Knollbrook Terrace.

Triangle Park Improvements: Four public improvement projects surrounding the Triangle development project are in various stages of completion. The traffic signal improvements at Main and Cooper are complete with the exception of

the installation of a protected left turn movement installation for SB Main at Cooper Road. That work should be finalized by mid May.

The installation of streetscape improvements is now complete.

The street resurfacing project on the portions of Montgomery Road, Cooper Road and Main Street immediately adjacent to the Triangle is underway and will be completed by the end of May.

The Triangle Plaza located at the southern end of the Triangle development is underway and is scheduled for substantial completion by the end of June with the exception of the fountain centerpiece that will be installed in mid September.

Construction updates will be posted in upcoming *Bulletins*. For information on these or upcoming projects, call Montgomery Public Works Director Bob Nikula at 792-8311.



Gateway gains key business tenants

The Triangle Development, also known as the Gateway Center, has announced the addition of three businesses which will be opening in the center, located at Montgomery and Cooper Roads. The businesses are:

Woodhouse Day Spa

The Woodhouse Day Spa, an upscale state of the art facility, will soon open at the Montgomery Triangle Gateway building. Owned and operated by Chris Mann and Olivia Shostack, The Woodhouse will offer more than 70 unique treatments for men and women, including facials, massage therapy, body treatments, a Vichy shower, hand and foot treatments, and exquisite baths.

Licensed massage therapists, estheticians, and nail technicians will be available to provide both memorable experiences and an escape from the daily grind at home and work. The intent is to elevate the spa visit from an occasional luxurious treat to an ongoing component to wellness. Spa parties, bridal registry, and gift cards will be available and encouraged.

Chris and Olivia are enthusiastic about opening the first Woodhouse in the Cincinnati area in Montgomery. "We have

been blessed with a wonderful setting...the ambiance and tranquility of Historic Downtown Montgomery will help us accomplish our vision, and transform the lives of our guests". For information, visit www.WoodhouseCincinnati.com or call The Woodhouse at 315-0792.

Fitness Together

Fitness Together (FT) studio has announced it will open in the Triangle Development, and may be the first to open in the Gateway Center. The business, owned by Rick and Kendra Hildbold, will offer complete one-on-one training designed specifically for each client. Each session will be by appointment only and scheduled individually.

The private, upscale studio setting will afford clients their own trainer devoted entirely to them for the duration of each 45 minute workout session. Each trainer is highly credentialed, motivated individuals devoted to customized personal training designed to attain maximum results.

The fitness studio offers two training rooms, each fully equipped for personal training needs. The FT studio will also be equipped with the latest state-of-the-art cardio equipment for

the private use of clients to compliment their supervised workout sessions.

Upon arrival each client will be provided with their own soft fluffy towel and cool beverage to complement their unique training experience. Trainers will also provide constructive nutritional advice as an additional service. Rick and Kendra reside in Montgomery with their two children. To arrange for a personalized visit, call Fitness together at 936-FITT (3488).

Endres Gateway Dentistry

Dr. Eleanor Endres has announced the planned opening of her dental practice in the Gateway Center. The unique dental operation has adopted a motto and philosophy "Oral Health is the GATEWAY to Healthy Living."

Scheduled for a June opening, Endres Gateway Dentistry will feature the latest advancements in dental technology, including instant-image digital x-rays, paperless charting, hands-free dental instrument sterilization, and computerized patient education. Patients can expect a soothing boutique atmosphere with a guest reception offering a selection of hot tea, coffee, bottled water and fresh fruit.

New postal rates effective May 14

For the price of a first class stamp, you can send a letter anywhere in the USA. Effective May 14, it will cost another two pennies to send that letter... still a bargain.

First class postage will increase from the current 39-cents to 41-cents with letters mailed on and after May 14.

Other rates have also been adjusted, but residents will want to make special note of the new cost for postage.

CCO ends season in free concert May 5

Plan to attend a free concert by the Cincinnati Community Orchestra on May 5. The last performance of the CCO's 06-07 season, The concert will feature movie music from Myths to Legends, including works from John Williams, Danny Elfman, Hans Zimmer, John Barry and



Howard Shore.

Held at the Church of the Saviour United Methodist on Pfeiffer Road, the concert starts promptly at 7:30 p.m.

The concert will be the finale of Conductor Gerry Doan's 25th season with the CCO. In addition to his milestone with

CCO, Gerry taught school musicians for 38 years before "retiring" in 2003. For 24 of those years, he was Professor of Music Education at the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati, where he trained band and orchestra directors.

For more information about CCO, visit www.cincinnaticommunityorchestra.org or contact Renee Haney at rhaney@cincinnati.com or 437-3120.

Teen Volunteers Needed

Teens (min. age of 13) interested in volunteering to assist the staff with this summer program, should contact Joyce Yock, Volunteer Coordinator (792-8329). A one week commitment for either a morning or afternoon session is required.

Volunteer service looks great on an application

Yo teens!! Looking for summer opportunities?

A variety of volunteer opportunities are available for teens this summer. In addition to having the opportunity to “give back” to

their community, the teens will gain valuable experience that can be documented for high school graduation requirements or for college and job

applications. Interested teens should contact Joyce Yock (792-8329) or visit the City’s website www.MontgomeryOhio.org to obtain a Youth Volunteer Form for the following summer programs and events:

Antiques Appraisals offered May 6

Perhaps grandma’s wonderful antique vase has more than just sentimental value...? Perhaps it also has monetary value...?



Attending the “Appraisal in the Park” on Sunday, May 6, from 1-4 p.m. in Terwilliger Lodge will provide your answer as well as an opportunity to view a myriad of treasures brought by community members. Sponsored by the Arts Commission, the event will feature Mark D. Mallette, ASA, CAI, of Mallette & Associates, Inc. who will conduct verbal appraisals for the antiques and

collectibles. A \$5 fee will be charged for each appraisal, with a maximum of three appraisal items per person.

Register and pre-pay at City Hall to obtain a specific time slot priority. “Walk-ins” on event day will be incorporated in the schedule (cash only).



light refreshments will be provided. Proceeds benefit the Montgomery Arts Commission community projects.

An exhibit of winning photos from the 2007 Montgomery Photo

Competition will be on site and

Safety Village Teacher Assistants

Weeks of June 18 and June 25
Morning Session: 8:45 am-12 pm
Afternoon Session: 12:45-4 pm
Location: *Swaim Park*
Minimum Age: 13
(A minimum one-week commitment is required for a morning or afternoon session.)

Game Booth Managers

Teens are needed to share a few hours of their summer time to manage a game booth at one of our summer events. The responsibilities for each two hour shift include taking tickets, running the games and awarding prizes for the following events:

July 4th Festival
Wednesday, July 4
10:45 am-2 pm
Location: *Montgomery Park*
Minimum Age: 13

Bastille Day Celebration
Saturday, July 14
12-8 pm
Location: *Downtown Montgomery*

Recreation Dept. Camp Assistants

Young adult volunteers (minimum age-17) are needed to assist with the high impact camps geared for children ages 10-16 listed below. Volunteers must be physically active, know how to swim, enjoy the outdoors and work well with younger children. All participants will meet at the Annex Bldg. (10115 Montgomery Rd.)

Adventure Camp
Mon.-Fri.-July 23-27
8:45 am-4 pm

Splash Camp
Mon.-Fri.-Aug. 6-10
8:45 am-4 pm

Montgomery recycles 986 tons!

Montgomery residents recycled 986 tons of metal, glass, plastic and paper in 2006!. Montgomery’s efforts saved the equivalent of 8,726 trees, 2,056 barrels of oil (enough to run the average car for 72 years), 11,923 million BTU’s of energy (enough energy to power 118 average homes for an entire year).

Recycling reduces pollution so the air we breathe is cleaner, conserves natural resources so we will have them to use in the future, and decreases the amount of waste going to the landfill.

Each household in the City of Montgomery recycled 545 pounds. If you would like to see even more materials recycled in 2007, here’s the list of materials that are accepted:

■ Plastic bottles and jugs

(remove lids)

■ Glass bottles and jars

(remove lids)

■ Empty aerosol cans

(remove lids and tips)

■ Aluminum and steel cans

■ Paperboard

(cereal boxes, etc)

■ Junk mail and envelopes

■ Magazines, catalogs, and phone books

■ Newspapers

■ Cardboard

(cut into 2 x 2 section)

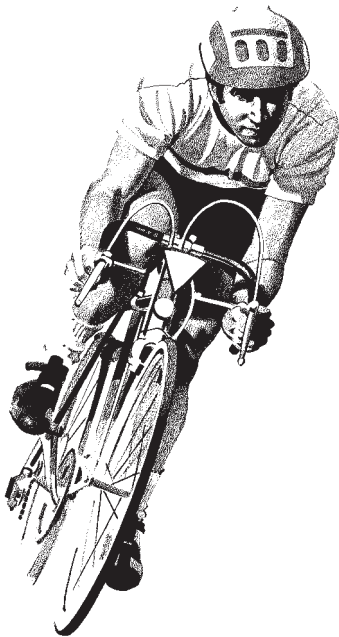
■ Office Paper

■ Brown grocery bags

Don’t have a bin? Montgomery makes it easy! Simply visit Montgomery City Hall during regular business hours to pick up your free bin!

Tour De Montgomery to be part of Bastille Day

The City of Montgomery has partnered with the HeartStone Foundation to sponsor a Tour de Montgomery Bike Ride as part of the Bastille Day celebration and in honor of our sister city relationship. The HeartStone Foundation is a non-profit, voluntary organization dedicated to the support of local neighbors and friends who could use help during their medical emergencies while they concentrate on healing.



The longstanding tradition of the Tour de France is the inspiration behind bringing this event to Montgomery. The event features three rides, a 7.5-mile family ride within Montgomery, and two longer distant rides — 35-mile or 65-mile rides — through Montgomery and surrounding communities. HeartStone will also be auctioning two new bicycles at Bastille Day as an additional fundraising activity.

This year, Angie Knoechel, a

local woman in need of financial assistance as she finds herself at the young age of 35 battling breast cancer with no health insurance, is who this ride will be supporting. The goal of the 2007 Tour de Montgomery Bike Ride is to bring in \$10,000 to go towards helping Angie fight breast cancer.

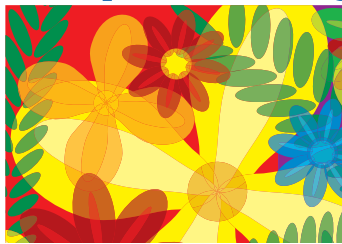
Riders are encouraged to participate and enjoy a beautiful summer day biking with friends and family before taking in the festivities of Montgomery's Bastille Day celebration. Cost for participation is \$30 per rider in the distance rides and \$30 per family in the 7.5 mile ride.

Details on this bike ride will be available on the City website at www.montgomeryohio.org and through the HeartStone Foundation's website at www.heartstonefoundation.org

Volunteers sought for Posey Planting Project

Ever wonder who plants the 20,000 colorful flowers in Montgomery's medians, ramps and parks? Would you like to be part of this highly visible and rewarding volunteer project? You're in luck! It's not too late to reserve a flowerbed for your family, church group, school club, civic organization, business or neighborhood association.

Sponsored by the Beautification & Tree Commission, Beautification Day 2007 is scheduled for Saturday, May 19. Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. in the City Hall parking lot for registration, supplies,



flowerbed assignments and light refreshments.

Wear comfortable, gardening attire; bring a trowel for planting and be

amazed by the colorful landscape that results from this incredible, volunteer team effort!

Youth groups are also welcome to participate in this annual, beautification endeavor by planting a flowerbed in one of the City's parks. However, they must be accompanied by adult supervisors. Park flowerbeds are also reserved for youths to plant during Park Planting Week (May 14-18).

For more information on these projects or to reserve a flowerbed, call Joyce Yock (792-8329).

May Volunteer Opportunities

- Heritage District-Container Planting (Flexible)
- Children's Park Planting Week (May 14-18)
- Beautification Day (see article above) (May 19)
- Service Dept./Recycling Project (May 19)
- Service Dept./Holiday Tree Lights Repair (Flexible)
- City Hall Finance & Payroll Depts./Clerical Help (Flexible)
- Butterfly Garden Maintenance Project (Flexible)
- Service Dept./"Hands-On" Assistants (Flexible)
- July 4th Parade/Event Planning Committee (Flexible)

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



You're invited to join the History Clip

Join the "Montgomery History Clip!" In celebration of National Historic Preservation Month, the Montgomery Historic Preservation Association invites everyone to visit the Wilder Swaim House.

We will be open from 3- 6 pm on Thursday, May 17, Monday, May 21 and Tuesday, May 22. We have acquired early editions of the Sycamore Messenger which are great fun to review and we need help gathering the articles we would like to keep.

Bring your scissors and (for most of us) your reading glasses! Questions, Janet Korach, 984-1465.

Rent the Pool or Gazebo!

The Montgomery Municipal Pool is available for private evening rentals for up to 400 people during times it is not open to the public.

Rentals include two hour exclusive use of the pool and all of its facilities, including the gazebo and grill, water-slide, diving boards, basketball courts and corn hole sets. The cost also includes certified lifeguards.

If a day venue is more appropriate, consider renting the Montgomery Pool Gazebo for your special occasion. Youth birthday parties and summer celebrations will be set apart in the beautifully landscaped gazebo with a private grill for your guests.

The gazebo shelter will be available for group rentals at the rate of \$30 per the first hour and \$10 for each additional hour. Groups that rent the shelter will be allowed to bring food into the pool area to be served and eaten under the shelter. A group rate fee for non-members will be charged at \$3 per person upon entering the facility the date of the event.

Reservations can be made in advance by contacting City Hall at 891-2424. Detailed rental information and contracts are posted online at www.montgomeryohio.org under pool or rentals.

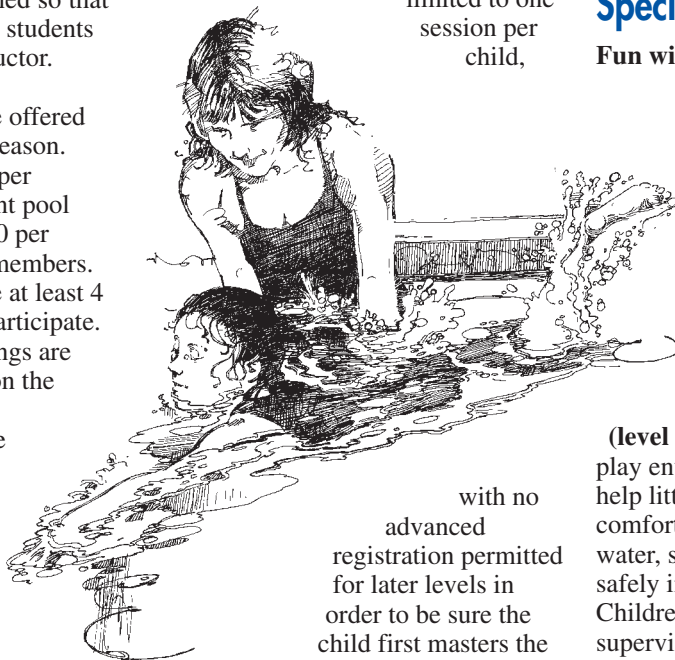
Swim classes offer lifelong skill

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. 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 the skill levels are available at www.montgomeryohio.org.

Special Classes:

Fun with Me Swim Class: get wet and wiggle introductory swim lessons for an interactive parent-child setting in the water for ages 6-18months (**level 6**) or ages 18 to 36 months (**level 7**).

Splash and Play: (**level 8**) an early-age water play environment designed to help little ones get more comfortable with being in the water, splashing and playing safely in the baby pool. Children, ages 1-4, must be supervised by a parent for this explorative class.

Get in on some summer fun...

TENNIS ANYONE?

(Meet in Weller Park) Mondays, June 11, 18 & 25; PeeWees (5-7) meet from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.; Juniors (8-15) meet from 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Adults (16+) meet from 6:30-8 p.m. Learn the basics of tennis through group lessons. Instruction is provided by local tennis pro from Harper's Point on stance, strokes, and scoring. Register at City Hall or online at www.montgomeryohio.org by June 1. Makeup date(s) added to end if raining. Cost (all ages): \$15 for 3-week session.

GOLF: HIT 'M STRAIGHT

(Meet at Kings Island Golf Center) Adults (16+): Thursdays, May 3, 10 & 17, from 5:30 - 7 p.m.; Juniors (Ages 8-15): Wednesdays, June

13, 20 & 27, from 6 - 7 p.m. Group golf lessons at King's Island Golf Center. There are limited openings, so register NOW online at www.montgomeryohio.org or at City Hall. Final sign up dates are: April 27 for Adult Session and June 8 for Junior Session. Class size limited to 10. Cost: \$40 Juniors/\$60 Adults

KARATE SUMMER SPECIAL

Mondays and Wednesdays at Annex Building; Group 1: 6:30 -7:30 p.m.; Group 2: 7:30-8:30 p.m. Sign-up for three summer months for just \$100 including your uniform! Emphasis is placed on self-defense, kicking, stretching and promotion to the next belt. This is a year-round course for all ages interested in Taekwondo

Korean Karate. Classes are available after the summer special on a month-to-month basis for \$35R/\$40NR per month.

SUMMER LINEUP FOR KIDS!

There are many camps, programs and events available for enjoyable summer fun including:

SKYHAWKS SPORTS

(cheerleading, soccer, lacrosse, multi-sport)

Better Babysitters

Home Alone

ART Camps

(variety or drawing, cartooning, pottery)

Tuesday Kids Hour at the Pool

Kids on Bikes

Refer to the April Bulletin or visit www.montgomeryohio.org for full details and registration.

Sponsored by Montgomery Audi and Montgomery Jaguar

Vintage movies to be featured at Weller Park

This summer, residents can see the stars ON the big screen and ABOVE the big screen too. On the first Friday of each month from May through September, plan to bring a blanket or a lawn chair to Weller Park for outdoor movies.

These vintage movies have stood the test of time and still remain family favorites. Light refreshments will be sold during the movies, with all proceeds going towards park enhancements. All movies begin at dusk and are FREE!

Movies for May and June:

May 4

RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK

(Rate PG) You're in for thrills as Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford) confronts snakes, Nazis and one astonishing cliffhanger after another—all topped off by awesome sequences involving the discovery and opening of the mystical Ark of the Covenant. It's one of the greatest adventures of all time.

June 1

FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF

(Rate PG-13) Ferris is a street-wise kid who knows all the tricks.

Today he decides to take the day off school. When Ferris takes the day off, so must his best friends, Cameron and Sloane. Cameron is reluctantly persuaded to borrow his father's Ferrari, and — together — they hatch a plan to get Sloane out of class. Suspicious Dean of Students Ed Rooney knows all about Ferris, but can never catch him. Ferris' sister Jeanie is also frustrated that Ferris always gets away with his tricks and she doesn't. Furthermore, Ferris is an "angel" in his parent's eyes!

A complete schedule of movies will be on the city website.

Safety Town: a lesson in life

Montgomery's Safety Town will again be offered this summer to children entering Kindergarten or First Grade (5-6 years of age). Students attending Safety Town will participate in a one-week, summer safety camp where children learn about various aspects of child safety.

This year's Safety Village will be held at Swaim Park for two one-week sessions. Each week will offer children entering kindergarten or first grade the option of a morning or afternoon three-hour program.

Sessions will be offered June 18 - 22 and June 25 - June 29. Morning programs will be from 9 a.m. to noon. Afternoon sessions will be from 1 to 4 p.m.

During the week, children will learn to make wise decisions in potentially dangerous situations, as well as how to handle emergencies they may encounter. Students will also learn basic rules of pedestrian



and traffic safety, in addition to fire, personal, animal, water and school bus safety.

Each day, safety specialists will visit the classes and teach about their particular area of expertise.

Safety Village is operated by a Montgomery police officer and a certified teacher, with

assistance of junior high school, high school and college students. Teens interested in volunteering to assist the staff with this year's important Safety Village are invited to contact the City's Volunteer Coordinator Joyce Yock at 792-8329.

Safety Village is offered free to children who reside in the City of Montgomery. Non-residents may participate at a cost of \$25 per child.

Residents whose children reside in Montgomery may pre-register their children by visiting the Safety Center, 10150 Montgomery Road, beginning April 30 at 8 a.m. Registration will be open to non-residents on May 7. Registration is limited and is offered on a first come, first served basis. Mail-in registrations cannot be accepted for Safety Village.

Reserve a park shelter now through October

Most of the parks in the City of Montgomery have picnic shelters or gazebos that can be reserved for private parties free of charge. The parks that have shelters or gazebos are: Montgomery Park, Dulle Park, Pioneer Park, Swaim Park and Weller Park.

Reservations for these shelters are taken from March 1 through the end of October. To reserve a date, call City Hall to check availability and place a hold on your date. Within a week of that phone call, you will need to come in to complete the reservation paperwork. This reservation entitles the user to the exclusive use of the shelter. The reservation, however, is for the shelter only and not any of the other park amenities, which are open to the public during operating hours. For more information or to place a hold on a date, call City Hall at 891-2424.

Compost bin sale

This spring, the Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services is having a one day sale, offering compost bins to its residents to help them take advantage of the many benefits of composting. The sale will take place May 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine.

The Home Composter bins will sell for only \$35, a savings of over 50 percent. The bins will fit in any car and feature snap lock construction so they are easy to assemble.

The sale will take place in two locations:

*Blue Ash Kmart
4150 Hunt Road
and*

*Diamond Oaks
in Green Township
6375 Harrison Avenue.*

Making compost is almost as easy as watching grass grow. Simply start with a good mix of carbon and nitrogen sources, such as leaves or grass clippings, and turn the pile every few weeks. Just like that, you can have compost that is ready to use in three months.

There will be experts on hand at the sale to answer any questions about composting. For questions regarding the sale itself, contact the district's yardwaste and composting hotline at 946-7755 or visit www.hamiltoncountyrecycles.org.

Terry's Tree Tips

Mulching: one of the first rites of spring

Now that it is spring, those of us with a green thumb want to get outside and begin working in our yards and gardens. Some of the first rites of spring are often the purchase of or contracting for an application of new mulch. After the placement of new mulch, the dramatic change to the spring landscape becomes very evident in yards throughout our community.

Why Mulch?

Proper mulching can be very beneficial to trees and plants by protecting the delicate tree roots from extreme temperature fluctuations, loss of moisture, controlling weed growth and by providing a physical separation between plants and lawn areas. It is especially important to protect your plants and trees from wayward mowers & weed eaters that can quickly and permanently damage the fragile bark on our beautiful landscape plants.

How much Mulch?

The proper amount of mulch consists of a layer of two or possibly up to three inches of mulch. If you have more mulch around your plants than this you have too much mulch and your plants don't want or need any more! Even if you have the proper thickness of mulch in



place, proper placement is also critical. Never let mulch be piled or placed against the base of your trees, shrubs or plants.

Types of Mulch

It is also important to select the correct type of mulch. While shredded hardwood mulch is the most predominant in the Cincinnati area landscape, there are several alternatives that I find especially attractive and beneficial for plants. Pine needle or pine straw mulch and even various types of peat moss can be wonderful additions to planting beds and readily break down to replenish soil with specific nutrients that are vital for the health of acid loving trees, plants or shrubs.

Not too much

While it can be tempting to top dress with new mulch on an annual basis, before you do please check out just how much mulch is already in place. It is

only after you complete this often overlooked detail that you can the buy and place mulch accordingly. In some cases you may find that you even have to remove existing mulch if you want to have the attractive appearance found in newly applied hardwood mulch.

As hardwood mulch ages in place, it can develop a crusty layer and lose its color. If you have this situation you may want to consider foregoing the application of new mulch until you carefully break up the mulch layers and in doing so you may even find that you have the proper amount of mulch in place and may be able to avoid the expense of purchasing

any new mulch and use the money you would have spent on new mulch for other landscaping additions. Remember that adding mulch every year may not always be necessary!

For more information

The City of Montgomery's excellent urban forestry program has been recognized for 11 consecutive years as a "Tree City USA" by providing continuing care and maintenance of our public trees and urban forest. If you have specific questions about trees in your yard or in our community there are a number of resources you may find useful including: local nurseries, the website www.arboday.org or by calling me at 792-8355.

Until next month, keep doing the great job in making our community clean and attractive by taking the time to keep our urban forest healthy and vibrant.



OH DEER: keeping Bambi out of your flowerbeds

Seeing a deer in your backyard can be a majestic sight. But they can quickly wreak havoc to a flowerbed, landscaping or garden. The City receives complaints from time to time regarding the damage left by a visit from deer which lays waste to a homeowner's prized growing area.



Since Montgomery has a law against discharging firearms in the city, blasting them out of your yard isn't an option. Instead, there are other — less extreme — methods to minimize the impact of Montgomery's deer population on your landscaping and gardens.

Avoid plants that attract deer

Like people, deer seek their favorite meals. Where possible, remove those favorites from the menu in your yard. The plants preferred by deer include aronia, amelanchier, azaleas, clematis,

daylilies, forsythia, holly, honeysuckle, hosta, Japanese maple, juniper, lily of the valley, mugho pine, pachysandra, red twig dogwood, trumpet vine, tulips, viburnum, yew and practically any fruit-bearing tree.

Grow plants that deer avoid

Under normal conditions, when food is plentiful, deer will avoid eating certain plants. Select those plants in your future plantings to gently deter deer from stopping by your yard. Unfortunately, if times are tough and food is sparse, a deer may not be so picky.

Generally speaking, however, the following are plants that a deer prefers not to eat.:

Flowers and foliage: Allium, artemesia, astilbe, baby's breath, bee balm, bleeding heart, buddleia, coneflower, euphorbia, foxglove, hellebores, lamb's ear, licorice plant, Montauk daisy, moss pinks, mullein, ornamental rhubarb, Russian sage, salvia, Siberian iris, snapdragon, yarrow and yucca.

Ferns: Alaska, cinnamon, Clinton's shield, Fortune's holly, Japanese painted, Japanese red shield, maidenhair, ostrich, royal and tassel

Ground cover: Fragrant sumac, germander, scented cranesbill and sweet woodruff

Ornamental grasses and sedges: Elijah Blue fescue, feather reed grass, Japanese sedge, miscanthus, muhly grass, Northern sea oats, panicum, pennisetum, phalaris and Scottish tufted hair grass.

Shrubs: Barberry, boxwood, butterfly bush, daphne, lavandula, potentilla and spruce.

Herbs: Catnip, mint, oregano, tansy, thyme and wintergreen.

Keep these tips in mind when planning your gardens to minimize the attraction of deer to your yard.

Rid your home of household hazards at these drop-offs

When you think of hazardous waste, images of overturned tanker trucks and leaking industrial containers may come to mind. But did you know that the average household stores a variety of cleaners, solvents and other materials that are considered hazardous materials which could be harmful to humans or the environment if improperly stored or discarded?



Items listed can be dropped off now through the end of October at Environmental Enterprises, Inc., on Spring Grove or Cincinnati Dayton Road for

environmentally sound disposal.

Acceptable Items

automotive fluids, pesticides/fertilizers, solvents/thinners, lawn/pool chemicals, cleaners, household/auto batteries, paint, prescription drugs, mercury, fluorescent bulbs, fire extinguishers, propane tanks

Unacceptable Items

radioactive materials, medical waste, explosives & ammunition, gun powder, heating oil tanks, fuel tanks, tires, yard waste, smoke alarms, garbage, roofing materials, appliances, computers & electronics

For information, call Hamilton County Environmental Services at 946-7700 or visit www.hamiltoncountycycles.org.

Household Hazardous Drop-off Locations

Environmental Enterprises, Inc.
4650 Spring Grove Avenue

Tuesdays: 2 - 6 p.m.
Thursdays: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Saturdays: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Environmental Enterprises, Inc.
10163 Cincinnati-Dayton Road

Wednesdays: 2 - 6 p.m.

Smog season starts: what you can do to help

How do we protect ourselves, our children and our pets from smog? The best defense is prevention. Hamilton County Environmental Services suggests:

Use gas powered lawn equipment after 6:00 pm Refuel vehicles after 6:00 pm and don't top off your tank at the pump.

*Conserve electricity – turn off unused lights, computers, televisions and radios
Ride the bus – contact METRO at (513) 621-4455*

Combine car trips or eliminate them by walking or riding your bike – contact RideShare at (513) 241-RIDE

Keep your vehicle properly maintained – check the tire pressure and change air filters and oil regularly. When an engine is running properly it runs more efficiently.

With a little effort, we can all do our part to keep our air clean this summer and avoid the Smog Alerts and health hazards that come with air pollution. For more information on the Air Quality index, call the Air Quality Hotline at (513) 946-7753 or visit www.hcdoes.org.