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Montgomery recycled 977 tons in 2007!

By environmental measures, 2007 was a good year for Montgomery. Residents collectively recycled a total of 977.21 tons of metal, glass, plastic and paper.

The recycling efforts in Montgomery saved the equivalent

of 8,654 trees, 42,055 gallons of gasoline, enough energy to power 124 average homes for an entire year, and prevented 811 tons of greenhouse gases (*that's the equivalent to removing 645 cars from the road for a year!*).

On average, each household in

Montgomery recycled 540 pounds in 2007. That's a lot of pop cans and newspapers!

Recycling reduces pollution, conserves natural resources, and decreases the amount of waste going to the landfill. Recycling also boosts the local economy by creating 169,000 jobs and \$6 billion in annual wages just in the State of Ohio.



Residents are encouraged to join in the recycling effort to further improve Montgomery's impact on the environment. Don't have a recycling bin? Simply visit Montgomery City Hall during regular business hours for a free bin.

April 26 from 11 am to 2 pm

Safety Center Open House to include Bike Clinic and Kids Swap & Sale

The 10th annual Safety Center Open House in Montgomery will be Saturday, April 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will spotlight both the Montgomery Police and Fire Departments. The open house also includes a swap and sale event for area youth and a free bicycle clinic.

During the event, residents can meet many of those who protect the City of Montgomery every hour of every day. Tours of the Safety Center will be provided, as well as informative events, interesting demonstrations and a variety of booths for all ages.

Special events include prize drawings, free food and refreshments, and a landing of the UC Air Care Helicopter (weather permitting).

The Montgomery Safety Center is located at 10150 Montgomery Rd.

Extra parking is available at St. Barnabas Church, located at 10345 Montgomery Road, just north of the Safety Center.

Come shop at the Kids Bargain Swap & Sale

Montgomery's youth will get a chance at money handling, pricing and sales! Kids ages 8 to 15 are encouraged to do a little spring cleaning by bringing out their books, toys, and collectables to sell for cash or swap for new stuff. This year's event is to be held along the sidewalk at the municipal pool. To reserve a table at the Swap and Sale, register at City Hall or call 891-2424. Tables cost \$5 each and are limited to the first 20 entrepreneurs.

Spring Tune Up for Bikes

Montgomery Cyclery will offer free bicycle tune-ups for kids of all ages. The tune-up will include seat and handlebar adjustments, brake and tire checks, chain tune-up and helmet fitting.



Recyclable Materials

Here's what is currently collected each week in Montgomery's curbside recycling program:

- Plastic bottles and jugs*
- Glass bottles and jars*
- Empty aerosol can*
- Aluminum and steel cans
- Paperboard (cereal boxes, etc.)
- Junk mail and envelopes
- Magazines, catalogs, phone books
- Newspapers
- Cardboard
- Office Paper
- Brown grocery bags

* remove and discard the lids (and the plastic tip off aerosol cans)

For information about recycling, call the City of Montgomery at 891-2424, or Hamilton County's Recycling Hotline at 946-7766. You may also visit www.montgomeryohio.org or

Montgomery... Beautiful Montgomery



This month's message by Council Member Lynda Roesch

As I write this edition of Council Corner, I am hoping for some relief from the cold and snow which has gripped this area since January. Hopefully relief in the form of warmer temperatures will be well on its way by the time you read this. Is there anything more beautiful than the line of pear trees in bloom downtown along Montgomery Road?

As the liaison to the Beautification Commission, I am especially looking forward to spring. The City of Montgomery is fortunate to have Boards and Commissions all of which work hard to make the City a better place. These next several months are very busy for the Beautification Commission. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you how hard the Commission works. The Commission members include Lea Levy,

Renie Taylor, Judy Feltner, Jane Hohn and Helen Grimes. Jody Keith chairs the Commission; Joyce Yock is the City Staff Liaison, and Terry Willenbrink regularly advises the Commission in his role as City Arborist.

The Commission is responsible for many projects. Pansies were planted in the pots in downtown Montgomery. Montgomery school children will plant marigolds in April under the supervision of Commission members. In mid-

April, residents will help Commission members plant the baskets for which Montgomery is well known. Arbor Day is at the end of April and the representatives of the City will attend the Tree City luncheon where the City will be honored for the Growth Award. The plant swap is also scheduled for the end of April.

Before you know it, we will be planting the medians, the parks and the corners around town. It is always a special time for me when we hang the baskets

around the City. Many visitors comment on how pretty the City is during spring and summer, and the baskets really contribute to the look of the City. Then, in the summer, the Beautification Commission will start taking nominations for and began judging the Beautification awards. When I walk, bike or drive through the City, the evidence of the Beautification Commission's hard work is everywhere.

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

Parks Study recommendations planned

The Parks Study subcommittee is in the final stages of its review and prioritization of selecting park improvements to budget and consider for the next two to four years. Comprised of three members from the Parks and Recreation Commission, three members of City Council and three members of related city staff from Public Works and Recreation, the subcommittee

was charged with the goal of evaluating the recommendations within the Parks Study. The sub-committee will then develop a recommendation for comment by the Parks and Recreation Commission and review by the Parks and Recreation Committee of Council by the end of May.

The timeline was set to allow for research and budgeting

support of the recommended projects for the 2009 - 2012 capital improvements plan. All projects recommended will be subject to the standard review and approval processes, such as discussion at related commission meetings, budget development requests for proposals and bidding, and council approval of related contracts. All of these processes allow for continued public education and input on each project.

The subcommittee has met several times, beginning in January, to discuss the projects that were most appropriate to consider in the first two to four years, based on current budgetary figures, safety and maintenance concerns, public emphasized projects of importance, and grouping of projects for cost-savings.

The subcommittee is on schedule to present its recommendations to the Parks and Recreation Commission for comment at the regular scheduled meeting on April 10. Overall, the outcome is to continue to add value to the quality of life in Montgomery by offering well-maintained, useful, safe and attractive parks.

COUNCIL CORNER

Montgomery City Council will meet in its regular monthly business session on April 2 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 33.24 of the Code of Ordinances Governing Promotional Examinations (2nd Reading)

NEW LEGISLATION

- An ordinance extending the Montgomery Corridor/

Schoolhouse Interim Development Control Overlay District

- A resolution accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Barrett Paving Materials Inc. for the 2008 HAM 22-15.29 Improvements

- A resolution accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with The Verdin Company for the 2008 Bell Tower Improvement Project

Recent Council Action

MARCH 5 BUSINESS SESSION

- A resolution accepting a bid and authorizing lawn mowing contracts in the City of Montgomery during 2008

(passed 7-0)

- An ordinance revising section 33.24 of the Code of Ordinances governing promotional examinations
- (passed 1st Reading 7-0)

Tax filings due April 15; free help with forms available

Don't forget that completed tax forms or copies of federal extension request forms are due on or before April 15 to the Tax Office. If your envelope is postmarked with the

April 15th date, the return or extension request will be considered to be 'on time'.

If you and your spouse file separately for IRS purposes,

you can still file a joint return with Montgomery; just remember to send a copy of the front page of the federal 1040 form for both spouses.

In addition to regular hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, the Tax Office will offer extended hours for the convenience of residents, using the following schedule:

Saturday, April 5
9 a.m. - noon

Tuesday, April 08
8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 12
9 a.m. - noon

Monday, April 14
8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15
8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

For assistance completing your tax return, bring your W-2 form(s), applicable Federal 1040 form and any supporting federal schedules with you.

The Tax Office will prepare your local return without cost. No appointment is necessary.

For your convenience, a locked container is at the front desk of City Hall for an easy and safe drop-off of your forms and information.

For any questions, call (513) 891-2424 and ask for the Tax Office, or visit our website at www.montgomeryohio.org. Additional Montgomery tax forms are also available on the website.

Council and City Staff meet and greet April 12 at City Hall

In addition to the extended hours for the Tax Office, on Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to noon, the City of Montgomery will host a "Meet & Greet" session in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Residents can meet with Council members and representatives from city departments all in one place!

Council members and staff will be on hand to answer questions, receive feedback and provide information on a variety of subjects. Residents will be able to see some of the current projects happening around town, check on up-coming recreational classes and events, and receive information on residential safety and volunteer opportunities.

We need your ideas!

The City of Montgomery web site is a valuable resource for information and City services. We would like to hear ideas on how we could improve the City web site for you! Just visit <http://tinyurl.com/366tud> to complete a short four question survey. If you're not near a computer or just prefer to complete a hardcopy of the survey, simply answer the questions below and drop off or mail the form to City Hall.

Name (optional): _____ Phone (optional): _____

Email (optional): _____

Have you ever visited the Montgomery web site? Yes No

If you have visited the Montgomery web site, what type(s) of information were you trying to locate?

Where you able to find what you needed? Yes No

Do you have any suggestions that would help us improve the Montgomery web site?

Take the survey on-line at
<http://tinyurl.com/366tud>

or

drop off/mail
this completed form to:

Customer Service
10101 Montgomery Road
Montgomery OH 45242

Two-way communication is part of the strategic plan

An important part of Montgomery's Strategic Plan is to "foster 2-way communication between the City and the Community". Ray Kingsbury, formerly of Sycamore Senior Center, has been asked to help empower individual citizens and organizations to become more deeply involved and maximize their impact on the community's future.

It has been found that the health of a City, particularly its young people, can often be measured by the extent of its "community fabric". Part of building this fabric is strengthening positive relationships between neighbors, groups and their city government. Unfortunately across the nation, civic engagement and those interested in getting involved has declined considerably. For example, civic organizations



have seen their membership rolls decrease as older members leave and younger people decline to participate in traditional ways.

Montgomery is working hard to turn the tide and strengthen community involvement. To

date, the Citizen Engagement Initiative has taken three forms.

The Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy:

An annual nine-part series of workshops designed to "harvest the experience dividend" in

Montgomery's talented citizenry.

The inaugural class of MCLA 2008 has just graduated. There are now 25 more highly engaged citizens interested in impacting Montgomery's future.

Recruitment is now underway for MCLA 2009 which will begin in January.

Community Leadership Groups

Developing meaningful dialogue with, and between civic groups, neighborhood associations, churches, etc.

Demographic Outreach

Conducting focus groups of New Residents, Businesses, School Parents, Older Adults, Empty Nesters and Young Professionals

Numerous conversations have been conducted with many of Montgomery's Community Leadership Groups. All seem to be facing similar challenges with sustainability, relevancy, visibility, attracting new members and communicating across groups.

New resident focus groups included discussion focused on why they chose Montgomery as their home. The most determining factors were: the schools, location, community size, housing stock, parks, walkability and the historic downtown. Materials are now being developed, based on these factors, to attract new residents.

Ohio National and Bethesda Hospital step up to support Leadership Academy

Two of the largest members of Montgomery's business community recently stepped forward to support the Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy (MCLA). Both Ohio National Financial Services (ONFS) and Bethesda Hospital hosted MCLA sessions at their respective locations in February. Aside from the hospitality, an impressive meal was served to participants at each location.

At ONFS, the session was entitled "Dreams, Aspirations and Taxes... Is the Price Right?" Workshop dialogue focused on the City budget and economic development. Aside from merely revenue and expense, participants discussed a technique called Tax



Increment Financing (TIF) that directs project generated taxes to creatively enhance the development. The campus of ONFS, itself, served as an example of a TIF project.

"Heath Care: Montgomery's Signature Industry", was hosted by Bethesda Hospital. MCLA participants had an opportunity to get up close to the most recent marvels of modern medicine. The class was divided into two groups, with one receiving a demonstration of cardiac arrest on the Human

Patient Simulator, a state of the art tool for training emergency personnel.

The other group, was permitted to go "hands on" with da Vinci, the latest robotic surgery device. The small groups then switched places to allow everyone to fully immerse themselves in the experience.

Montgomery is fortunate to have such a good relationship with both of these cornerstones of the City's business community. If you are interested in learning more about the Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy 2009, contact Ray Kingsbury at 792-8359. Applications for the 2009 class are now being accepted, with classes starting at the beginning of next year.

Interested in helping?

If you, or an organization to which you belong, are interested in joining this important community conversation or applying for the Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy, contact Ray Kingsbury at 792-8359.

Seasonal warmth brings start of area projects

A busy construction year is planned once again in the City of Montgomery. A brief description of projects planned for 2008 is described below. For additional information and details about these as well as other construction projects, refer to the City's website.

Montgomery Road widening:

A project of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is continuing with work concentrated north of Calumet Way in Symmes and Deerfield Townships. Construction is planned in April or May between the I-275 overpass and Calumet Way to install the final asphalt surface layer and pavement markings.

I-275 Noise Barrier Wall:

This ODOT project is

scheduled for completion in November. The wall panel installation that was set to begin in late March will continue throughout the spring and summer months.

Jolain Drive Sidewalks: The project includes a new five foot wide concrete sidewalk along the north side of Jolain Drive extending from 7884 Jolain Drive to Zig Zag Road. The work should begin in July or August and be substantially completed by mid September.

Montgomery Road intersection Improvements at the main entrance to Bethesda North Hospital: Plans include the removal and relocation of medians immediately north and south of the intersection allowing better alignment of left turn lanes to improve

safety and the line of sight for motorists utilizing Montgomery Road. The work will begin in late spring or early summer and be substantially completed by late fall.

Additional Bell Towers in the Montgomery Heritage District:

This project includes construction of two additional towers resulting in a 3 tower bell system with 14 carillon bells. These improvements will allow bell announcements as well as songs to be played within a 4 octave range. The work will begin in late summer and will be completed by mid September.

2008 Street Resurfacing

Program: This year's program includes more than three centerline miles of roadways throughout the City. Streets under consideration for this year's program are being inspected with a complete listing of roadways that are being considered for 2008 listed on the City's website. Staff anticipates that all field reconnaissance work will be completed by mid April with a project bid opening in early May. Information and updates will be posted over the next two months regarding this project and anticipated dates for construction to begin.

2008 Bituminous Black Mat

Project: This project includes a 1/2-inch layer of an asphalt/stone mix and is planned for one centerline mile of roadway. Streets scheduled for 2008 include Deerfield Road north of the entrance to Dulle Park and Weller Road between Indianwoods Drive and Convo Court. The project is scheduled to be begin in mid summer and will be completed by the end of August.

Montgomery Heritage District

Streetscape Replacement: This project will include the removal and replacement of the clay paver sidewalk along the east side of Montgomery Road

between Remington and Cooper Roads. Plans and specification are still being developed for this project. It is anticipated that the work on the project will begin in late July or August and will be substantially completed by mid September.

Sidewalk Repair Program: This annual project will include structural repair of any defective public sidewalks that are located east of Montgomery Road and north of Pfeiffer Road. The work will be completed during the summer months.

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

Safety Village registration begins April 28 for residents

The City of Montgomery will conduct its Safety Village this summer for children entering Kindergarten or First Grade (5-6 years of age). Safety Village is a one-week, summer safety camp where children learn about various aspects of safety.

Safety Village will be held in Swaim Park for two one-week sessions. The first session is scheduled for June 16-20, and the second session will be held June 23-27. There will be a morning class from 9 a.m.-noon and an afternoon class from 1-4 p.m. each day.

A Montgomery Police Officer and a certified teacher will instruct the children, with the assistance of junior high school, high school and college students. Safety specialists will visit the classes and teach about their area of expertise. The Montgomery Police and Fire Departments coordinate and direct the program.

Children who reside in the City of Montgomery may attend free of charge. Non-residents will be charged \$25 each. Payment is due upon registration. Checks should be made payable to the City of Montgomery. Registration for Montgomery residents begins April 28 at 8 a.m. and ends May 5 at the Montgomery Safety Center. Beginning May 5, registration will be on a first come-first served basis.

Registration must be made in person at the Safety Center. No mail-in registrations will be accepted. Registration forms may be obtained from the Montgomery Police Department 10150 Montgomery Road, or by calling 985-1600.

Teens interested in volunteering to assist the staff with this summer program, should contact Joyce Yock, Volunteer Coordinator, at 792-8329.

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**

Summer is just around the corner!

Reserve the pool now for summer functions

If you are looking for a unique location for your summer business function or special party, then the Montgomery Municipal Pool could be a perfect venue. The pool is available for private evening rentals for up to 400 people during times it is not open to the public.



The Municipal Pool is a great opportunity for employee functions, family reunions, birthdays, graduation parties, or whatever your special need to have a unique event with entertainment built right in. Rentals include two hour exclusive use of the pool and all of its facilities,

including the gazebo and grill, waterslide, diving board and basketball courts. The cost also includes staffing by certified lifeguards.

If a daytime 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 where summer time aromas of hamburgers sizzling will bring your guests together after a cooling swim.

The gazebo shelter will be available for group rentals at the rate of \$30 for 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.

| TWO HOUR POOL RENTAL | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------|
| Guests | Lifeguards Required | Cost |
| 1 - 99 | 3 Lifeguards | \$325 |
| 100 - 149 | 4 Lifeguards | \$375 |
| 150 - 400 | 5 Lifeguards | \$430 |

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.

What's your car's impact on the environment?

Our personal choices in transportation may be the biggest single influence we can make on the health of the planet. Of course, buying hybrid vehicles, car pooling, using public transit, combining trips and choosing to walk or bike to your destination are all great ways to reduce the amount of pollution being released into the atmosphere.



The way you drive can also reduce fuel consumption and the overall impact of your car on the environment?

■ *Aggressive driving with fast starts and hard braking can increase fuel consumption by as much as 40%.*

■ *Remembering to accelerate and brake smoothly, and using cruise control on long stretches of highway can increase your cars' fuel efficiency.*

■ *Properly maintaining your car can also decrease emissions and increase fuel efficiency.*

■ *Under inflated tires can increase fuel consumption by as much as 6%*

■ *Poorly tuned engines use up to 50% more fuel and produce up to 50% more emissions.*

To find your cars' energy impact score and ways to increase your cars' fuel efficiency, visit www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/sbs.htm

DID YOU KNOW?

Fun Facts about the Montgomery Municipal Pool:

- For only \$2.50 a day, a Montgomery family of four can enjoy an entire season of fun at the pool
- The pool is open 99 days this season, weather permitting
- Approximately 235,000 gallons of water is needed to fill the pool
- A gallon of water weighs 8 pounds
- The pool offers 5 different levels of beginner swim lessons
- The pool offers 5 different levels of progressive swim lessons
- The pool offers Dive-In Movies!
- The pool has a swim team, named the Montgomery Makos
- The pool has 138 chairs for relaxing
- The pool can be rented for private after hours parties.
- In addition to swimming, the pool offers basketball, corn hole, tetherball, play set, grills, a shelter, and concession stand for its guests.

See page 11 for information about swim lessons.

Curbside brush pick-ups return April 7

The Montgomery Service Department will again provide a spring curbside bulk collection of brush and limbs. The program is scheduled to begin on April 7 and will continue over a 5 week period, providing each neighborhood one pick-up. Each neighborhood's week for pick-up will be determined by the scheduled day for regular trash collection (see chart at right).

| TRASH PICK-UP DAY | WEEK OF BRUSH PICK-UP |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| MONDAY | APRIL 7 - 11 |
| TUESDAY | APRIL 14 - 18 |
| WEDNESDAY | APRIL 21 - 25 |
| THURSDAY | APRIL 28 - MAY 2 |
| FRIDAY | MAY 5 - 9 |

Brush should be placed at the curb by early Monday morning of the week scheduled for the

The curbside collection is undertaken manually by Public Works Department

neighborhood. Since a daily schedule for each neighborhood cannot be pre-determined, residents are encouraged to place their materials curbside on the Sunday night of their respective collection week. Only one pass will be scheduled in each neighborhood.

personnel and placed into a brush chipper. The following guidelines have been established for the bulk brush collection program:

Spring Brush Pick-up Collection Guidelines:

- *Brush containing nails, metal, stones or excessive dirt will not be picked up.*
- *Vines and branches with thorns will not be picked up.*
- *Limbs must be between 3 feet and 10 feet in length and between 1/2 inch and 8 inches in diameter. Shorter branches, twigs and clippings should be placed in yard waste bags and/or cans to be picked up by Rumpke on your regular waste collection day.*
- *Brush and limbs must be placed at the edge of the road or along the curb with the "cut" ends of brush toward the street in small piles. Please do not create large stacks or interwoven piles with "cut" ends placed in different directions as this makes the material difficult for crews to separate for collection.*
- *Stumps, root balls and logs are not to be placed curbside for brush collection but may be placed out for yard waste collection on regularly scheduled trash days. Each item, however, cannot weigh more than 60 pounds.*
- *Brush piles that are tied into bundles or are tangled will not be picked up during the bulk collection program.*

Terrys Tree Tips

Second EAB Workshop well received; City budgets to care for 555 public Ash trees

With the popularity of the second Emerald Ash Borer Workshop co-sponsored by the Montgomery Beautification & Tree

Commission and the City of Wyoming, it is clear that residents are concerned about the potential damage which can be caused when

an Ash tree is infested by these insects. It is inevitable that the borer will eventually make its way to Montgomery. Already the Emerald Ash Borer has been detected in at least two locations in Hamilton County.

The City of Montgomery has surveyed public green spaces, parks, & right-of-ways and has inventoried approximately 555 Ash trees. The City has budgeted for the removal and replacement of the trees starting in 2011 or when the trees start to be affected. In an effort to prevent infestation, Montgomery plans to start treating approximately 110 Ash trees with a chemical injection to try to save those trees.



Joe Boggs of The Ohio State University Hamilton County Extension Service was the guest speaker at the second Emerald Ash Borer Workshop sponsored by Montgomery's Beautification & Tree Commission and the City of Wyoming Public Works. Approximately 60 community members, representing 14 zip codes, attended the February 20 program.

The same kind of chemical treatment that will be used by the City is also available to residents through the Davey Tree Company, which can be reached at 575-1733. The company has agreed to offer residents the injection treatment for a \$75 service call and \$3 per diameter inch of tree (or trees) on the property.

The treatment has a 75% success rate in preventing infestation. The treatment will need to be reapplied annually.

Now is the best time to treat Ash trees if a resident wants to

have the best opportunity to protect the tree this season.

The Emerald Ash Borer workshops that were presented in December and again in February were a great success and were well attended by residents of Montgomery and several neighboring communities.

If you missed the presentations and would still like information, a fact sheet is available by visiting www.ashalert.osu.edu. In addition, the fact sheets are also available at the City Hall Customer Service Desk.

Fall brush collection will occur again starting in September 22. Watch for the in the September issue of the *Montgomery Bulletin*. For additional information, call City Hall at 891-2424.

Beautification Day promotes community participation

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.



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 12-16).

For more information on

Sponsored by the Beautification & Tree Commission, Beautification Day 2008 is scheduled for Saturday, May 17. Volunteers will meet at 9 am 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

these projects or to reserve a flowerbed, call Joyce Yock at 792-8329.

Join the team helping the environment

Do your share to improve our community's environment by participating in the nation's largest organized litter removal project-the Great American Clean Up. Montgomery will participate in this national endeavor on Saturday, April 26,

from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The project focus will be to remove litter from our roadsides and to spruce up our City's parks. Volunteers will meet in the City Hall parking lot for registration, project assignments, distribution of supplies and light refreshments.

Individuals, families, scout troops, civic organizations, church groups and businesses are all encouraged to join over 2 million volunteers across the country that are "Making a Difference."

To sign up or for additional information, please contact Susan Hamm at 792-8314.

Hats Off...



The week of April 20 has been designated as National Volunteer Week. It is an annual opportunity to recognize the enormous contributions made by volunteers nationwide. In our "neck of the woods," Montgomery volunteers continue to enhance our community's lifestyle while stretching the taxpayer's dollar by generously sharing their time and a myriad of talents.

Making a long term commitment, 63 volunteers serve in a leadership capacity on one of our City's 10 boards or commissions. These teams are the backbone of our Volunteer Program. Approximately 500 additional volunteers, however, prefer an "episodic" (short term) approach to assist with "hands on" projects like Holiday Decorating and flower basket planting or they help to bring our community together by lending a hand at special events like the July 4th Parade and the Bastille Day Celebration.

A grateful "THANK YOU" is extended to each and every one of these volunteers that have made civic participation a priority. Their dedication and commitment to volunteering their time and talents have helped to make Montgomery a unique "community" in which to work and reside.

Antiques "Appraisals in the Park" slated for May 4

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 4, from 1-4 p.m. in Terwilliger Lodge will provide an 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

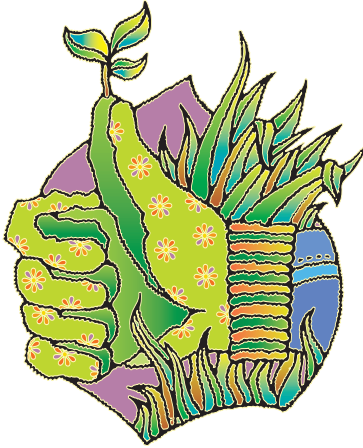
the antiques and collectibles. A \$10 fee will be charged for each appraisal, (3/\$25) with a maximum of three appraisal items per person.

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).

An exhibit of winning photos from the 2008 Montgomery Photo Competition will be on site and light refreshments will be provided. Proceeds benefit community projects sponsored by the Montgomery Arts Commission.

“Green Thumbs” needed for Basket Project

For the past several years the hanging baskets that decorated Montgomery’s streetscape have been gorgeous! The City has received countless accolades from both residents and visitors to our community. This is a wonderful opportunity for garden lovers to join this volunteer team that produces



share some camaraderie with other garden lovers and to swap flower information while contributing your time and

approximately 250 flower filled hanging baskets!

This year volunteers will meet at the Service Center Bldg. (7315 Cornell Rd.) on Monday, April 14, and Tuesday, April 15, from 9 am to 2 pm. This is a great opportunity to

energy to beautify our City. Any amount of time that you can donate will be immensely appreciated! The project will “kick off” with coffee and muffins. Box lunches will be

provided for those volunteers working the entire day.

Please contact Joyce Yock at 792-8329 to sign up or for additional information.

Can you help with this year’s July 4th Parade?

The July 4th Parade, a long time, Montgomery tradition, continues to bring our community together as we celebrate our nation’s birthday. Volunteer opportunities are available for more folks to get involved in both the event planning and the event day organization.



any of the following parade tasks:

Parade Recruitment: work with City staff to recruit new parade entries

Judges: review entries, award trophies & record information for the parade announcer

Parking Lot Line Up Coordinators: check entry registration list to assign line up numbers

Convertible Drivers: provide convertible and drive officials along the parade route

ONFS to sponsor free holiday concert on July 3

Come listen to the cymbals clash and the drums roar at this kick-off to the national independence celebration of July 4th. This July 3rd from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Montgomery Park the Blue Ash/ Montgomery Symphony will perform a melodic presentation of traditional patriotic music and stylistic music representing regions across America in a free public concert.

This free event is made possible by the support of area businesses that partner with the City of Montgomery as community oriented companies or organizations. The financial support by local business helps make this event memorable. If your business is interested in being a part of this great “Americana” event, call the Recreation Director at 792-8317 for more information or see the City web site at www.montgomeryohio.org.

Join us for a fantastic celebration of independence and show your support of patriotism here in our community and throughout our

nation with a concert of tribute to the armed forces, national patriots and hometown heroes.

Contact Joyce Yock at 792-8329 for additional information or if you would like to assist with

April Volunteer Opportunities

- **Basket Planting Project** *Adults*
Monday & Tuesday, April 14 & 15 • 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Service Department Building (7315 Cornell Rd.)
“Dig in” to help plant 250 hanging baskets for our streetscape.
- **Service Department Cardboard Recycling Project** *Adults, Teens & Families*
Saturday, April 19 • 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
7315 Cornell Road
- **Arbor Day “Bag & Tag” Seedling Project** *Teens, Adults & Organizations*
Thursday, April 24 • 4 - 6 p.m.
Service Department Building (7315 Cornell Rd.)
Bag and tag 1,000 tree seedlings for elementary school children.
- **Great American Clean Up Project** *Teens, Adults, Families & Organizations*
Saturday, April 26 • 9 - 11 a. m.
Lend a hand to remove unsightly litter from our City’s ramps and roadsides as we participate in the nation’s largest clean up effort.
- **Service Department Assistants** *Adults*
Monday - Friday • Flexible scheduling
7315 Cornell Road
Provide “hands on” assistance for a variety of indoor/outdoor projects.
- **Pioneer Park Butterfly Garden Maintenance Project** *Adults*
Flexible Time
Help to maintain these unique gardens by doing mulching, weeding and pruning tasks. Specific instructions will be provided.



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

Parks & Recreation Programs

HIGHLIGHTS OF OFFERINGS FROM MONTGOMERY PARKS & RECREATION

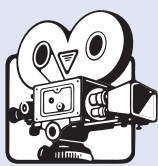
Register for these and other programs online at www.montgomeryohio.org

Taekwondo Lessons

Mondays and Wednesdays; ongoing; 6:30-7:30 pm or 7:30-8:30 pm; Annex Building Emphasis is placed on self-defense, kicking, stretching and promotion to the next belt. This is a year-round course for all ages interested in Taekwondo Korean Karate. Register at the class or at City Hall. *Cost \$35/month (\$40/month NR)*

Vintage Movies

First Friday of each Month; at dusk; Weller Park Mark your calendars! Starting in May on the first Friday of the month (except July) at Weller Park, join us for some flicks under the stars. These vintage movies have stood the test of time and still remain family favorites. Light refreshments for purchasing will be provided by the City of Montgomery Recreation Department, with proceeds going towards park enhancements. All movies are free and will begin at dusk.



May 2:
Karate Kid
June 6:
Back to the Future
August 1:
Footloose
September 5:
The Love Bug

Beginning and Intermediate Bridge

Ages 17 and up
Tuesdays; April 22-May 27; 6-7:30 pm (Beginning), 7:30-9 pm (Intermediate); Twin Lakes at Montgomery Activity Center Card Room (9840 Montgomery Road) Attention Boomers, Seniors, College and High School Students! Start now to learn the game. Bridge is an excellent

hobby. You will meet new friends, keep your mind sharp, and have fun! Warren Buffet and Bill Gates both play bridge. They have learned that bridge is more than a card game. It teaches logic, reasoning, quick thinking, patience, concentration, and partnership skills. Instructor Linda Wolber, is a certified ACBL director, and is a board member of the Cincinnati Bridge Association. *Cost: \$70 resident for 6-week session (\$75 NR)*

Signs to Go Interactive Sign Language and Better Babysitters Workshop

Grades: 5th through 8th
Saturdays, April 12 AND April 19; noon-5 pm; Annex Building This is a fun and interactive workshop that is a perfect combination of learning to sign with hearing babies and toddlers as well as handle their overall care and safety. In this class, participants learn hands on babysitting techniques dealing with such things as: choking, dealing with strangers at the door, CPR and Basic First Aid, Growth development, diapering and feeding. There will also be an introduction to sign language and how it can benefit young children, including enhancing verbal communication, reducing frustration and behavioral problems, and easing separation anxiety, all important information for a new babysitter to learn to be successful in caring for young children. Sign up and get the proper training and certification, then line-up those \$\$-making babysitting opportunities for some extra summer spending cash! *Cost: \$90 for 10-hour session. Minimum 6, maximum 12.*

Young Rembrandt's Spring Drawing

Ages 3-6
Wednesdays, April 9-May 14; 4:15-5 pm; Annex Building Butterflies are all the rage at the start of our spring session. We follow with a birdhouse



complete with a baby bird. Next the ants come marching in and we create the complex village they live in. Bold color flowers and kites that allow us to discover how triangles and lines create a wonderful pattern in which to color. Some of the concepts that we'll work on, other than the skills of drawing and coloring, are: fine motor skills, focus, listening, staying on task, spatial organization and patience. *Cost: \$67 with all materials provided. Minimum 6, Maximum 12*

Young Rembrandt's Cartoon Animated Drawing

Ages 6 to 13 years
Wednesdays; April 9-May 14; 5-6 pm; Annex Building (10115 Montgomery Road) This session will be DELICIOUS! We'll draw cartoons that illustrate what our lunch may experience if it had feelings, how our favorite food would act if it had human characteristics and a sequence of a hungry animal gulping up the food in front of them....SLURP! *Cost: \$67. All materials are provided (Min. 6/ Max. 12)*

Group Golf Lessons (Adult's 16+)

Thursdays, May 8, 15 & 22; 6-7:30 pm; Meet at King's Island Golf Center Start the season off right by getting in the swing by improving that golf swing while enjoying the warmer weather. Sign ups begin April 1. Class size is limited to 10 students, so be sure to sign up early at www.montgomeryohio.org *Cost: \$60 for 3-week session*

Something For Everyone! Summer Camps

Ages: 3-Adult
Lineup your summer early. Register online for camps and programs beginning April 1! www.montgomeryohio.org

Kick your summer off right by signing up for one or more of our fun and non-competitive camps to keep you and your family healthy and active as well as creatively challenged! Youth offerings include Skyhawks Sports Camps (Tiny, Mini and Multi Sport and Golf), Young Rembrandt's Art, Queen City Youth Cycling, Enriching Kidz-Better Babysitting and Home Alone Camp, and



Harper's Point Tennis. Adults have the options of King's Island Golf Instruction, Harper's Point Tennis, or get in shape for the Tour de Montgomery Bike Ride to include a family ride or longer distances sponsored by the City and the Heartstone Foundation on Saturday, July 19. There will be something for everyone to get out and enjoy the longer days and warm summer weather.

Questions about Parks & Recreation Programs?

For further information, call 792-8317 or 792-8348.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Registration for pass holders begins May 5.
Non-pass holders may begin registration May 19.

- Session A: June 9 - 19** (Registration May 5 to June 6)
- Session B: June 23 - July 3** (Registration June 19 to June 22 at 2 pm)
- Session C: July 7 - 17** (Registration July 3 to July 6 at 2 pm)
- Session D: July 21 - 31** (Registration July 17 to July 20 at 2 pm)
- Session E: August 4 - 14** (Registration July 31 to August 3 at 2 pm)

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 and there is a \$25 cancellation fee at all times. 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.

| Lesson Times & Levels | | | | | |
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| | Session A | Session B | Session C | Session D | Session E |
| 9:00 a.m. | 1 2 6 8 | 1 2 3 7 | 3 5 | 1 2 3 7 | 4 5 |
| 9:35 a.m. | 1 2 3 7 | 1 2 6 8 | 1 2 8 | 1 2 6 8 | 1 2 8 |
| 10:15 a.m. | 2 3 8 | 2 3 | 2 3 8 | 2 3 | 2 3 8 |
| 6:00 p.m. | 1 3 7 | 1 3 7 | 2 4 7 | 1 3 7 | 2 4 |
| 6:35 p.m. | 2 4 6 | 2 4 6 | 1 3 6 | 2 4 6 | 1 3 |

Skill Levels

Skill levels detailed at www.montgomeryohio.org

- LEVEL 1 WATER EXPLORATION:** child must be able to leave parent and test water
- LEVEL 2 PRIMARY SKILLS:** comfortable up to 2 feet of water; able to submerge
- LEVEL 3 STROKE READINESS:** able to float; able to use arm stroke and kick 5 yards
- LEVEL 4 STROKE DEVELOPMENT:** able to swim front crawl with rhythmic breathing for 20 yards and swim back crawl
- LEVEL 5 STROKE REFINEMENT:** able to dive in deep water; able to perform front, back, breast and side strokes for 15 yards

Special Classes

LEVELS 6 7 & 8

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

Splash and Play: (LEVEL 8) The class is 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.

Can you “mako” the Makos Swim Team?

The Montgomery Makos Swim team is focused on building stronger swimmers with great teamwork skills, an attitude of dedication and an interest in having fun while staying fit!

Summer practices run from 8:45-11am for one hour sessions dependent on age and skills. Practices run June 4 to July 25 starting with Meet the Coaches nights to welcome all team members and assess swimming abilities.



Swimmers must be able to swim 25 meters freestyle. This is a great way to build a lifelong skill, meet new friends and stay

cool this summer at the pool!

Team schedules, meet service registration and general rules and expectations will be covered at the mandatory April 8 parent meeting starting at 6:30pm at Terwilliger Lodge in Dulle Park. Sign ups for the meet positions will be on a first come basis at the parent meeting and one parent from each family is required to sign up to work a minimum of four meets.

Cost is \$95 for the first swimmer and \$75 for additional swimmers in the family. A \$75 service deposit and a pool membership is required for registration. The swim team is a member of the Tri-County Swim League and will be participating in 6-7 season meets, local swim invitationals and league championships at Miami University at the end of July.

For questions about the swim team, call City Hall at 891-2424. A parent's packet will be available on the city website www.montgomeryohio.org.

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All Around Town

Spring Plant Swap Slated for April 26

Spring has FINALLY sprung and with it comes an opportunity to trade perennials with your

neighbors at the 13th annual spring Plant Swap. Sponsored by the Beautification and Tree Commission, the event is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, from 9-11 am

in the City Hall parking lot. Those wishing to take plants home should come prepared with bags or containers for transporting their newly acquired

plants. Flower bulbs and tubers are also welcome at the "Swap." In addition, the commission will display one of the 250 hanging baskets that was flower filled by volunteers at this month's hanging basket project. Stop by for a sneak peak of what is yet to come this spring in the Heritage District streetscape.

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. The next class will be offered July 7.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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| 1 | Park Study Sub-committee | Terwilliger Lodge | 5:30 pm |
| 2 | Council Business Session | City Hall | 7 pm |
| 5 | Help filing tax forms | City Hall | 9 am - noon |
| 7 | Arts Commission | City Hall | 5 pm |
| 7 | Planning Commission | City Hall | 7:30 pm |
| 8 | Environmental Advisory Commission | City Hall | 4:30 pm |
| 9 | Landmarks Commission | City Hall | 7 pm |
| 9 | Park Study Sub-committee | Terwilliger Lodge | 5:30 pm |
| 10 | Parks & Recreation Commission | City Hall | 6:30 pm |
| 12 | Help filing tax forms/Meet & Greet | City Hall | 9 am - noon |
| 14 | Basket Planting Project | Service Dept. | 9 am - 2 pm |
| 15 | Basket Planting Project | Service Dept. | 9 am - 2 pm |
| 15 | Sister Cities Commission | City Hall | 7 pm |
| 15 | 2007 City Tax Forms Due/1st Qtr. 2008 Taxes Due | | |
| 19 | Cardboard Recycling | 7315 Cornell Road | 10 am - 1 pm |
| 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 |
| 24 | Arbor Day bag & tag seedling project | Service Dept. | 4-6 pm |
| 26 | Great American Clean Up Day/Spring Plant Swap | City Hall | 9 am |
| 26 | Kids Garage Sale & Bike Maintenance | Safety Center | 9-11 am |
| 26 | Open House | Safety Center | 11 am - 2 pm |

Learn CPR during FREE April 7 class

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 CPR course on Monday, April 7. Entitled "CPR for Family & Friends," the course is available without charge to Montgomery residents.

The April 7 class will start promptly at 7 p.m. and will conclude about 10 p.m.

The class is an introductory course from

SHS students' art featured in Starbuck's

On Sundays between March 14 and April 11, Starbuck's in Historic Montgomery will host a free art show featuring works by students in the Sycamore High School Advanced Placement Studio Class.

The weekly Sunday show is being coordinated by Bruno Zabaglio, curator of recent shows such as "Artists for a Cause", "Artists for JDRF", "Seven" and "Sensory Sundays," and Sycamore High School Art Teacher Margaret Copfer.