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## Patriotic concert to celebrate America July 3

Montgomery Park will again be the venue for the annual Independence Day concert on July 3 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. The Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony will perform a musical tribute to freedom in a production entitled Music Across America. Thanks to generous support of area businesses, the concert will be offered free of charge.



### Music Across America Sponsors

**Ohio National  
Financial Services**

**Bethesda North Hospital**

**Montgomery Square  
Shopping Plaza**

**Cincinnati Pool Management**

**Rumpke**

**Frost Brown Todd, LLC**

**HORAN**

**Donnellon, Donnellon and Miller  
Attorneys at Law**

**Blue Ash / Montgomery Rotary Club**

**McBride Dale Clarion**

**CDS Associates, Inc.**

**Twin Lakes at Montgomery  
Retirement Community**

**Vivian Llambi and Associates**

**James Free Jewelers**

Boy Scout troop #258 sponsored by Montgomery Presbyterian Church will present the colors and Mayor Harbison will kick-off this 6th annual free concert. During the concert, special recognition will be offered to the American armed forces, veterans, national patriots and

hometown heroes. The Rotary Club and the Symphony Guild will offer food and drinks.



The registration/raffle booth for the Tour de Montgomery bike ride (see story on page 9) and a booth by Montgomery

Women's Club will also be available.

## Independence Day Activities

**9:45 AM**

### Bikes on Parade

Meet at the Montgomery Elementary parking lot on July 4 and bike to Montgomery Park in the Independence Day Parade. All youth 5 and older are invited to be creative by adding streamers, cards, tassels, balloons, flags and flowers to their bikes! Decorate at home, then put on the final touches with us before the patriotic ride! Meet at the City Hall carport after the parade for a free squirt gun and popsicle, plus three free tickets to use at the July 4th Festival.

**10 AM**

### July 4th Parade

Parade participants will depart from various assembly locations on Cooper Road, proceed east to Montgomery Road and travel north to Montgomery Park. This year's parade will feature a plethora of floats, vintage cars, military units, an official Town Crier, the Sons of the American Revolution/Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard, elected officials, Sycamore High School Marching Band, the Syrian Clowns, and the Santa Goody Bag Band.



**11 AM - 2 PM**

### Montgomery July 4th Festival

Montgomery's Independence Day Festival immediately follows the parade from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Montgomery Park. The Blue Chip Jazz Band and Waiting on Ben will perform. Kids' games, pony rides, food booths, Pet Show, moonwalk and more will be featured.

**1 PM**

### July 4th Pet Show

Dogs, cats & exotics will enter the ring to vie for a coveted blue ribbon. Registration will be offered from noon to 1 p.m., with judging beginning at 1:15 pm. This year's judges will be Tami Benton and Dee Sprague/Aussie Pet Mobile. Representatives from Pedigree Interiors will be on site to share information about their non-profit organization supporting UCann and NUTRO will be the "official" treat of the 2008 Montgomery Pet Show.

**3-5 PM**

### Splash-tacular

Stay cool at the pool with games and prizes! Pool members free, guests \$3.

# New residents to receive information guide from City

New residents of Montgomery are excited about their recent move. The days following the move present residents a natural curiosity about what Montgomery has to offer. In order to address the myriad of questions a new resident may have, the City has developed a New Resident Packet to offer clear, helpful



and positive information, while setting the stage for engaging and involving new residents in the work of community. Information includes a section on basic utilities and area services to help ease the setup process of a new home. This basic information is presented as a convenient

magnet so as to be accessible when everything else may still be in boxes. Also included is a resource guide covering frequently asked questions on topics from yardwaste and garbage pick-up to park locations and leash laws. The booklet is organized into alphabetized headings for ease of finding topics.

Other pieces within the new resident packet give a broad

overview of area businesses, government services, community demographics, the school system, Montgomery parks and volunteer opportunities throughout the community along with easy to read maps showing the location of many of these Montgomery facilities and contact numbers for services.

The new packets will be sent out monthly beginning in July.

## COUNCIL CORNER

### Public hearing planned July 2 for rezoning issue

Montgomery City Council will conduct a public hearing on July 2 at City Hall to consider a zoning map amendment to rezone the following properties from General Business (GB) to Limited Business (LB):

- Parcel # 603-0008-0223**  
10100 Montgomery Road
- 603-0008-0504**  
10000 Montgomery Road
- 603-0008-0350**  
9990 Montgomery Road
- 603-0008-0280**  
9990 Montgomery Road
- 602-0008-0279**  
8100 Montgomery Road

Public comment is welcomed during the hearing. Those who cannot attend may provide written comments in advance of the meeting. Comments should be sent to the City of Montgomery Development Department, 10101 Montgomery Road. A copy of the Limited Business zoning regulations with proposed changes and the proposed zoning map can be viewed at the Montgomery Building Department during regular business hours (7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

Montgomery City Council will meet in its regular monthly business session on July 2, 2008 at the City Hall. Meetings begin at 7 p.m., with public comment welcomed on each item before Council.

#### PENDING LEGISLATION

- An ordinance to amend appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Montgomery during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008
- A resolution to adopt the Mission, Vision and Values for the City of Montgomery
- An ordinance authorizing defeasance of a portion of the various purpose refunding bonds, series 2003, agreement, authorizing the purchase of state and local government securities to fund an escrow fund (2nd Reading)
- An ordinance authorizing termination of a property tax exemption grant pursuant to Section 5709.40 of the Ohio Revised Code (2nd Reading)
- An ordinance modifying stormwater easement and granting overhang easement to Montgomery Gateway Partners, LLC (2nd Reading)

#### NEW LEGISLATION

- A resolution adopting a tax budget for 2009
- A resolution supporting the Drug Abuse Resistance

Education (D.A.R.E.) Program and authorizing the filing and execution of a grant request to the Ohio Attorney General's Office for the continuing efforts of the D.A.R.E. Program

- A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Hamilton County General Health District for public health services during 2009
- A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Vivian Llambi

and Associates for professional services related to the design of public improvements at the Neuilly Plaisance

- An ordinance defining the procedure to establish a Community Entertainment District
- An ordinance adopting modifications to the Limited Business District Regulations
- An ordinance rezoning five properties abutting the east side of Montgomery Road north of Market Place Lane

## Recent Council Action

#### JUNE 4 BUSINESS SESSION

- A resolution accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Terry Asphalt Materials, Inc., for the 2008 bituminous "black mat" surfacing (passed 7-0)
- A resolution accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with John R. Jurgensen Company for the 2008 street resurfacing program (passed 7-0)
- A resolution accepting a bid and authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with Summit Fire Apparatus, Inc. for the purchase of a pumper fire truck (passed 7-0)
- A resolution authorizing

the City Manager to contract with Frost Brown Todd, LLC, to provide special counsel services (passed 7-0)

- An ordinance authorizing defeasance of a portion of the various purpose refunding bonds, series 2003, agreement, authorizing the purchase of state and local government securities to fund an escrow fund (1st reading passed 7-0)
- An ordinance authorizing termination of a property tax exemption grant pursuant to Section 5709.40 of the Ohio Revised Code (1st reading passed 7-0)
- An ordinance modifying stormwater easement and granting overhang easement to Montgomery Gateway Partners, LLC (1st reading passed 7-0)

# Bastille Day festivities set July 12

Marie-Antoinette's infamous words "Let them eat cake," will be the theme of this year's July 12 Bastille Day celebration. In honor of its 19th year as sister city with Neuilly-Plaisance, France, the French holiday will be observed from noon to 11 p.m.

Area restaurants will feature a variety of French cuisine as well as American favorites. In the street café area guests can

enjoy raffles, strolling artists, musicians, and cooking demonstrations. The kids area will offer games, face painting, clowns, an "Under the Sea" moonwalk, as well as other fun activities. Highlighted events include:

**NOON**  
**Mayor's Proclamation**

**12-1 PM**  
**Sycamore Community Band**  
(National Anthem/marches)

## July 11 Sister Cities picnic to kick off Bastille Day celebration

The annual Bastille Day "Piquenique," sponsored by the Sister Cities Commission, the French American Chamber of Commerce and the Alliance Francaise of Cincinnati, is scheduled for Friday, July 11, from 7-11 pm at Swaim Park. Community members are invited to attend this family event to experience the way Bastille Day is celebrated in villages throughout France.

The event is free, but requires

that you bring your favorite, homemade, summer dish (serves 6) to share. Prizes will be awarded for the best cooks and beverages will be available for purchase. The buffet dinner will be followed by a traditional "Bal" (dancing under the stars in the Swaim Park gazebo).

Since space is limited, call the European American Chamber of Commerce (513.852.6510) to make a reservation by July 8.

## July Volunteer Opportunities

- **Parade-Convertible Drivers** (Adults)  
Friday, July 4 • 9-11 am  
Parade Route: Cooper Road to Montgomery Park
- **Parade-Organizers/Judges** (Adults)  
Friday, July 4 • 8:30-10:30 am  
Cooper Road
- **Festival Game Booth Managers** (Teens)  
Friday, July 4 • 11:45 am-2 pm  
Montgomery Park
- **Bastille Day Set Up Assistants** (Teens & Adults)  
Saturday, July 12 • 8 am-12 pm  
Downtown Montgomery
- **Bastille Day Game Booth Managers** (Teens)  
Saturday, July 12 • 11 am-8 pm (3-hour shifts)  
Downtown Montgomery
- **Bastille Day Wine Booth** (Adults Only)  
Saturday, July 12 • 11:45 am-11 pm  
Minimum of a two-hour shift  
Downtown Montgomery
- **Service Department Recycling Project** (Adults, Teens & Families)  
Saturday, July 19 • 10 am-1 pm  
7315 Cornell Road



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

**12-8 PM**  
**Art Exhibit:** Held at the Universalist Church, the exhibit will feature the 2008 Montgomery Photo Contest winning entries, the 2009 City Calendar entries, Sycamore High School; Recycling Sculpture Contest entries & awards; French Art & Artifacts-French Rendez-vous; French travel information-Prestige Travel and a French furniture display-House of France.

**12:30-3 PM**  
**Kevin Fox Band** (pop)

**1 PM**  
**Recycling Sculpture Awards**

**1 PM & 5:30 PM**  
**Historic Walking Tour:** Join a free guided tour of the exteriors of 10 of Montgomery's preserved landmark homes and buildings (c. 1804). Meet at Universalist Church.

**1:30 & 2:30 PM**  
**Madame GiGi's Can-Can Dancers**

**3-6 PM**  
**Ooh La La & the Greasers**  
(50s/60s)

**4 PM**  
**Diaper Derby:** Sign up at the City Information Booth to enter your "crawler" in the 4th annual Diaper Derby or pre-register on the City's website.

**4-6 PM**  
**Wine Tasting:** hosted at Salon Bastille. Cost \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Includes six wines to taste. Limit 50 guests. Register at City Hall or at [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org).

**4-8 PM**  
**Red Idle** (covers/rock)

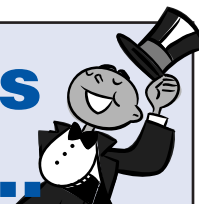
**4 - 10 PM**  
**Guitar Hero Booth:** Spend a buck to challenge your friends to a flying finger guitar duel!

**8-11 PM**  
**Menus** (pop/rock)

**9-11 PM**  
**Mistics** (Motown favorites)

More details relating to the celebration are available at [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org).

## Hats Off...



To all the volunteers that helped to plant thousands of flowers during the May Beautification Week. Thanks to their efforts, our City's medians and parks are abundantly filled with flowers. A gigantic "THANK YOU" is extended to the following organizations that participated in this successful team project:

- Blue Ash/Montgomery Rotary
- Montgomery Arts Commission
- Montgomery Beautification & Tree Commission
- Montgomery Elementary Second Graders
- Montgomery Environmental Advisory Commission
- Montgomery Parks & Recreation Commission
- Indianwoods Homeowners Association
- Maple Dale Elementary Second Graders
- Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy
- Montgomery City Council
- Montgomery City Employees
- Montgomery Moms
- Montgomery Presbyterian Church
- Montgomery Sister Cities Commission
- Montgomery Woman's Club-Lazy Daisy Garden Club
- Mormon Youth Group
- Ralphine & Gary Gentzler
- Symmes Elementary Second Graders
- The Atkinson Family
- The Neal Family
- The Taylor Family

# Gas prices encourage local fun options

As gas prices soar, staying local for family entertainment, dining and shopping offers significant cost savings. Many families are feeling the strain of higher gas prices and are thinking twice about summer vacations, taking advantage of car-pooling options and combining trips to be more conscientious of the cost of the every day errands and summer outings.

Montgomery has much to offer. Within the 5.2 square miles of the community, there are more than 53 area retailers, 24 restaurants, 6 neighborhood parks, a nature preserve, a community pool, convenient grocery options and other

specialty options like ice cream shops, local pubs, a cycle shop and more to fill up the long days of summer with convenient fun!

Driving just to downtown Cincinnati costs \$16 (a 25 mile roundtrip at 18 miles per \$4 gallon of gas, plus the \$10 to park). A shopping trip to the Jeffersonville outlets costs \$25, a trip to an Ohio State game is \$42. Even a quick trip to



Kenwood Mall or Mason to shop or dine just twice a week costs \$10 in fuel costs. These “errands” start to add up and don’t include the everyday excursions to the grocery, kid’s camps or sport games, work or church. Staying local not only helps to support those businesses

that have invested in the community, but keeps money in your pocket.

Thom Monahan of The Life

Purpose Center of Montgomery went a step further to suggest that area teens seeking summer employment need to consider the impact of travel costs when considering local job opportunities versus a longer commute. Thom, as a local businessman, also suggested that teens should consider cycling to work as a way to increase the cost savings for fuel, reduce aggravation with parking and do their part in reducing the impact on the environment.

In addition to local businesses, the community has six parks, miles of scenic walk/bike paths, a family-oriented community pool and a nature preserve to create individualized family adventures. The parks offer fishing ponds in both Pioneer and Swaim Parks, a historic property at Swaim Park and lodges in both Swaim and Dulle Parks for hosting family functions. There are seven shelters and gazebos within scenic park settings that can be reserved for free and make for an attractive picnic or reunion venue with sport fields and playgrounds in close proximity, not to mention wooded areas and streams, wildlife and natural areas and cozy benches for quality conversation.

The main roadways, Cooper, Montgomery, Deerfield, ZigZag and Pfeiffer Roads to name a few, are marked with a paver every tenth of a mile so that bikers, walkers, and runners alike can keep track of their distance. Also, the multi-use 8 foot pathways throughout Montgomery interconnect parks and area neighborhoods for convenient, safe access. More than two miles of walking trails within the parks add to the options for casual or fitness use. Details about each distance marked pathway and the trail system within the parks can be found at [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org) under parks and recreation “walking routes.”

## Go to Montgomery for vacation

Expenses for a family vacation can really add up! A trip to Disney World would cost \$410 in fuel alone (\$4 per gallon at 18 mpg)! Even closer venues like Hocking Hills or Cedar Point still have high price tags with fuel climbing beyond all time highs. A little creativity can replace these costs with environmentally conscious, local family fun!

**Pool Membership:** at \$245 for a family equals out to about \$2.50 per day for a family of five; just 50-cents per person for some

cool fun in the sun! Despite the economy of the membership, there’s lots to do: Tuesday kids hours from 3-4 p.m every week, family Luau’s, Dive-In Movies and the July 4th SPLASHtacular event. Also, site amenities, school-age playground, toddler pool, basketball court, party gazebo, and tether balls add to the entertainment options on site.

**Johnson Nature Preserve:** Lose yourself in the cool shade of the tree canopy, the babble and songs of the creek and its

inhabitants and the quiet of nature. The Johnson Nature Preserve is a little known treasure with 7 acres of natural forested land and wildlife just waiting to be explored and admired. Just a bit down Deerfield Road are two adjacent parks, Dulle and Pioneer, although not nature preserves, both parks offer opportunities for exploration either in the woods, in meadows or along a creek bank.

**Summer Events/Festivals:** Numerous public events offer great family fun. Montgomery’s two largest events, the July 4th Parade & Festival, and the Sister Cities Bastille Day celebration are great examples of family-oriented venues that have something fun planned for all ages within walking or cycling distance of most every home. Other great events for the youngsters include the annual Touch-A-Truck event at Weller Park on the first Thursday of August, and the Vintage Movie series at Weller Park on the first Monday of the month (*more details on City events available on the City website*).

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Sign up for email services

Did you know that you can subscribe to receive email notifications on the following topics:

- City Council and special meeting reminders
- City Council meeting agendas

You can also sign up to receive the electronic version of the *Montgomery Bulletin*. You would receive the *Bulletin* several days before the mailed version is delivered! You can sign up for these updates and newsletters on the City’s website at [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org) under the “Online Services” column, with the heading “Subscribe for Updates.”

# Road work making progress toward improvements

Work is progressing on a variety of construction projects which impact local travel. Here's an update of progress:

## Montgomery Road widening:

The Ohio Department of Transportation widening project north of Weller Road is now substantially complete between Weller Road and Calumet Way in Symmes Township. Construction is now underway between Calumet Way and Fields Ertel Road.

**I-275 Noise Barriers:** The Ohio Department of Transportation is expected to complete work in November on installation of the I-275 Noise Barrier Wall between Montgomery Road and Loveland-Madeira Road. Wall panel installation along the south side of the highway is complete and work has begun along the north side of I-275.

## Jolain Drive Sidewalks:

Sidewalks along the north side of Jolain Drive are currently out for bids. It is anticipated that construction will begin in mid to late August, with completion by October 15.

## Bethesda North Entrance:

Intersection improvements on Montgomery Road at the main entrance to Bethesda North Hospital are scheduled to begin in early to mid July, with completion by late fall.

**Bell Towers:** Installation of additional Bell Towers in the Montgomery Heritage District will be completed by mid September.

**Street Resurfacing:** The annual maintenance program will include nearly 3½ centerline miles of roadways throughout the City. Streets included on this year's program are listed on the City's website. Construction is

projected to begin after the July 4 holiday weekend. .

## Bituminous Black Mat Project:

This project includes the application of a thin layer of asphalt on two streets; Deerfield Road (between the entrance to Dulle Park and the Montgomery-Blue Ash corporation limits) and on Weller Road (between Indianwoods Drive and Convo Court). The project is scheduled to begin in mid to late July and will be completed by the end of August.

## Montgomery Heritage District Streetscape:

Plans call for the removal and replacement of the clay paver sidewalk, large street trees and refurbishment of street lights along the east side of Montgomery Road between Remington and Cooper Roads. Preliminary plans and specifications are completed with the project advertising for bids in mid July. The project

should begin in mid September and be substantially completed by mid November.

## Sidewalk Repair Program:

Replacement or repairs to public sidewalks is now underway. Work on paver sidewalk repairs will be completed by mid July. Asphalt sidewalk repairs will be completed by late July. Concrete sidewalk repairs will begin in mid to late July and will be completed by mid August. The focus area for this year's sidewalk repair program is east of Montgomery Road and north of Pfeiffer Road

*Construction updates will be featured again in the **September Montgomery Bulletin** 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.*

# Montgomery doing its part to go GREEN

The City of Montgomery has been taking strides to be conscientious conservationists in all veins of local government services. Besides continued recognition as a Tree City USA and the recognition of the public for both the beauty and the environmental value of plant life in the community, the City implements less obvious means of managing its environmental assets.

Internally, the City recycles office paper and plastics in each of our buildings and embraces simple measures, like turning lights off or using low-flow toilets. The City also completed an energy audit, adjusting the wattage of light bulbs, ventilation and thermostats to become more energy efficient. The purchase of a GEM car is being researched as an alternative for a pick up truck replacement scheduled for this year. The electric GEM car

would be used by employees that complete project, site or property inspections within the City limits.

Externally, the community might notice changes within the parks that are "green." The greenscape used at Swaim Park for geese management and erosion control around Todd Pond, the recycled plastic in the playgrounds and the paper-free hand dryers in the restrooms are just a few efforts quietly undertaken. Outside the parks, LEDs in traffic signals have added to efficiency, recycling programs for computers and eWaste, mercury thermometers, and cardboard reduce landfill materials, and yard waste and brush pick-up services reuse these organic materials to meet other needs. Other design elements encourage walking/cycling as alternative means of transportation between neighborhoods, parks

and the business community with wider sidewalks, available bike racks, enforced speed limits, well-marked cross walks and lighting throughout the community for safe use.

Looking forward, the City will continue to promote environmental sustainability. The park study recommendation contains several elements, from use of natural materials and permeable surfaces to geothermal heating for all-season restrooms and rain gardens, that seek to take advantage of the newest technologies in preserving the environment. The zoning code requires



natural screening, dictates percentage of green space for residential developments and commercial properties, and limits the amount of impervious surfaces on each site. The recent comprehensive community plan

encourages preservation of trees, use of natural materials and alternate energy options in design criteria. The police and fire departments have utilized energy saving florescent light bulbs, worked to reduce fuel costs by consolidating trips when appropriate and set thermostats at levels that reduce energy usage when possible. Overall, the effort is to lead the way and set a positive example as champions of our environment.

## Bethesda North program ready to offer help

From programs that promote active lifestyles to home-health technology that boost independence, TriHealth Seniors' Health offers a wealth of services to benefit area seniors. Seniors' Health is a division of TriHealth, the community partnership of Bethesda North and Good Samaritan hospitals.

Accessing the right services for seniors can be confusing, but TriHealth makes it as simple as a phone call to its free information and referral resource, TriHealth Navigator for Senior Services. Three licensed social workers with a combined 52 years of experience comprise TriHealth

Navigator, a service that directs callers through a network of senior service options. Navigator staff connect callers to those services best suited to their needs, whether within TriHealth or throughout the community.

"Our goal is to help remove the guesswork from finding viable solutions for seniors," explains Brett Kirkpatrick, director of TriHealth Seniors' Health. "Our staff has incredible expertise and knowledge in the field of aging."

TriHealth Navigator is the latest addition to a comprehensive continuum of services geared toward older adults. Many Montgomery residents already

are familiar with TriHealth Seniority, a free senior membership program offered through Bethesda North Hospital. Seniority helps members maintain healthier, more active lives through educational classes, special events and awesome group travel opportunities.

For older adults who need a little extra help to live safely at home, TriHealth Lifeline® & Home Connections® provides an array of products and services, including Cincinnati's only locally answered personal emergency response service. Worn as a watch, pendant or wristband, TriHealth Lifeline

requires just a push of a button to call for assistance 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Some seniors require more care to enable them to remain living in their own homes. For these older adults, TriHealth SeniorLink may be an option. SeniorLink is southwest Ohio's only Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly, a service that addresses the medical, rehabilitative, social and personal care needs of seniors through one program.

For information on any aging-related issues, call TriHealth Navigator for Senior Services at 513-569-6200.

## Area Agency on Aging offers advice on Senior issues

If you're an aging American, or caring for one, you are being courted by every conceivable enterprise claiming to add shine to your golden years.

You've heard about long-term care insurance, assisted living, reverse mortgages, Medicare D plans, home health care, adult day services, retirement

communities and more.

How do you and your loved ones sort it all out? Will you be able to "age in place" in your home? What help is available, how do you know if you qualify and whether it's right for you? Where do you start?

Many questions can be addressed by the Area Agency

on Aging (AAA), among the more than 600 chapters nationwide. The local AAA serving the Montgomery area is the Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio (COA). Based in Springdale, COA is a non-profit organization designated by the Ohio Department of Aging to serve the older adults of Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton and Warren counties.

"Thousands of older adults are leading better lives because of the programs and services offered through Council on Aging," said CEO Suzanne Burke. "Without our services, many seniors would have to leave their homes and go into nursing facilities. We're also an unbiased, reliable source of information with nearly 40 years experience."

COA receives federal, state and

local funding. Services such as information, referrals, long-term care consultations and caregiver support are free. Home-care programs are free of charge or set at an affordable level, depending on a person's financial resources.

The mission of Council on Aging is to help older adults remain independent at home by providing a range of high-quality services. These include:

- Community Resources and Information
- In-home and community-based care
- Long-term Care Consultations
- Caregiver Education and Support

For answers on aging, call 513-721-1025 and visit [www.help4seniors.org](http://www.help4seniors.org).

### You're Invited

If you're a Boomer, you recently received a letter from Gov. Ted Strickland about the importance of planning for your future long-term care. As part of the governor's initiative, we invite anyone to join us for Own Your Future, an event featuring information from experts on topics such as: Medicare and Medicaid, long-term care insurance, advance directives, housing options, home-care and more. July 2, 5-7 p.m. Mason Community Center, 6050 Mason Montgomery Road. Info: 721-1025.

# Annual events help make Montgomery a special place



This month's message by Mayor Gerri Harbison

As Summer begins in earnest, thoughts naturally turn to the great outdoors and ways to celebrate the extra hours of sun and warmth ahead of us. Here in Montgomery we are so lucky to have not only our parks and sidewalks as ways to interact with our community, but also the many special summer events that bring us all together. For me, summer begins with the planting of the flowerbeds as our many volunteers and staff come together to roll out the welcome mat and beautify our city for the days ahead.

Next come all the special events that help create family memories and a true hometown feel. Other communities may

have larger regional events, but nothing beats the slice of true Americana that is our July 3 Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Concert followed the very next day by our hometown Parade and July 4th Festival in the Park. From the pony rides to the pet contest to the All Star T-Ball Game to music for all ages, these events warm your heart and show the small town feeling of our community, even in this high tech day and age. And if the day is a scorcher as it usually is, head on over to the Montgomery Pool and cool off as you enjoy old time fun in the sun!

Of course, I would be remiss to not mention Bastille Day. Many folks ask why we celebrate the French Bastille Day. I say "Why Not!" Nothing beats a good old-fashioned street party right in the middle of our Historic Downtown

Heritage District. You get to see all your neighbors and old friends, make new friends and celebrate not only our wonderful Sister Cities relationship but just truly enjoying life.

And speaking of our Downtown, when I walk the charming streets of our Historic Downtown District, it is amazing what Montgomery has become. From a small town of taverns that was a rest stop on the way to somewhere else, we have grown into a premier residential community that is the envy of others. We have good schools, quaint businesses, wonderful choices in restaurants, beautiful homes and parks. We are fortunate to have world class medical care so close when we need it the most. What more can we ask for! At regional meetings I attend on behalf of Montgomery, I repeatedly hear

how special and unique our city is – many times the phrase that is used is people can "tell when they are in Montgomery". And that is because of our talented city staff and residents, many who work tirelessly to volunteer their time and creativity to make Montgomery feel like it is the true gem it has become.

Of course, this is just a sampling of what our city has to offer over these summer days. Check out the website or peruse the Montgomery Bulletin for events that will help make this summer memorable for you. I look forward to seeing you as we enjoy the warmth of the days ahead!

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

## Planning Commission gives approval to Twin Lakes plan

During its June 2 session, Montgomery Planning Commission approved the site plan for Twin Lakes' proposed new garden home project on Montgomery Road. The 23 unit development has been planned on approximately 5.2 acres south of the Montgomery Safety Center.

Previously, Montgomery City Council had expressed a willingness to create a public access drive across from the City Annex (*on the north edge of Montgomery Park*) to provide a common access for this project and undeveloped land to the south.

The Planning Commission determined that the layout of the project and the planned private



drive off the public access point did meet the standards for the type of development planned. The 23 units will be built on one parcel of land, which will be owned and managed by Twin Lakes.

Planning Commission members provided a significant time for considering the landscape plan along Montgomery Road, as well as pedestrian access for the future residents. Currently,

there is no sidewalk along the east side of Montgomery Road, prompting concern about how pedestrians would access Montgomery Park, Montgomery Square Shopping Center and other nearby destinations.

To address the concerns, Twin Lakes has agreed to install sidewalks along its frontage whenever sidewalks are installed on neighboring properties. In the interim, Twin Lakes will provide a connection from the new residences to the partially completed walking path in Indian Hill. That path connects to Twin Lakes' Hopewell Road campus and will eventually extend to the Main Campus across from Mitchell Farm.

### 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**

# The people behind the project...

As reported in last month's *Bulletin*, members of the Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy (MCLA) installed a beautifully landscaped seating area and a people/pet drinking fountain at Swaim Park.

Posing for a picture at the new place of solitude are (back row/ left to right) Jonathan Keith, Michael Hinzman, Thom Monahan, Ray Miller, Chris Hilsabeck and Jim Ryerson; (front row/left to

right) Bob Saul, Carolyn Buffington, Greg Leader, Phil Schwartz, Steven Boord, Meg Keim and Ray Miller.

Recruitment for MCLA 2009 is now underway. The Academy is seeking applicants that either live or work in Montgomery. For more information, contact Ray Kingsbury at 792- 8359 ([rkingsbury@ci.montgomery.oh.us](mailto:rkingsbury@ci.montgomery.oh.us)) or visit [www.montgomeryohio.org/academy](http://www.montgomeryohio.org/academy).



# It pays to recycle in Montgomery!

The City of Montgomery is familiar with the old adage "one man's trash is another man's treasure." This new recycling pilot program is trying to change that. Your trash is your own treasure, because RecycleBank is paying you for it.

The concept, called Incentive Based Recycling, is to increase recycling rates by providing a direct financial incentive for people to reduce, reuse and recycle.

This pilot program will provide customers with a 65 gallon



wheeled recycling container a bit smaller than the garbage toter that all residents currently use for their trash. The recycling container and Rumpke collection truck are equipped to

weigh and document each household's recyclables. Those pounds of recycled items will be converted to valuable coupons!

Participating households can earn up to \$35 RecycleBank Dollars a month, which can be redeemed at local and national participating businesses, including Starbucks, Staples, Whole Foods, and Home Depot. Participants use an online interface to choose which coupons they prefer. The coupons can also be donated to a charitable organization.

The more each household

recycles, the more rewards can be earned each month!

City Staff, Rumpke and the Montgomery Citizens' Environmental Advisory Commission has planned informational open houses on the new recycling program coming to Montgomery:

**Tuesday July 8**  
4 - 7 p.m.  
*City Hall*

**Tuesday, July 15**  
4 - 7 p.m.  
*Swaim Park*

**Tuesday, July 22**  
4 - 7 p.m.  
*Terwilliger Lodge*

Interested residents are invited to stop in any time during the open house for information and to talk with representatives regarding specific questions.

Residents unable to attend an open house can also get more information by visiting [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org) or calling 891-2424.

Residents who are already interested in participation can sign up for the program online or can complete and return the information card at left.

## Montgomery's RecycleBank Program

**Yes, I want to do my part for the environment and participate in the RecycleBank Program. Please deliver a recycling container to:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



Please drop off or mail this request to:

**City of Montgomery  
10101 Montgomery Rd  
Montgomery OH 45242**

# Tour de Montgomery planned July 19

Bicycle enthusiasts of all ages are invited to participate in the second annual Tour de Montgomery cycling benefit ride on Saturday, July 19. The event generates funding for the non-profit group HeartStone



Foundation, which offers financial assistance to local individuals facing medical emergencies so they can

concentrate on healing.

The event is offered for riders of all ages and ability levels. Ride options include a 70 mile route with challenging hills, a 35 mile route with rolling terrain, a 25 mile novice route, and a 7 mile family ride.

All rides will begin at Montgomery Elementary

School, 9609 Montgomery Road. Start times will be from 8 to 9:30 a.m., depending on the route chosen.

Registration before July 12 is \$30 for an individual rider or for an entire family participating in the family ride. Registration is \$35 after July 12. For more information, and to register for the ride, visit [www.heartstonefoundation.org](http://www.heartstonefoundation.org) or follow the link at [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org).

# See you poolside this summer!

## Yoga – Poolside!

**Tuesday-Thursday; July 8 – 17; 9-9:30 or 9:30-10 a.m.; Montgomery Outdoor Pool area.** ‘Fit’ your fitness in and take a class while your child is taking a swim lesson or practicing. Benefits of yoga include: flexibility, strength, muscle tone, pain prevention, better breathing, mental calmness, stress reduction and body awareness. No matter what age and what fitness level, anyone can do yoga! Register online at [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org) or at the Montgomery Community Pool by July 3. *Cost: \$30 for 6 half hour sessions. Participate in both half hour sessions from 9 - 10 a.m. for \$50. Minimum 6 to offer.*

## July 4th Splash-tacular

Join us for a splash-tacular good time from 3 to 5 pm at the pool. Don’t miss water games, a biggest splash contest and all of the fun! Come and cool off after the parade and festival! *Free for pool members/\$3 guests.*

## Group Swim lessons

Group swim lessons are a great way for your child to learn swimming skills and water safety. Classes are designed in progressive levels. New skills are introduced and previously learned skills are reviewed. Details on skill levels are available at [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org). Specialty classes for infants and toddlers are also available. Parents can participate with their child as young as 6 months in the Fun with Me swim class. Remaining sessions include:

- Session C: July 7-17** (Register July 3 - 6 at 2 pm)
- Session D: July 21-31** (Register July 17-20 at 2 pm)
- Session E: August 4-14** (Register July 31-Aug. 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 weather cancellation. All lessons are taught by a trained instructor in the

water. Register in person at the pool or online at [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org). *Lessons are \$35 per session for pool members (\$50 for nonmembers). Classes must have a minimum of 4 participants, with a maximum of 6 participants to be offered.*

The prerequisites for each class is successful completion of the preceding class or instructor approval. No advanced registration is permitted for later levels in order to be sure the child first masters the skills in the current class in which enrolled.

Note that 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. There is a \$25 cancellation fee at all times.

## Private Swim Lessons **NEW!** (Adults and Children)

Private swim lessons offer one-on-one attention. These lessons are designed to give participants individualized attention in order to learn and improve their swimming skills. Lessons are available for children age 3 and up. Private lessons may be purchased as a single lesson or 4 or 8 lesson packages. Times of lessons will be arranged with you and your instructor. Participants first complete a private lesson request form available at the pool or online at [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org). *Cost: \$29 for a single lesson, \$112 for 4 lessons and \$216 for 8 lessons.*

## Pool Rental

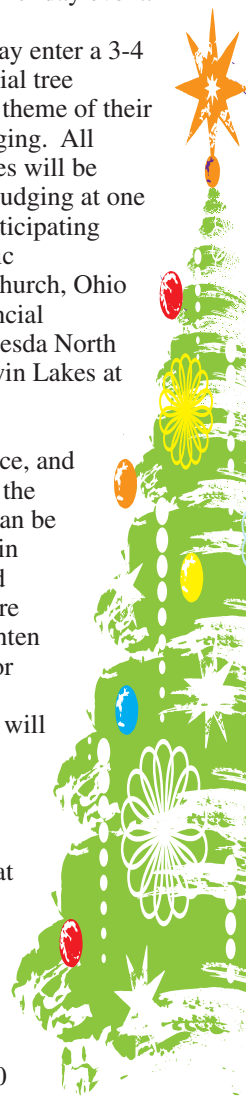
Pool rentals are great for a birthday party, scout meeting, business picnic, family reunion or any special party. The Gazebo is available for rental during daytime hours. This area also includes a private grill. Call 985-1640 or visit [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org) for pricing and rental details.

# Party for 50 to be prize in new holiday tree contest

If you would like to win a holiday party for up to 50 family and friends, plan to enter a holiday tree in this year’s Festival of Trees being introduced as part of the annual Holiday in the Village on December 6. This holiday tree decorating contest will introduce some friendly competition for local businesses, organizations and families. The event will also add to the wonderment of the traditional holiday event.

Contestants may enter a 3-4 foot tall artificial tree decorated in a theme of their choice for judging. All accepted entries will be displayed for judging at one of the four participating venues: historic Universalist Church, Ohio National Financial Services, Bethesda North Hospital or Twin Lakes at Montgomery.

For convenience, and in the spirit of the season, trees can be donated to Twin Lakes Assisted Living and Care Center to brighten the holidays for others. The winner, which will be determined by people’s choice, will receive a free holiday party at Terwilliger Lodge with appetizers catered for up to 50 guests! The event is a \$750 value. For complete details and contest rules, see the City website and watch the monthly *Bulletin* for updates.



# Recreation Programs

HIGHLIGHTS OF OFFERINGS FROM MONTGOMERY RECREATION

Register for these and other programs online at [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org) or at City Hall, 10101 Montgomery Road

## Touch-a-Truck

Check out the city service vehicles at Weller Park on Thursday, August 7, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Fire engines, ambulances, dump trucks, tractors, police



cruisers and SWAT vehicles will be on display. Kids can get behind the wheel of their favorite vehicles and talk to the drivers. This is a free event open to all kids ages 2-12. Refreshments will be provided by the Montgomery Recreation Department.

## Concerts in the Park

**Free Wednesday Concerts during July; Swaim Park Shelter; noon-1 pm (Rain Cancels)**

Join us every Wednesday in July from noon to 1 p.m. for this fun concert series that features local talent. Pack a picnic lunch or buy a box lunch from Neon Lites for \$7 (add ice cream for just \$1).

**July 2:**

**Carol and Johnnie** (Country Western and Vaudeville)

**July 9:**

**Ault Music** (Cool Classical Favorites)

**July 16:**

**Jazz by Deron Bell** (Soulful Jazz)

**July 23:**

**Klezmer Project** (Mediterranean and Jewish Folk Tunes)

**July 30:**

**Gaining Ground** (Positive Pop Tunes)

## Vintage Movie Night

On the first Friday of each month (through September), bring a blanket or a lawn chair to

Weller Park and join us for some flicks under



the stars. These family oriented vintage movies have stood the test of time and still remain family favorites. Light refreshments will be sold with proceeds going toward park enhancements. All movies begin at dusk:

**July:** no movie due to 4th of July activities

**August 1: Footloose** When a city boy (Kevin Bacon) moves to a small Midwestern town, he discovers some disappointing news: rock music and dancing are forbidden by the local government. Determined to bring some '80s style life into the town, he sets about changing the rules. Rousing music, a talented cast and plenty of trouble make this an entertaining musical drama.

**September 5: The Love Bug**

When a down-in-his-luck car driver meets Herbie, a rather emotional white Volkswagen, they find themselves on a the bumpy and hilarious road to success and romance. Dazzling special effects brings this fun-filled tale to life in one of Disney's most popular films of all time.

## FIT IS IT THIS SUMMER!

### Tummy Tucks\PILATES

**Tuesdays & Thursdays; July 22 to Sept. 11 (16 classes); 6-7 pm; Annex Building**

This innovative Pilates class is geared towards using core body muscles: abdominal, obliques, back, and gluteals, to get effective results in your mid-section. This workout gets results in all the problem places by working on lengthening of the spine, proper alignment and posture, and a strong center to give you a slimmer profile. Classes taught by Tri-Health certified instructor. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7pm at the Annex Building. Some equipment provided. Register at Montgomery City Hall by July 15. *Minimum of 12 Maximum of 20. Cost \$65 (\$70NR).*

### 20/20/20 Boomer Style

**Tuesdays & Thursdays; July 22 to Sept. 11 (16 classes); 9 - 10 am; Annex Building**

Specifically designed to meet the needs of Baby Boomers, this class offers light cardiovascular exercises, light strength training, and light stretching for 20 minutes each. The instructor has experience in teaching to people over 50, and will teach to your fitness level taking into account common physical concerns and the value of gaining and maintaining muscle strength. Some equipment provided. Register at Montgomery

City Hall by July 15. *Minimum of 12 Maximum of 20. Cost \$65 (\$70NR)*

### ZUMBA!

**Thursdays; July 24 to Sept. 11; 4:45-5:45 pm; Annex Building**

This class is designed to give participants a high energy aerobic workout using Latin dance moves. The certified ZUMBA instructor will work with the class at a pace that allows everyone to learn the basic moves, have fun and get a great cardio workout. No dance skills required. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle. Register at Montgomery City Hall or online by July 17. *Minimum of 10 Maximum of 20. Cost \$45 (\$50NR).*

### Karate Summer Special

**Mondays & Wednesdays; 6:30-7:30 pm; Annex Building**

Sign-up for three summer months for just \$100, which includes your uniform! In class, 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. Beyond this special, classes are available on a month-to-month basis at \$35 (\$40NR) per month.

Questions  
about  
Recreation  
Programs?

For further information,  
call City Hall at 891-2424.

# YOUNG REMBRANDTS SUMMER ART CAMPS

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday; 10:30-noon at the Annex Building (10115 Montgomery Road)  
Minimum of 6 to offer. Cost: \$57 (includes materials)

## “Old Macdonald Had A Farm” Camp

(Ages 5-8)

July 7-9

Create a large farm scene using pencils, markers, colored pencils and a dose of your imagination.

## Passport to Pastels

(Ages 7-13)

July 21-23

Travel is the theme to this camp. Pastel chalk drawings will consist of a cityscape, the Swiss Alps and a tropical beach scene. Wear old t-shirt or art smock.

## African Safari Camp

(Ages 6-12)

August 4-6

Take an African adventure safari and create scenes from this exotic land. Animals abound in this camp full of exploration, technique and creativity!

# YES, THERE'S STILL TIME TO SIGN-UP

## Montgomery's Line-up of Summer Fun for Youth!

### Queen City Wheels Kids on Bikes, Bike Racing

Ages 6-15

**Mondays; July 7-August 25; 6:30-8:00 pm; Pioneer Park —**

Introduce your kids to Bicycle Racing in a very fun and safe manner while improving your child's overall health and increasing their ability to perform in other sports. Weekly instruction and 5-6 competitive events are included in this 8-week session. Bring bike (*no training wheels please*), helmet and water bottle. New this year: CYCLOCROSS training! For more information, call Coach Doug Dobroszi at 513/403-1951 or email [ddobroszi@cinci.rr.com](mailto:ddobroszi@cinci.rr.com). Cost: \$40 (\$45NR)

### Club Invention

For students entering Grades 1-6

**Monday-Friday; 10:30-noon; Annex Building**

Developed by educators and taught by local certified instructors, Club Invention has been carefully tested to ensure a positive enrichment experience in a safe environment. *Minimum of 15 Maximum of 22. Cost: \$75 (\$80NR) per session*

#### EZ Science

July 14-18

Produce a chemical reaction that inflates a balloon, tie yourself in knots and find your way out, protect eggs from cracking when they fall, design and print a new magazine cover. These experiments are all a part of the wonderful hands-on program called Club Invention, coming to Montgomery to engage your children's minds in a fun and varied way incorporating science, math, history and the arts...it's learning disguised as fun!

#### SOS Endangered Earth

July 28-August 1

Help save the animals with your inventions! Discover a way of keeping hungry bears out of your food, protect the whales from loud noises, clean up an oil spill that threatens wildlife, create an animal-friendly zoo habitat. Developed by educators and taught by local certified instructors, Club Invention has been carefully tested to ensure a positive enrichment experience in a safe environment.

### Skyhawks Sport Camps

Monday-Thursday at Weller Park  
(10021 Weller Road)

#### Tiny Hawk (Ages 3-4)

**Sessions: July 21-24; 9-10 am; \$50/session —** This soccer and basketball instructional program helps children fine-tune their motor skills with athletics. These programs teach basic skills of the sport while fostering the natural thirst for discovery found at this age.



#### Pre-K Golf (Ages 3-4)

**Sessions: Aug. 7-10; 9-10 am; \$50/session —** Golfers will learn an innovative program, called SNAG (Starting New At Golf), which emphasizes safety and fun sports instruction. We build confidence while teaching proper techniques and etiquette. Equipment will be provided. Please do not bring your own golf clubs. Our equipment is specifically designed for beginning golfers. Participant to coach ratio is 8:1.

#### Mini Hawk (Ages 5-9)

**Sessions: July 21-24; 10:30 am-12:30 pm; \$50/session —** Mini Hawk programs help young children explore soccer and basketball in a day-program setting. There is no pressure, just lots of Fun! The staff is trained to meet the needs of young children. Participant to coach ratio 8:1

#### Beginning Golf (Ages 5-9)

**Sessions: July 7-10 & Aug. 4-7; 10:30 am-12:30 pm; \$50/session —** Golfers will learn an innovative program, called SNAG (Starting New At Golf), which emphasizes safety and fun sports instruction. We build confidence while teaching proper techniques and etiquette. Equipment will be provided. Please do not bring your own golf clubs. Our equipment is specifically designed for beginning golfers. Participant to coach ratio is 8:1.



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# All Around Town

## Police offers summer vacation advice and home checks

Before leaving for vacation, remember to add the following items to your summer travel to-do list:

- 1 Contact the post office and the newspaper and have them hold delivery until your return. Consider having a friend or family member stop by daily to retrieve the items. Newspapers piled in the driveway and a mailbox full of mail suggest your home is vacant.
- 2 Remember to turn off all unnecessary electronic devices such as computers to decrease the risk of fire in your home.
- 3 Fill out a Vacation Card with the Montgomery Police. Call, complete a form online through the city website, or stop in 24 hours a day. Filing a vacation card helps

the police better serve you. The vacation cards alert officers specifically when you will be away, when you will return and who to contact in case of an emergency. It only takes a few moments to fill out a card and, if you travel frequently, can be kept on file and updated with your dates of absence.

## Teen energy needed for summer events

Teen energy and enthusiasm are in great demand for the upcoming July 4th Festival in Montgomery Park and the July 12, Bastille Day Celebration. Junior high and high schools teens are needed at both events to manage children's game booths.

Responsibilities include taking tickets, running the games and awarding prizes. The time shift for July 4th is 10:45 a.m. to

2 p.m. The July 12 Bastille Day Children's Cabaret is open from 12-8 p.m., but three-hour

time shifts are available from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Call Joyce Yock at 792-

8329 to share your time to help make these community events successful.

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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2	Eat to the Beat Concert	Swaim Park	noon-1 pm
3	Independence Day Concert	Montgomery Park	7 pm
4	Independence Day/City Offices Closed, trash pick up as usual		
4	Independence Day Parade begins		10 am
4	Independence Day Festival	Montgomery Park	11 am-2 pm
4	Splashtacular	City pool	3-5 pm
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	Eat to the Beat Concert	Swaim Park	noon-1 pm
9	Landmarks Commission	City Hall	7 pm
10	Parks & Recreation Commission	Pioneer Park	6:30 pm
11	Bastille Day Picnic	Swaim Lodge	7 pm
12	Bastille Day Celebration	downtown Montgomery	noon - 11 pm
14	Beautification Commission	City Hall	9 am
14	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
15	Sister Cities Commission	City Hall	7 pm
16	Eat to the Beat Concert	Swaim Park	noon-1 pm
19	Cardboard Recycling	7315 Cornell Road	10 am-1 pm
22	Board of Zoning Appeals	City Hall	7:30 pm
23	Council Work Session	City Hall	7 pm
23	Eat to the Beat Concert	Swaim Park	noon-1 pm
31	2nd quarter 2008 taxes due		