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City, Twin Lakes work cooperatively on expansion

The City of Montgomery has announced plans to work with Twin Lakes, a senior living community, as it proposes a modest expansion of its planned development in an effort to consolidate access points for multiple properties along Montgomery Road. The proposed new 23 unit development would have one access point between Forestglen Drive and Schoolhouse Lane, eliminating the need for the proposed driveway at the Forestglen intersection.

Twin Lakes plans to propose a

Informational open house available to citizens

The public is invited to an informational Open House hosted by the City of Montgomery on Monday, May 12, 2008 to discuss the proposed Twin Lakes development project and consolidated access point and related public improvements. The Open House will be held at Montgomery City Hall and will be open from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. City Council members, city staff, and representatives from Twin Lakes will be on hand to discuss the project with interested citizens. Citizens may stop in at any time during the Open House to review plans and ask questions.

project comprised of 23 senior housing units on approximately 5.7 acres of property south of the Montgomery Safety Center on

Montgomery Road. In 2007, Twin Lakes received approval from the City for 13 senior housing units on approximately 2.9 acres of this property. The new plan calls for 10 additional residential units on an additional 2.8 acre site, bringing the total proposed number of garden homes to 23.

Should the expanded plan by Twin Lakes be approved by the Planning Commission, the City intends to construct a consolidated access point on Montgomery Road, approximately 550 feet north of the Schoolhouse Lane/Montgomery Road intersection. This single new access point would replace the driveway location that was formerly approved for the original garden home development at the intersection of Forestglen Drive and Montgomery Road.

The cost to design and construct the public improvements to Montgomery Road, including the installation of an additional landscaped median and dedicated turning lanes would be approximately \$475,000. The property owner would donate all property necessary for construction of the access point on its site.

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Info on proposed project available online

To assist citizens in familiarizing themselves with the proposed Twin Lakes project and consolidated access management plan, the City has placed a number of interesting questions and answers on its website, www.montgomeryohio.org. (Click "Citizens Inquire City Questions and Answers About Twin Lakes Expansion Project and Consolidated Access Management Plan"). Additional questions can be directed to Montgomery City Hall at 513 891-2424.

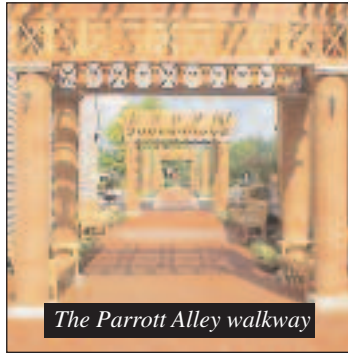
- What is the expanded Twin Lakes project all about?
- What is the "consolidated access point" and why is it beneficial to the residents of Montgomery?
- What are the benefits of a consolidated access point?
- How much will these public improvements cost?
- If the consolidated access point is going to benefit the developer, why is the City paying to design and construct the access point and related improvements?
- How could these properties be developed?
- Will this project be consistent with the high quality associated with Montgomery?
- Will this project add significantly more traffic to Montgomery Road?
- What will happen to the median system on Montgomery Road?
- Will the proposed new Twin Lakes development or its residents pay any taxes?
- Will this project have any impact upon the development of commercial growth?
- What does the city council think about working with the Twin Lakes senior community on this project?
- What action, if any, has City Council or Planning Commission taken on the Twin Lakes project?
- Wasn't this same issue on the ballot last year?
- Why must the property be developed? Why can't it remain as greenspace?
- What is "Twin Lakes?"
- How can I learn more about the proposed Twin Lakes residential development project and the proposed consolidated access point across from the recreational annex property on Montgomery Road?

New walkways to continue historic district commitment

This summer's sidewalk replacement project along Montgomery Road will be a massive undertaking for the City. The existing brick sidewalk on the east side of Montgomery Road between Cooper and Remington will be replaced with a new clay brick sidewalk. While a significant investment by the City, the project is hardly unique.

Over the years, Montgomery has demonstrated a strong commitment to maintaining and enhancing the public streetscape of the downtown. The original brick sidewalk dates to the late 1970s, when the City initiated its plan to create the small town atmosphere that now defines the community. The historic streetlamps, the flower pots, and benches have been a signature of the district for years.

In 2005 the City redesigned Parrott Alley so that visitors arriving by car to the downtown would have an attractive pedestrian corridor to stroll as they make their way from the



public parking lot on Shelly Lane to the business district. Last fall, the city put the finishing touches on Triangle Point Plaza at the south end of Montgomery Gateway Center.

This attractive pocket park serves as both an entrance feature to the historic district, as well as a place for visitors to relax and enjoy the fountain.

Last fall, the City also installed brick paver crosswalks at key locations, and added lighted crosswalks on Montgomery Road and Main Street. The City's signature clock has been refurbished, and soon the bell tower, which has been relocated from its original location at Cooper and Montgomery to Ted Gregory Lane next to Montgomery Cyclery, will provide an even more

impressive musical repertoire with the addition of two new towers.

In the future, the City will continue its investment. Plans are underway to update Neully Plaisance Plaza in 2009, and the City is also looking for other options to provide other public gathering places. The City will also replace the brick sidewalk on the west side of Montgomery Road in 2009. All of these efforts are designed to improve the ambiance of the downtown and make it an even more attractive place to shop, dine and relax.

Twin Lakes...

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This new project would allow the City to consolidate the access points for a minimum of five properties along Montgomery Road, four of which are owned/controlled by Twin Lakes. This consolidated access point would minimize

the potential for additional driveways along Montgomery Road.

The results of the consolidated access management plan will be more aesthetically pleasing than individual access points, and will provide an opportunity for the City to construct an additional median south of the consolidated access point. This

will benefit the entire Montgomery community as well as visitors using Montgomery Road.

This proposed Twin Lakes project, while still needing to receive approval from the Montgomery Planning Commission, is consistent with the existing multi-family zoning on this property. It would also ensure residential development of this critical piece of property along Montgomery Road.

Twin Lakes would not be requesting a property tax exemption and like any other residential development, the project will generate local tax dollars to support community services.

The proposed Twin Lakes development plan will be reviewed by the Montgomery Planning Commission beginning on Monday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. The Planning Commission meets on the first and third Mondays of each month and its meetings are open to the public.

The City has also placed a comprehensive question and answer guide regarding this proposed project on the city web site, located at www.montgomeryohio.org/QandA.

COUNCIL CORNER

Montgomery City Council will meet in its regular monthly business session on May 7 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 (3rd Reading)

NEW LEGISLATION

■ An ordinance enacting Part Eight, Title XI, Chapter 112, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Montgomery, Ohio entitled "Video Service Authorizations" and adding provisions for Video Service Authorizations, establishing

fees, defining terms, and authorizing the City Manager or designee to provide notice to the video service providers offering video service in the city pursuant to a state

authorization and declaring an emergency

■ An ordinance amending schedule of municipal compensation

Recent Council Action

APRIL 2 BUSINESS SESSION

■ An Ordinance Amending Section 33.24 of the Code of Ordinances Governing Promotional Examinations (passed 2nd Reading, 6-0)

■ An ordinance extending the Montgomery Corridor/Schoolhouse Interim Development Control Overlay District (passed 6-0)

■ 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 (passed 6-0)

■ 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 (passed 6-0)

Twin Lakes partnership offers advantage to all



This month's message by Council Member Barry Joffe

Many of you will recall the contention last year surrounding the plan of Twin Lakes to construct 13 garden homes on 2.9 acres of land south of the Safety Center on Montgomery Road. At the time, residents of the Forest Glen Subdivision opposed the plan requirement for a driveway to this new development opposite Forestglen Drive. Residents argued on the grounds of traffic safety factors.

In Pursuance of Long Range Access Management

In consideration of resident concerns and a long range strategic view of access management, the City began working with Twin Lakes to investigate the possibility of a consolidated access point further south on Montgomery Road. This consolidated driveway could serve the majority of the seven parcels of land along the Montgomery Road corridor between Schoolhouse Lane and the Safety Center and thus reduce the potential for multiple driveways onto Montgomery Road as these land parcels become developed in the future.

As a result, Twin Lakes entered into negotiations with the owner of the 2.8 acres of land south of its proposed development, the acquisition of which would have provided the opportunity to relocate the driveway from opposite Forestglen Drive to a consolidated access point further south on Montgomery Road. The launch of the

Natural Parkland Initiative Petition, which proposed an ordinance directing the City to acquire all 10 acres of the undeveloped land and preserve it in a natural state, may have resulted in the termination of negotiations between Twin Lakes and the property owner in September last year.

City's Strategic Role

With the defeat of the Initiative at the polls on November 6 last year, negotiations were once again resumed and the acquisition agreement consummated just days ago, which now enables Twin Lakes to expand its development plans to include 23 senior housing units on a combined 5.7 acres of property. Twin Lakes will need approval from the City's Planning Commission for its revised plans.

In furtherance of its strategic role, the City has committed to work with Twin Lakes by constructing a consolidated access point on Montgomery Road, approximately 550 feet north of the Schoolhouse Road/Montgomery Road intersection. The benefits to the community are so far reaching that the City has committed approximately \$475,000 to design and construct these public improvements to Montgomery Road, including the installation of an additional landscaped median and dedicated turning lanes. All property necessary for the construction of this consolidated access point is to be donated to the City by the property owner.

Benefits to the Community

"Why should the City spend \$475,000?" you may ask. There is a simple three-fold answer – safety, safety and more safety! Remember, individual property

owners on this corridor have a right to access Montgomery Road from their respective properties. Imagine a scenario where we have multiple driveways on this short strip of road on the east side.

By consolidating an access point for at least 5 of the properties – possibly all 7 — we minimize the potential for additional driveways and thus reduce the number of potential conflict points along Montgomery Road. If this measure averted just one fatal accident or life changing injury, the investment would be vindicated. This benefit on its own justifies this visionary step. Consider some of the other benefits to the community:

- It would replace the approved driveway opposite Forestglen Drive and thus directly address the concerns of this group of residents
- A single access point will be aesthetically more pleasing than having multiple driveways within a short distance of each other
- It will provide the opportunity for the City to construct an additional 'green space' median south of the consolidated access point
- The development will also generate local tax dollars to support community services
- The move of the driveway conforms with the City's access management policies which encourages combining access points wherever possible
- Such a development is consistent with the City's strategic goal of providing diversity in housing options

A Win-Win

This approach exemplifies a win-win for all parties – residents, developers, administrators and the folks driving through Montgomery north on Montgomery Road everyday. I believe our Council took a visionary step in mandating the investigations and subsequently committing the funding to seize the opportunity when the reality of a strategic access management approach presented itself. And a vote of gratitude to our professional staff who so ably represented the mandated interests of the City in helping make a consolidated access a practical option.

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

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

Safety Village to open for life-saving lessons

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 child safety. Children will learn to make wise decisions in potentially dangerous situations, as well as how to handle emergencies they may encounter. Students will also learn basic rules of pedestrian and traffic safety, in addition to fire, personal, animal, water and school bus safety.

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

A Montgomery Police Officer, and a certified teacher, with the assistance of junior high school, high school and college students, will instruct the children. 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. at the Montgomery Safety Center. Resident registration ends May 5, at which time registration will be available for children living outside

Montgomery. Residents will be able to register for the Safety Village on-line at www.montgomeryohio.org. Registration must be made in person at the Safety Center or on-line. No mail-in registrations will be accepted.

Teen volunteers needed

Teens who are at least 13 years old interested in volunteering are being sought to assist the staff with this summer program. Those who are interested should contact Joyce Yock, Volunteer Coordinator, at 792-8329. A one week commitment for either a morning or afternoon session is required.

Inaugural MCLA class commits to community

On Tuesday, March 18, 25 Montgomery residents graduated from the first annual Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy, as sponsored by the City of Montgomery. The purpose of the Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy was to offer an experienced-based learning opportunity on a variety of community topics to create engaged and knowledgeable citizens who can make a true contribution to the community. The goal was to create a group of citizens who chose to become involved or re-commit in a variety of roles in local civic organizations, on boards or commissions, in faith-based groups, neighborhood associations, or business clubs to make their community a better place to live.

Through powerful, hands-on interactions and activities such as mock disaster drills, simulated robotic surgery and a mock council meeting, this newfound knowledge and a sense of ownership for their community unleashed the power of "citizenship" within each of the 25 class participants.

These citizens graduated in



Pictured from left, Montgomery residents Dawn Gilgoff, Chris Dobrozsi and Carolyn Buffington of the Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy 2008 work on a team exercise about snow plowing in Montgomery.

March after nine three-hour sessions ranging in topics from school structure and operations, the contributions and impact of the local business community, the roles of government, municipal finance, historic preservation, economic development, innovation in public works and parks as well as the spirit of community volunteerism.

"I was amazed to learn that the 'they' in government is me!" said one MCLA graduate. This realization of ownership empowered this citizen to

embrace the knowledge of being impactful—responsible for results with the right to make a difference.

Another graduate stated, "A resident can be found in the neighborhood phone book. A citizen can be found in the neighborhood."

Truly, to be about taking action, building relationships and bringing about positive, valued change is what this class came to embrace in their commitments at graduation to each other and this community as "citizens".

In addition to individual commitments to the community, the inaugural MCLA class also committed to a class "project" which will improve Swaim Park with the addition of a landscaped seating area and installation of a dual-level people-pet drinking fountain. The class committed to fund and install these improvements, demonstrating the power of taking action and being a part of something bigger than one's self.

"The class jelled as friends, neighbors, teammates and fellow citizens through the many interactive lessons and the social-learning environment which encouraged networking and learning from each other as educated, experienced, valuable contributors," said Ray Kingsbury, Director of Citizen Engagement for the City of Montgomery.

The City of Montgomery is now recruiting for MCLA 2009. Interested residents can apply at www.montgomeryohio.org/academy, or by calling Ray Kingsbury, Director of Citizen Engagement, at 792.8359. Final class selection will occur in the Fall of 2008.

According to Cincy Business Magazine

Montgomery ranked as area's best "burb"

Montgomery has been named the best "Burb" in the Tri-State, according to the April 2008 issue of Cincy Business Magazine. The magazine rated the top 15 communities in the area with median sale prices of homes of \$180,000 or more.

"Montgomery is one of those rare neighborhoods with an appeal for everyone," editors wrote in their announcement. "Residents love the traditional feel of the community, while shoppers and diners flock to Olde Montgomery, the town's central retail district."

The magazine added that "The draw of the Sycamore Schools is what first lures families here; the city's many attributes are what cause them to stay."

In this year's ratings, Montgomery ranked above such notable communities as Indian Hill, Mariemont, Amberley Village and Terrace Park. Rating factors include median home sales prices, school systems, average drive time to work, property crime rates, violent crime rates, and property taxes. Communities rated were located in the eight-county metro region which

Cindy Rains earns ASPA honor

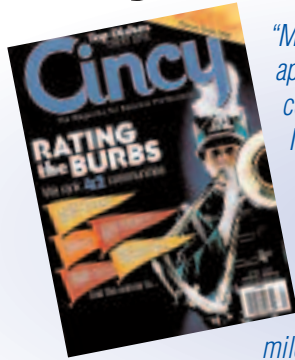
The Greater Cincinnati Chapter of the American Society of Public Administration (ASPA) recently named Police Office Supervisor Cindy Rains the "2008 Public Administrator of the Year" in the support services category.



Cindy Rains

The award is presented to

someone who "has demonstrated professionalism, dedication, and efficiency in providing support to an individual or organization engaged in public administration activities." Cindy's nomination was unanimously supported by her co-workers within the City of Montgomery.



"Montgomery is one of those rare neighborhoods with an appeal for everyone. Residents love the traditional feel of the community, while shoppers and diners flock to Olde Montgomery, the town's central retail district. Downtown Montgomery is home to the famous Montgomery Inn, but in recent years other upscale restaurants such as Carlo & Johnny have also moved into the city. Strict zoning requirements preserve the high standards in the city, which has about 10,000 residents in about 5 square miles. The draw of the Sycamore Schools is what first lures families here; the city's many attributes are what cause them to stay."

— Cincy Business Magazine

included parts of Southwest Ohio, Northern Kentucky and Southeast Indiana.

In addition to those rating criteria cited by *Cincy Business Magazine*, the City's excellent

financial performance, outstanding strategic planning, consistent efforts toward continuous improvement in services and facilities, excellent leadership by City Council and staff, and the many contributions of our residents and volunteers also help to make Montgomery one of the best communities in our area.

In 2007, CincyBusiness Magazine rated Montgomery as the #3 suburb in the Greater Cincinnati region.

Montgomery earns Tree City USA status for 12th consecutive year

Montgomery has been named a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forestry. The designation marks the twelfth year Montgomery has received this national recognition.

Montgomery is also the recipient of a Tree City USA Growth Award for demonstrating progress in its

community forestry program in the following activity areas:

- Education and Public Relations
- Publicity
- Partnerships
- Tree Planting on Private Property
- Planning and Management
- Standards and Specification
- Tree Planting and Maintenance
- Plans for donations



TREE CITY USA®

Montgomery has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community including a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance.

"Trees in our cities and towns help clean the air, conserve soil and water, moderate temperature and bring nature into our daily lives," said John Rosenow, Chief Executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Tree City USA designation recognizes the work of elected officials, staff and citizens who plant and care for the community forest. Trees are a vital component of the infrastructure in our cities and towns, and provide environmental and economical benefits. A community, and its citizens, that recognize these benefits and provide needed care for its trees deserve recognition and thanks."

The prestigious Growth Award recognizes environmental improvement and higher levels of tree care in Tree City USA communities.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

BAMSO performance is Monday, May 26

Memorial Day concert signals start of summer

The Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra will perform its annual Memorial Day Concert at the Blue Ash Towne Square on Monday, May 26, at 6 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public. In the event of rain, the concert will be performed at the Sycamore Junior High School Auditorium, 5757 Cooper Road in Montgomery.

Beginning with Wagner's rousing *Prelude to Die*



Meistersinger, the Orchestra presents violinist Kaori Matsui, Sycamore High School

sophomore and first place winner of the 2007 BAMSO Young Artist Competition in the

Strings Category, who will perform the third movement of Saint-Saens *Concerto No. 3 for Violin and Orchestra in B minor*. The Orchestra will also perform selections from Tchaikovsky's beloved *Symphony No. 5*, plus a moving tribute, *Memorial* by Rene Clausen, dedicated to the victims of the tragic events of September 11, 2001 featuring the Cincinnati Choral Society, conducted by Dr. Douglas Belland.

Patriotic July 3 concert to highlight Independence Day

Through the generous contributions of Montgomery's business community, the City will again present its traditional patriotic Independence Day celebration with a stirring performance by the Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra. This year's performance will be on July 3 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Montgomery Park.



Lawn chairs and blankets are encouraged during this Montgomery tradition, this year entitled Music Across America. Local civic organizations, such as the Rotary Club and the Boy Scouts, will provide sales of food and refreshments.

This cultural arts event is made possible by the following area businesses that have stepped up and partnered with the City of Montgomery as community oriented local servicing companies and organizations:

- Ohio National Financial Services**
- Bethesda North Hospital**
- Cincinnati Pool Management**

Rumpke

Frost Brown Todd, LLC

Montgomery Square Shopping Plaza

Twin Lakes Life Enriching Community

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Donnellon, Donnellon and Miller Attorneys at Law

Blue Ash/Montgomery Rotary Club

Join us for a fantastic celebration of independence and show your support of patriotism here in our community and throughout our nation with a tribute to the Armed Forces, national patriots and hometown heroes.

As is tradition, the Blue Ash Youth Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Dale Swisher, will also perform. The Youth Orchestra's Principal Flutist, Katie Kuvin, is the featured soloist in the Vivaldi *Piccolo Concerto in C Major, RV 443*. The Youth Orchestra will also perform selections from *Porgy and Bess* by Gershwin and other concert favorites.

The orchestra is supported by funding from the City of Montgomery, the City of Blue Ash, the Fine Arts Fund, the William O. Purdy, Jr. Foundation and the Ohio Arts Council, as well as funding from individual contributors.

DID YOU KNOW?

Let's go fishing!

In the good old summertime, you may hear the expression, "Take me fishing!" Fishing in Montgomery is only a short walk away at



both Swaim and Pioneer Parks. The ponds at both Swaim and Pioneer are annually stocked with fish including bluegill, catfish, and bass. One fisherman caught and promptly released back into the pond, a 40 pound shovelhead catfish. Think you would enjoy a little competitive fishing? Watch this newsletter for upcoming information on the Kiwanis

Fishing Derby in June. Fishing licenses are not required for children under 16 to fish in Montgomery Parks. Contact the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for information about fishing license requirements (www.dnr.state.oh.us).

Plans unfolding for Bastille Day party

With attitude and artistic flair, Montgomery's annual Bastille Day celebration will be held Saturday, July 12, for a day-long mingling of fun, food, drinks and entertainment appropriate for the entire family.

Held from noon to 11 p.m. in downtown Montgomery, this year's celebration will mark the 19th anniversary of friendship with Montgomery's Sister City, Neuilly-Plaisance in France.

Area restaurants will feature a variety of French cuisine and wine to honor Neuilly-Plaisance. Also on the menu will be the local favorites: ribs, pizza, funnel cakes, fries and beer. Entertainment will be speckled with talent of all sorts with the sounds that are designed to keep you moving.

Already scheduled are The variety pop/rock sounds of the Menus, the classic rock of Red Idle and the groovy Motown of the personality driven Mistics.

In the street café area, guests

can enjoy raffles, strolling artists, musicians and singers. The kids area will be alive with games of luck, artistic projects, face painting, clowns and the popular Moonwalk.

Plan now for a great day of family fun or an evening at a fabulous summer festival for two! Either way, the Bastille Day celebration in downtown historic Montgomery has

something to offer everyone. More details will be available in the *Bulletin* and on the City website.

Tour de Montgomery returns one week after Bastille Day

A few days after Montgomery's Bastille Day celebration, another event with a French tradition — The Tour de Montgomery — will be offered with the goal of helping two area cancer patients. The second annual Tour de Montgomery offers a fun bike ride for families to enjoy, as well as a serious challenge for bicycle enthusiasts on July 19.

The long-standing tradition of the renowned Tour de France and Montgomery's longstanding partnership with France's Sister City Neuilly-Plaisance are the

inspirations behind the Tour de Montgomery.

In addition to a 7.5 mile family fun ride within Montgomery, the event will challenge serious bicyclists with their choice of three challenging events. Riders can enter a 25 or 35 mile ride or the longer 70 mile challenge.

Proceeds from the ride will support two women who are each battling breast cancer. The City is partnering with the Heartstone Foundation to organize the event, with funds to offset the massive costs of the treatment of these two cancer patients are currently enduring.

The Heartstone Foundation was formed last year as a non-profit 501(c)(3) whose mission is to provide patients without health insurance with the financial freedom to focus on healing from their potentially life-threatening disease. Last year

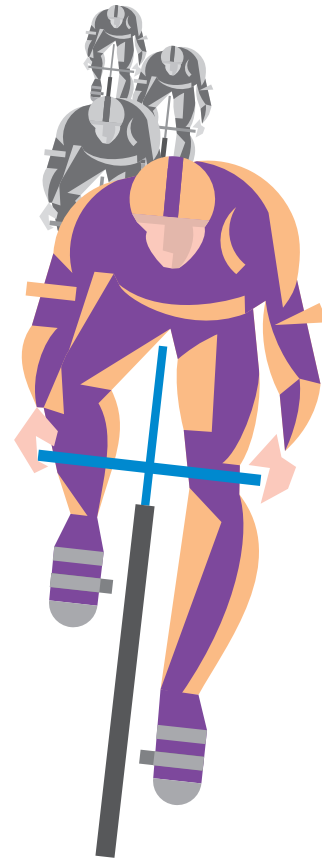
the Tour de Montgomery raised \$10,000 for former cancer patient Angie Knoechel, who is now cancer free!

Plan now to enjoy a beautiful summer day biking with friends and family while supporting this worthwhile cause. A table with more information and registration forms will be at the following citywide events: July 3rd Patriotic Concert, July 4th Festival in the Park and the Bastille Day Celebration on July 12.

Cost for participation is \$35 per rider in

the competitive distance rides and \$35 per family in the 7.5 mile fun ride.

Registration and details on The Tour de Montgomery are available on the City website at www.montgomeryohio.org and through the HeartStone Foundation's website at www.heartstonefoundation.org.



Plan your own celebration

Why wait for a communitywide celebration like Bastille Day or July 4th to enjoy a family outing? Make up your own annual tradition and rent the Municipal Pool after hours. The pool offers a great venue for employee picnics, graduation events, family reunions, neighborhood social gatherings and just about any summertime group get together. Rentals include private use of the entire facility and its amenities, including the gazebo, grill,

waterslide, diving boards, basketball courts and playground.

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

Inquire at City Hall or at www.montgomeryohio.org for pricing and rental details.



Volunteers sought for Posey Planting Project

Ever wonder who plants the 20,000 colorful flowers in Montgomery's medians, ramps and parks? Would you like to be part of this highly visible and rewarding volunteer project? You're in luck! It's not too late to



scheduled for Saturday, May 17. Volunteers will meet beginning at 9 a.m. in the City hall parking lot for registration, supplies, flowerbed assignments and light refreshments.

reserve a flowerbed for you family, church group, school club, civic organization, business or neighborhood association.

Wear comfortable, gardening attire; bring a trowel for planting and be amazed by the colorful landscape that results from this incredible, volunteer team effort!

In addition, park flowerbeds are reserved for youths to plant during Park Planting Week (May 12-17).

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

A few more volunteers needed for "Adopt-a-Bed" Program

For the past two years members of the Beautification & Tree Commission have coordinated the "Adopt-a Bed Program" to help ensure some extra "TLC" for the park flowerbeds. From June through September, recruited volunteers have accepted the responsibility to check the designated flowerbed twice a month to remove weeds and deadhead the annuals, as necessary. They have also provided much appreciated input on the plants' progress to assist the commission with the next year's flower selection process. Training will be available for those who wish it. Flowerbeds will be assigned on a first come basis. To request a flowerbed to nurture in your favorite park, call 469-8332

Sponsored by the Beautification & Tree Commission, Beautification Day 2008 is

May 4 "Artist in the Park" event to offer antiques appraisals

The next "Artist in the Park" event, sponsored by the Arts Commission, will be the Antique Appraisals on Sunday, May 4, from 1-4 p.m. in Terwilliger Lodge, Dulle Park. The event will feature Mark D. Mallette, ASA, CAI, of Mallette & Associates, Inc. who will conduct verbal appraisals for the antiques and collectibles. The fee is \$10 per item or 3/\$25, with a maximum of three appraisal items per person. Proceeds benefit



the Montgomery Arts Commission community projects.

Register and pre-pay at City Hall to obtain a specific time slot priority. "Walk-ins" on event day will be incorporated into 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.



to the 28 volunteers that "dug in" on Monday, April 14, to plant 260 hanging baskets for our City's streetscape. Working in assembly line fashion, these ambitious adults broke previous project records and completed the entire project in three hours!

The baskets are now nestled in the City's greenhouse for additional TLC until mid May when they will make their debut in the Heritage District.

A GIGANTIC THANK YOU is extended to each and every one of these volunteers that shared their time and energy to make this annual project a successful one.



In mid-April, 28 residents gathered together to plant the more than 260 hanging baskets placed through the community. (see Hat's Off... at far left.)

Parade entries welcomed for July 4 parade

Strike up the band; get your marching shoes on; design a float or decorate your classic car in patriotic fashion for Montgomery's long time tradition-the annual Independence Day Parade! This year's event is scheduled for Friday, July 4.



Parade entries will assemble at designated locations on Cooper Road at 9 am with the official parade kick off at 10 am. Parade registrations can be obtained by calling 792-8329 or by visiting www.MontgomeryOhio.org.

The July 4th Parade Team is in need of a few more members. Help is needed with the following 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

Contact Joyce Yock at 792-8329 if you would like to join this year's parade team.

Responsible teens sought for summer volunteer opportunities

A variety of volunteer opportunities are available for teens this summer. In addition to having the opportunity to "give back" to their community, the teens will gain valuable experience that can be documented for high school graduation requirements or for college and job applications. Interested teens should contact Joyce Yock at 792-8329 or visit the City's website www.MontgomeryOhio.org to obtain a Youth Volunteer Form for the following summer programs and events:

Safety Village Teacher Assistants

Minimum Age-13
Weeks of June 16 and June 23
Morning Session: 8:45 am-12 pm
Afternoon Session: 12:45-4 pm
Swaim Park
A minimum one-week commitment is required for a morning or afternoon session

Game Booth Managers

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

awarding prizes for the following events:

July 4th Festival

Friday, July 4
10:45 am-2 pm
Montgomery Park

Bastille Day Celebration

Saturday, July 12
12-8 pm
Downtown Montgomery

Do you have a career background that includes architecture?

Do you have a strong interest in history and historic preservation?

Do you have basic understanding of zoning principles?

Consider sharing your skills while learning more about our community and City government by serving on Montgomery's Landmarks Commission. This leadership

team, comprised of seven members, meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in City Hall. Recent agenda topics have included a permanent ground sign for Gattle's in the Heritage District and the proposed demolition of servant's quarters located on Montgomery Road.

For additional information about the role of this commission or to attend the May 14, meeting, contact Joyce Yock (792-8329).



May Volunteer Opportunities

Children's Park Planting Project

Youth Organizations/adult supervision
Monday-Friday, May 12-16 • Flexible Scheduling
Swaim Park
Plant flowers in designated park flowerbeds. Planting supplies will be provided.

Service Department Cardboard Recycling Project

Adults, Teens & Families
Saturday, May 17 • 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
7315 Cornell Road
Assist the staff by removing cardboard from vehicles to load in the City trucks.

Beautification Day Flower Planting Project

Adults, Teens, Families & Organizations
Saturday, May 17 • 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
City Hall Parking Lot
"Dig In" to help plant thousands of flowers in the medians and parks.

Service Department Assistants

Adults
Monday-Friday • Flexible Scheduling
7315 Cornell Road
Provide "hands on" assistance for a variety of indoor/outdoor projects.



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

Montgomery Photo Contest winners announced

Twenty photography winners were announced at the Montgomery Photography Reception and Exhibition held on March 16 at the Universalist Church. The event, sponsored by the Arts Commission, featured renowned juror Corson Hirschfeld and an exhibit of 150 photographs.

entered for the competition. The competition included adult entries from the Greater

Cincinnati area while student entries represented 16 schools. Each award recipient received a

professional critique of his/her photograph by Mr. Hirschfeld and a \$100 award prize.

Over 200 photographs were

2008 Montgomery Photography Winners

Students

Brian Brown

Sycamore High School

Lydia Bullock

Milford High School

Chris Clements

Milford High School

Taylor Frohmiller

Mariemont High School

Kean Mervis

Sycamore High School

Julie Montag

Loveland High School

Shannon Powell

Sycamore High School

Shannon Williams

Milford High School

Mathew Wilson

Loveland High School

"Best of Show"

Chris Clements

Milford High School

Adults

Ila Frankel

Dave Kuschney

Donna Lind

Bill Luerssen

Fred Newbill

Peter Nord

Ethan Parker

Tom Rielage

Dale Voelker

"Best of Show"

Ila Frankel



Winning photo by Donna Lind



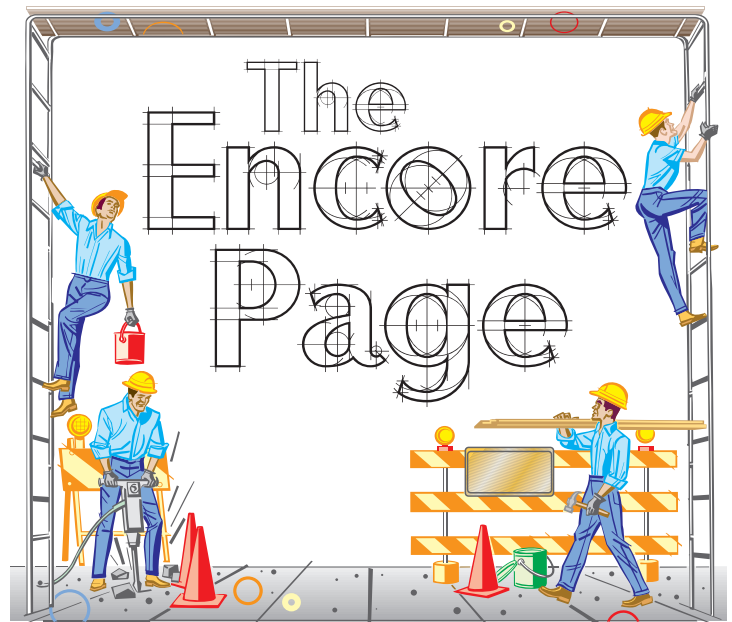
Winning photo by Tom Rielage

Coming soon: The Encore Page

Throughout the last year, the City of Montgomery has begun to study how to better assist and meet the specific needs of older residents. Within the next few months, the *Montgomery Bulletin* will introduce "The Encore Page," designed to provide information and services to Montgomery's older residents and their families.

Among the items being specifically developed in collaboration with local older adult service providers, such as The Council on Aging of Greater Cincinnati and The Sycamore Senior Center, are the following.

- A quick reference refrigerator magnet displaying essential phone numbers for older residents
- Participation in the nationally recognized "Vial of Life" program
- Home Life safety checks and a Knox Box program by the Montgomery Fire Department
- And, outreach presentations to local groups and senior living facilities



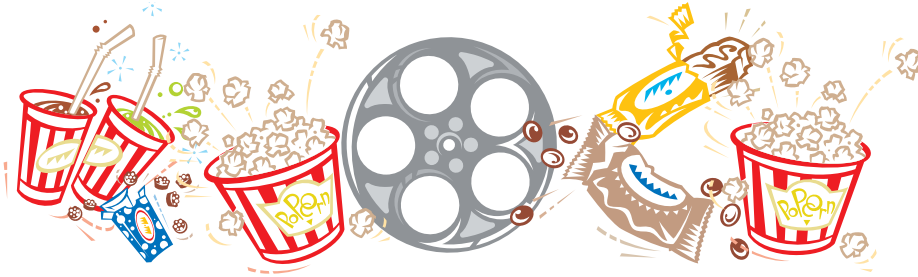
If you have questions about these or other issues involving yourself or an older adult neighbor, call City Hall at 891-2424 for information. Also, watch for The Encore Page coming soon to the *Montgomery Bulletin*.

Movies to be screened at Weller Park

From May through September on the first Friday of each month, be sure to grab a blanket or a lawn chair and 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 on hand provided by the City of Montgomery with proceeds going towards the park enhancements. All movies begin at dusk.

A complete schedule of movies is available on the city website. The first two are:



May 2
KARATE KID
(rated PG)

Ralph Macchio stars in this warm and wonderful film as the perennial 98-pound weakling who turns the tables on his tormentors. A finely choreographed karate film, *The Karate Kid* also shows that humor, courage, pride and beliefs are what really matter in disagreements.

June 6
BACK TO THE FUTURE
(rated PG)

1980's teenager Marty McFly (*Michael J. Fox*) is transported back in time to 1955 where he accidentally changes the course of history through a series of cosmic misadventures and finds he must return things to the way they were, back to the future.



Park projects enter estimation phase

The subcommittee formed to further review and study the 2007 Leisure Services Management Inc. Parks and Recreation Study has completed its work to develop recommendations for projects and improvements within the City's park system and other public spaces.

The subcommittee recommendations considered community feedback, analysis of maintenance requirements and includes a focus to complete work that is environmentally conscious

and has support from a wide community base.

The listing of projects has received approval in concept from the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Parks and Recreation Committee of Council. The next steps include further analysis and investigation to develop final cost estimates for work, followed by recommendations for projects to be incorporated into future budgets.

The project list includes capital improvements, operating equipment, maintenance and repair and work at the Municipal pool and at each City park.

For additional information, refer to the City's website to review the study that was completed by Leisure Services Management Inc., as well as the work product of the subcommittee.

For more information, contact Recreation and Community Relations Director Amber Morris, or Public Works Director Bob Nikula at 891-2424 with questions or comments.

Trail signs to show course and distance

New walking path signage indicating the distance of the outermost loops of the trails within each of Montgomery's parks will be installed during May.

Installation of the signage was identified as a need by the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Montgomery Public Works Department will install the new signs at the trailhead of each pathway to provide users a clear picture of where the trail winds in the park and the outermost trail's distance so users have some idea of the mileage covered with one complete circuit.

With spring now here and summer quickly approaching, it is a perfect time to take advantage of the comfortable weather to get some exercise walking or running through Montgomery's attractive parks.

Historic tour offered May 22

In celebration of Historic Preservation Month, join former Mayor Gary Blomberg and Community Development Director, Frank Davis as they lead a walking tour through the streets of Historic Montgomery. This 45-minute tour will take in several of the landmarks found both on the local and National Historic Registers.

A question and answer session will be held at dinner following the tour at the new Stonecreek Dining Company (corner of Montgomery and Cooper Roads). Limited to the first 12 to sign up!

Participation the historic tour event is \$20, which includes the tour and dinner.

We Need Your Ideas

Take a moment to complete the brief survey at www.montgomeryohio.org giving the Montgomery Recreation Department feedback for future programming ideas. Your input ensures superior service, as well as quality programs and events that meet a variety of interests and needs.

Risk management helps safeguard City assets

Risk management can be described as a structured approach for dealing with the possibility that some future event will cause some type of harm. It provides strategies, techniques and a discipline for recognizing and confronting any threat faced by an organization in fulfilling its mission.

Risk management may be as uncomplicated as asking and answering three basic questions:

- 1 What can go wrong?
- 2 What will we do (both to prevent and in the aftermath of an incident)?
- 3 If something happens, how will we pay for it?

The City of Montgomery has taken a team approach to risk management to address these questions. The Employee Advisory and Safety Team (EAST) is a group comprised of employee representatives from all departments of the City. This group is tasked with improving the personal safety of each employee, and to improve communication among all employees.

The EAST Committee reviews accidents and injuries in order

to determine what may be done to prevent them in the future. Recommendations are made for each by referencing the safety manual or City policies that pertain to safe work practices and how they might be applied to prevent future incidents.

Periodically, the City undergoes a review of its risk management policies and procedures by the Miami Valley Risk Management Association (MVRMA). MVRMA consists of 20

municipalities in southwestern Ohio, of which Montgomery has been a member since 1990. MVRMA is a regional property/casualty insurance pool, whose mission is to deliver high quality risk management services to its member municipalities in a manner which provides long-term financial stability, minimization of risks, and protection of mutual interests.

In 2006, as part of this review,

the City of Montgomery was recognized by MVRMA for a Special Achievement Award and its engagement in active risk management in its operations and within its facilities.

Through the efforts of the EAST Committee and the support and expertise provided by MVRMA, the City of Montgomery will continue to work to reduce its risk exposure and enhance the value of the City for its citizens.

Maximize your recycling efforts

Home recycling requires trivial time, but offers substantial benefits to the environment as it saves energy, landfill space and natural resources. Recycling diverts 84,000 tons of trash from the landfill each year, according to Rumpke, which is contracted by Montgomery to provide curbside trash pick-ups.

Those who choose to recycle know what can and cannot be included in recyclables, but there are a few simple things which can be done to further



help support recycling efforts.

#5 Plastics

Plastics with the number 5 inside the recycling triangle symbol is one of the least recyclable plastics, yet it is

commonly used in packaging for items such as yogurt, cottage cheese, margarine and vitamins.

By choosing products packaged with Plastic #1 and #2, or reusing containers made with Plastic #5, residents can cut down on the amount of plastic being sent to the landfill.

Plastic Grocery Bags

Plastic bags cannot be included with your recyclables; however, almost all stores have collection bins for the bags, so just remember to take your used plastic bags back to the store with you the next time you shop so they can be recycled.

Check Recycled Content

Always try to buy products with the highest percentage of post-consumer recycled content and put a "No Junk Mail" sticker on your mailbox to reduce the amount of unnecessary paper coming into your home.

Freecycle

Visit <http://www.freecycle.org>, a website dedicated to creating a 'gifting movement' that enables individuals to gift items in their local community rather than throw them away, thus keeping tons of items out of landfills daily.

Keep the weed-killer on weeds

There is a plethora of yard products available. If you read the labels there are considerable differences between the non-organic and the organic version of the product, even within the same brand.

Often organic versions are safer to use around kids and pets, so it doesn't make sense to put our children and pets in jeopardy particularly when there is a choice.



If you have a lawn service, find out what products they are using. If customers insist on less toxic products, they will likely respond. Also make sure they are not over fertilizing. The Ohio State University Extension Service (www.extension.osu.edu) says "Lawns need to be fertilized periodically (several times) throughout the growing season. Fertilizations (feeding) should be made at eight to ten

week intervals." When it comes to weed prevention, consider treating the individual weeds rather than the entire area.

Last, but not least, be sure you or your lawn service clean up after fertilizing particularly on pathways/driveways where pets and children walk. Even organic lawn fertilizers recommend cleaning up the product from non-lawn areas.

Every little bit helps to minimize chemical run-off into streams and rivers.

Program targets decline of civic organizations

A community's "social capital" is defined as the value of all social networks within a geographic area. Unfortunately since the 1960s, social capital has steadily declined in cities and neighborhoods. This is well documented in Robert Putnam's ground breaking thesis "Bowling Alone," focusing on society's decreasing participation in its neighborhoods, civic associations and service organizations.



The Cincinnati area and Montgomery are no exception. Traditional civic groups have

found it difficult to attract new and younger members and foster growing and successful

projects. Nationally, many groups are just a shell of what they were 25 years ago. Putnam argues the following reasons.

- Urban Sprawl (10%)
- Two career families (10%)
- Generational trends (30%)
- Television/electronic entertainment (30%)
- Other factors (10%)

Why are social capital and citizen engagement so important? Studies show that communities with higher levels of social capital are likely to have higher educational achievement, better performing governmental institutions, improved economic growth, less teen crime and violence, and the residents are generally happier, healthier and live longer.

In a conversation with Montgomery's civic groups and institutions over the last several months, a variety of common themes, challenges and goals have come to light:

- Club or Organizational sustainability
- Relevancy of efforts
- Visibility
- Attraction of new members
- Effective communication across groups

To help foster a community conversation about these topics and form strategic collaborations and projects among groups, a series of sessions are being professionally facilitated.

If you are a member of a local civic group that is experiencing some, or all, of the symptoms above and would like to join in consolidated efforts, call Ray Kingsbury, Director of Citizen Engagement, at 792-8359.

Redevelopment efforts proceed for three vacant locations in Montgomery

The Development Department gets frequent inquiries about properties in the city that are currently vacant and/or are for sale. The department is sometimes involved in the transition of a property, either with the building and zoning permitting process, or with direct investment through a public private partnership.

Other times, property owners have not made a decision about a property or are not willing to share their plans with the public. Current properties that have generated interest with citizens are the Bally's Building at 9675 Montgomery Road, the Perkins Restaurant site downtown, and the vacant Chevrolet dealership across the street from Perkins.

Bally's

The Bally's fitness club facility has been vacant for quite some time. The property is for sale. At the April 7 Planning Commission meeting, the Commission approved plans for the conversion of this building

into a professional office building.

A design firm from Blue Ash is proposing to buy the building, relocate its offices, and lease the remainder of the building to other complementary businesses. Their plans include modest changes to the exterior facade and site, which the Commission agreed would be a significant improvement over the current conditions. The City is hopeful that the final details of this project will come together and the transition will occur this year.

Perkins Restaurant

As most residents know, Perkins Restaurant proceeded with the demolition of its building following a fire at the structure. Perkins officials have advised that they are now reviewing offers to buy the property and do intend to sell the land rather than rebuild.

This lot is in the Old Montgomery Gateway zoning district, which will allow

flexibility in its redevelopment, but not permit all of the uses that were previously allowed when it was zoned for general business. The City is aware of a number of interested parties, and has hope that a redevelopment will move forward this year.

Chevrolet Building

The old Chevrolet site, also located downtown in the Old Montgomery Gateway District, has been vacant for several years. The property is owned by a local developer, who has been working for some time with the City on plans to redevelop the site for a mix of uses.

The terrain and access to the site make redevelopment a challenging project. Given its proximity to the new Gateway project and the historic district, the City will work closely to ensure the project is compatible with the downtown. Both this site and the Perkins lot offer tremendous potential to improve downtown.

Recreation Programs

HIGHLIGHTS OF OFFERINGS FROM MONTGOMERY RECREATION

Register for these and other programs online at www.montgomeryohio.org or at City Hall, 10101 Montgomery Road

Tennis Anyone?

Weeks of June 16, 23 & 30; Weller Park; Peewees (5-7 yr): 9:30-10:30 am; Juniors (8-15 yr): 10:30-11:30 am; Adults (16+) 6:30-8 pm

The Club at Harper's point will again provide group instruction on stance, form and scoring for those 5 years old and older.

Register online at www.montgomeryohio.org or at City Hall by June 9. Rain dates will be added, if necessary. *Cost (all ages): \$15 for 3-week session.*

Golf: Hit 'em Straight

Adults (16+) Thursdays, May 8, 15 & 22; 6:30-8:00 pm; King's Island Golf Center

Tee it up and improve your swing at King's Island Golf Center. Group golf lessons are being offered through a cooperative effort between the City of Montgomery and King's Island Golf Center. Registration underway at City Hall and at www.montgomeryohio.org. Final sign up date is May 2. *Class size limited to 10. Cost: \$60.*

Karate Summer Special

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

Sign-up for three summer months for just \$100, which include 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.

Stroller Fit: Spring Into Fitness!

Tuesdays & Thursdays; May 13 to July 3; 9:30-10:30 am; Swaim Park

Get fit with Stroller Fit! This class is an interactive Fitness



Class that is designed for expecting or new parents. Stroller Fit develops physical, social and

emotional fitness while saving parents time. Designed to incorporate exercise science, infant development and group dynamics, this experience will help families THRIVE!

Cost: \$70 (\$75NR) or purchase a punch card for 10 classes for \$100 (to be used during this session only).

Tummy Tucks\PILATES

Tuesdays & Thursdays; May 20 to July 10 (16 classes); 6-7 pm; Annex Building

Join us in this innovative Pilates class 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 May 15. *Minimum of 12 Maximum of 20. Cost \$65 (\$70NR)*

20/20/20 Boomer Style

Tuesdays & Thursdays; May 20 to July 10 (16 classes); 9 - 10 am; Annex Building

Looking for a class specifically designed to meet the needs of Baby Boomers? Well, you've found it! 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 May 15. *Minimum of 12 Maximum of 20. Cost \$65 (\$70NR)*

ZUMBA!

Thursdays; May 22 to July 10; 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 May 19. *Minimum of 10 Maximum of 20. Cost \$45 (\$50NR).*

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)

Castle Camp (ages 6-12)

June 23-25

Boys and girls will enjoy this medieval camp as we explore the land of castles, knights and dragons. Join us as we explore adventures from times long ago.

"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.

Pastel Drawing Camp-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!

Questions about Recreation Programs?

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

Queen City Wheels Kids on Bikes, Bike Racing

Ages 6-15

Mondays; July 7 - August 25;

6:30-8 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 included in 8-week session. Bring bike (*no training wheels, please*), helmet and water bottle. *Cost: \$40 (\$45NR)*



SUMMER CAMPS

Looking for something fun and exciting for youths during summer? Check out this summer line-up!

Skyhawks Sport Camps

Monday-Thursday; June 23-28, July 7-10 or August 4-7; Weller Park (10021 Weller Road)

Choose from Tiny Hawk (*Soccer & Basketball*), Pre-K Golf (*ages 3-4*), Beginning Golf (*ages 5-9*) and Mini Hawk Multi-Sport. Register online at www.montgomeryohio.org or at City Hall. Call 891-2424 for more information. *Cost: between \$50 to \$65 per camp*

Better Babysitters & Home Alone Camp

Monday-Friday; June 16-21; 1-4 pm; Annex Building

This camp is informative and Fun! Students will learn skills they can use for a lifetime. Some topics covered are infant and toddler care, self Heimlich and Heimlich on others, CPR and Basic First Aid (kit comes with tuition), child and growth development, and lots of hands-on skills like creating age appropriate activities for younger children, talking to parents and diapering. *Minimum 6, Maximum 20 to offer. Cost: \$120 (\$125NR)*

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

18Produce 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.

Swim Lesson sign-ups to begin

Swim lesson registration for 2008 pool pass holders begins May 5. Registration for non-pass holders begins May 19. Lessons are



offered Monday through Thursday for a 2-week time frame, with Fridays as a make-up day in case of inclement weather cancellation. All lessons are taught by a trained instructor in the water with the participants. Each instructor will have no more than six students. Lessons are \$35 per session for current pool members (\$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 each child must be willing to go with the instructor and classmates. No refunds will be given once the first class begins. Classes must have a minimum of 4 participants, but no more than

six participants to be offered. Registration is limited to one session per child; no advanced registration is allowed to ensure the child

has progressed to the next level. Details on the skill levels are available at www.montgomeryohio.org.

Special Classes:

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

Splash and Play: 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.

Montgomery businesses can enjoy perks of pool membership

Anyone who works within the City of Montgomery is eligible for a discounted pool membership at the Montgomery Community Pool. Membership rates for local businesses and their employees are just \$295 for a family pass, \$145 for a single pass and \$100 for a senior pass (ages 60 and older).

Membership to the Montgomery Community Pool allows for unlimited entry during hours of operation from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Also, members enjoy discounted rates for swim lessons and private pool rentals, the permission to bring guests,

option to join swim team and free attendance at the pool luaus, dive-in movie events, Splashtacular, Doggie Swim and other fun activities throughout the season.

Registration for pool memberships is available at the front desk of City Hall or via fax at 891-2498. Membership forms and detailed information are available online at www.montgomeryohio.org. For business membership, completed applications must have a copy of a recent paycheck stub attached showing earnings taxes are being paid to the City of Montgomery.

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All Around Town

Montgomery Makos take your marks

The Montgomery Makos Swim Team begins early practices on May 26 for newer swimmers. Regular practices and weekly meets will begin June 4. This 6-8 week summer team focuses on building stronger swimmers, team players, a commitment to self improvement and an atmosphere of fun and support for all it's swimmers. There are a limited number of spots open with the team. Details and registration are available online at www.montgomeryohio.org/discover/recreation/swim_team.

Get a free pool membership

To show appreciation for the returning members from the 2007 pool season who renew memberships for the 2008, five free memberships will be given away at the pool on June 20 at 6 p.m. In addition, all returning

memberships purchased by May 15 will be entered into a drawing to win a FREE membership for 2009. Those in attendance that night for the drawing will get a second entry into the drawing to double their chances to win!

MWC announces lecture series

The Montgomery Woman's Club has announced its 46th season of its Town Hall Lecture Series. Upcoming speakers are

September 24 & 25

Steve Ford
horse breeder, movie and television actor

October 22 & 23

Doris Roberts
actress in "Everybody Loves Raymond" and humanitarian

November 19 & 20

Lee Woodruff
co-author "In an Instant" and magazine editor

March 18 & 19, 2009

"Termite" Watkins
former boxer, pest control in Iraq, Olympic coach

April 15 & 16, 2009

Martha Raddatz
ABC News Chief White House Correspondent

Wednesday and Thursday morning lectures will be

held at the Kings Island theater at 11 a.m.

Wednesday evening lectures will be held in the Sycamore Junior High auditorium at 8 p.m.

Cost of the series is \$100. Girt certificates are available. For information, visit www.montgomerywomansclub.org call 684-1632.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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1	National Historic Preservation Month begins		
2	Vintage Movie Night (The Karate Kid)	Weller Park	Dusk/8pm
4	Antiques Appraisal	Terwilliger Lodge	1-4 pm
5	Arts Commission	City Hall	5 pm
5	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
7	Council Business Session	City Hall	7 pm
8	Parks & Recreation Commission	Dulle Park	6:30 pm
12	Beautification Commission	City Hall	9 am
12	Twin Lakes Information Open House	City Hall	4-7 pm
13	Environmental Advisory Commission	City Hall	4:30 pm
14	Landmarks Commission	City Hall	7 pm
15	National Police Officers' Memorial Day		
17	Cardboard Recycling	7315 Cornell Rd	10 am - 1 pm
17	Beautification Day	City Hall Parking Lot	9am-noon
19	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
20	Sister Cities Commission	City Hall	7 pm
21	Council Work Session	City Hall	7 pm
24	Montgomery City Pool Opens		11 am
24	Beautification Day rain date	City Hall Parking Lot	9am-noon
26	Memorial Day (City Offices Closed/Trash Pick-up as Usual)		
26	Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Concert	Blue Ash Town Square	6 pm
27	Board of Zoning Appeals	City Hall	7 pm