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RecycleBank starts in October: Sign up now!

Households must register to participate in RecycleBank, a totally innovative and recharged way to recycle. Rumpke plans to deliver the "smart carts" used in the new program in mid-October. Under the program, all recyclables can be tossed in the cart with no need to sort.

Rumpke will collect items out of the "smart carts" on the normal recycling pickup day. The contents of each cart will be weighed and translated into RecycleBank Reward Points. An average recycler with RecycleBank has the ability to earn up to 450 RecycleBank Reward Points a

month or up to a total of 5,400 Recyclebank rewards Point per year.

Participants can track points via the Internet so they can obtain credits

that can be redeemed at hundreds of local and national businesses. (Residents who do not have access to the Internet can call a toll free

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If you want to participate in the new RecycleBank Pilot Program you must do it NOW!



Please drop off or mail this request to:

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

*Or log onto
www.montgomeryohio.org
to register for the program.*

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: _____

Peter Block returns for Leadership Academy

Award winning author and international consultant Peter Block has agreed to return for The Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy (MCLA) 2009.



Peter Block

Hailed as one of the most successful sessions of MCLA 2008, *Zen and the Art of Citizenship* will again be hosted by Peter Block. Billed as "The Coolest Civics Class You'll Ever Take," The Academy is a ten-session, hands-on experience designed to help transform individuals from the role of resident to engaged citizen by

offering opportunities to realize a dimension few will ever see. Workshops will go beyond the classroom and into the community to explore real life scenarios, analyze areas of community concern, and promote a network of community trustees united by a common bond of

perpetually improving the world around them.

Deadline to apply for MCLA is September 30.

For more information about The Montgomery Citizens' Leadership

Academy or to take advantage of this unique opportunity, visit www.montgomeryohio.org/academy or call Ray Kingsbury, Director of Citizen Engagement, at 792-8359.

Block's book, "*Flawless Consulting*," has been recognized as the most influential book for organizational development practitioners over the past 40 years. A new book by Block, "*Community: The Structure of Belonging*," was just released in May. In the book, Block applies the principles of his extensive work in the private sector with many Fortune 500 companies to the dynamics of local communities.

“Taking Responsibility” is only the beginning

The City’s mission statement is **“Taking Responsibility Together to Provide Superior Services.”** The mission statement for any organization sets the direction and tone of the service provided.

City Council and employees made a significant time investment to develop the City’s mission statement, a simple phrase that speaks volumes about the City’s philosophy and its commitment to residents,

corporate citizens, visitors and customers.

Breaking the mission statement into three pieces helps to demonstrate its real meaning:

1 “Taking Responsibility” speaks to how — as individuals, as well as organizationally — each is responsible for his/her work, services provided, words and actions.

2 “Together” speaks about the

City’s commitment to teamwork in providing services and accomplishing goals. City Council, staff and volunteers work side by side in the delivery of services.

3 “...to Provide Superior Service” speaks to the very essence of why there is a city government in the first place. Services that are superior deliver a high-level product and service quality, have an outstanding value to the customer, and make

good financial sense.

When all three of these occur at the same time... superior service is the outcome.

The City’s mission statement is a short sentence, but it involves so much more. The City Council and the employees continually work to meet the objectives of the mission and keep the concept in their thoughts, words and actions as they work to provide great service to the community.

COUNCIL CORNER

Recent Council Action

AUGUST 6 BUSINESS SESSION

Approved Legislation

■ **Ordinance No. 7, 2008:** 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 (Passed 6-0)

■ **Ordinance No. 8, 2008:** authorizing termination of a property tax exemption grant pursuant to Section 5709.40 of the Ohio Revised Code (Passed 6-0)

■ **Ordinance No. 9, 2008:** amending Section 34.05 of the Code of Ordinances establishing employee benefits and declaring an emergency (Passed 6-0)

■ **Resolution No 19, 2008:** authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Medical Mutual of Ohio to provide medical coverage for full-time employees (Passed 6-0)

■ **Resolution No. 20, 2008:** authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Dental Care Plus, to provide dental coverage for full-time employees (Passed 6-0)

■ **Resolution No. 21, 2008:** authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Lincoln Financial Group to provide life and accidental death and disability insurance coverage for full-time employees (Passed 6-0)

■ **Resolution No. 22, 2008:** establishing City contributions for health care benefits (Passed 6-0)

■ **Resolution No. 23, 2008:** adopting the recommendation of the Montgomery Tax Incentive Review Council with respect to the compliance of all Tax Increment Financing Districts within the City of Montgomery (Passed 6-0)

■ **Resolution No. 24, 2008:** accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Hendy, Inc. for the 2008 Jolain Drive sidewalk improvements (Passed 6-0)

■ **Resolution No. 25, 2008:** accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Gertz Company for the 2008 Curb Replacement Program (Passed 6-0)

■ **Resolution No. 26, 2008:** accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a

contract with Scodeller Construction for the 2008 crack Sealing Program (Passed 6-0)

Pending Legislation

■ An ordinance defining the procedure to establish a Community Entertainment District (Passed 2nd Reading, 6-0)

■ An ordinance to amend appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Montgomery during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008 (Passed 2nd Reading, 6-0)

■ An ordinance establishing the Limited Business District (Passed 2nd Reading, 6-0)

■ An ordinance amending and adopting the City’s Property Maintenance Code (Passed 1st Reading, 6-0)

■ An ordinance modifying stormwater easement and granting overhang easement to Montgomery Gateway Partners, LLC (Passed 2nd Reading, 6-0)

■ A resolution amending and adopting the City’s Property Maintenance Code (Passed 1st Reading, 6-0)

Montgomery City Council will meet in regular monthly business session on September 3 at the City Hall. Meetings begin at 7 p.m., with public comment welcomed on each item before Council.

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■ An ordinance establishing the Limited Business District (3rd Reading)

■ A resolution amending and adopting the City’s Property Maintenance Code (2nd Reading)

NEW LEGISLATION

■ An ordinance amending portions of Chapter 151 of the Code of Ordinances governing signs

Good things are happening in Montgomery



This month's message by Vice-Mayor Ken Suer

As the country approaches the election of a new President in November, it is interesting to note that in 1795, when what is now Montgomery was first settled, George Washington was in office. The first settlers evidently thought our area was an ideal place to put down roots and raise their families.

Much has changed from the first "W" to the current "W" but Montgomery is still a great place and it is getting better all the time!

Some new things I am encouraged by:

- The staff has done a great deal of work updating and improving the City's Property Maintenance Code.

The International Property Maintenance Code is being used as a framework for our new revised Code, and various changes have been written in that are appropriate for Montgomery. Having a good Code that can be efficiently and fairly administered is very important in keeping the City looking sharp.

- A highly attractive and informative New Resident packet has recently been designed. It is very important that new residents get the info they need and that they are made to feel welcome. I think that this new package is outstanding, and I will be interested to hear what new folks think of it.
- The next Montgomery Citizen's Leadership Academy is now forming. I was very pleased with the success of the first class last year and I think the upcoming class will be

excellent as well. The director of this project, Ray Kingsbury, is also working on some creative approaches to coordinate civic groups, neighborhood associations etc. in our area. These projects to build and strengthen citizen engagement will benefit everyone in the City in a big way.

- In this "green" era where much is being said and done in relation to environmental issues, the City is making some excellent progress. Energy audits, switching to LED's in traffic signals, use of natural materials and permeable surfaces, possible use of electric vehicles in the City fleet etc., are all indications that we are serious about fostering environmental sustainability. Also, I am looking forward to getting my "smart cart" and participating in the new RecycleBank program this fall.

- Improvements in technology usage continue. Not so long ago, the City did not even have a website. Now we have a national award-winning website that is a critical communication tool used by many residents every day. In other areas the City is looking into possible WI-FI and solar energy projects.

It has been quite a transition from the humble beginnings of the "first families" in 1795 to being chosen the best "Burb" in the Tri-State (*April 2008 issue of Cincy Business Magazine*). My wife and I are glad we "settled" here.

Hopefully you feel you live in the right place too!

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

Council considers streetscape project Sept. 17

The Montgomery Road streetscape replacement project that includes work between Cooper and Remington Road is scheduled for construction beginning as early as mid November, with completion in mid year 2009.

Preliminary concept plans for the streetscape replacement project were presented for public review and comment at an Open House held at the Universalist Church on August 6. The project will include replacement of paver sidewalks as well as the mature street trees. The street tree replacement is necessary as many of these trees have been in place for over 30 years and have reached the end of their anticipated service life. Another factor in the decision to remove and replace the street trees is

that excavation work required to replace the electrical service to the historic streetlights and for the removal of existing paver walkways will compromise the confined root systems of these mature trees that trees of this age, size and location simply cannot withstand.

The project for the east side of Montgomery Road is currently out for bids. It is anticipated that staff will present a recommendation to the Montgomery City Council for contract authorization at the October 22 City Council work session. This schedule could allow construction to begin as

early as this year, with an overall completion date of May 2009.



Project specifications are structured to maintain pedestrian and vehicular traffic that support local businesses. This will necessitate most of the construction to be completed during times when adjacent businesses are closed and also avoiding the busy holiday season in November and December.

For additional information on the Montgomery Road streetscape project please contact Public Works Director Bob Nikula at 792-8311 or by email at bnikula@ci.montgomery.oh.us

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**

Dispose of that old computer September 20

If you have old computers or electronic equipment collecting dust in your basement, consider disposing of it in an ecology friendly way.

The City of Montgomery and the Environmental Advisory Commission will sponsor its 4th annual Computer/Electronic Recycling Event September 20.

Simply bring the equipment to the Service Facility at 7315 Cornell Road across from Sycamore High School between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Staff will be on hand to unload the old gear.

All electronic materials collected will be transported to Technology Recycling Group. Hard drives are either overwritten with Department of Defense approved software or shredded. *(Montgomery is not responsible for the destruction of the hard drive or the recycling of electronic equipment. The City is not liable for data left on drives.)*

Equipment to be accepted includes monitors, CPUs, hard drives, mice, keyboards, lap tops, docking stations, back-up batteries, power cords, speakers, modems, external hard drives, memory chips, storage chips, cellular phones, printers, scanners, and desk top fax machines.

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



Terry's Tree Tips

A tough year for Montgomery's trees

Last year's drought we experienced here in Southern Ohio was extremely tough on our trees. A year later, you can see the damage that the drought caused, although it can take as long as 3 to 5 years to see damage results. Some varieties of trees took a harder hit than others. Maple, Hickory and Linden trees all suffered, but none more than the Norway

spruce. The brown branches in and on the trees are now dead and will not come back.

If you have an Evergreen tree such as a Norway spruce that is totally brown, it is most likely dead.

Calling a Certified Arborist can assist you with



making that determination. It is important to remove dead trees before they become weaker and in danger of falling, possibly causing damage and/or personal injury.

The brown tips of hardwood trees (such as Oaks & Dogwoods) around town are not from drought damage but from the recent invasion of the 17-year cicada that we just experienced here in

Montgomery. Under normal circumstances this should not kill your tree. (Unless your tree was already under stress.)

There is no need to do anything now except maybe prune the dead branches off if the tree is small enough to reach. I would recommend a light fertilization in the spring. The cicadas did do a wonderful job of aerating the soil though. So far, with the temperatures and rain fall we have experienced this year, it is just what the doctor ordered for recovering from the 2007 draught.

Continue to give your trees and plants a good soaking of water around the drip line of the tree once a week well into late Fall. Trees require at least an inch of rain per week so plan your watering based on rainfall.

Brush pick-up starts September 22

The Montgomery Service Department will again provide a fall curbside bulk collection of brush and limbs. The fall program begins September 22, and will continue over a 5 week period. Each area's pick up week will be determined by each area's regular day of trash collection. **Please have your brush out at the curb by Sunday evening of your collection week.**

Guidelines for Pick-up

■ Since chipper crews will only make one pass through each neighborhood, residents must place brush curbside on the Sunday immediately prior to your scheduled collection week. Crews cannot return once they have completed service in an area.

■ Items are collected by hand and fed into a chipping device,

TRASH PICK-UP DAY	WEEK OF BRUSH PICK-UP
MONDAY	SEPT. 22 - 26
TUESDAY	SEPT. 29 - OCT. 3
WEDNESDAY	OCT. 6 - 10
THURSDAY	OCT. 13 - 17
FRIDAY	OCT. 20 - 24

so brush containing nails, metal, stones or excessive dirt will not be picked up.

■ For safety sake, vines and branches with thorns will not be picked up.

■ Limbs must be between 3 feet and 10 feet in length and between 1/2 inch and 8 inches in diameter. Shorter branches, twigs and clippings should be placed in yard waste bags and/or cans to be picked up by Rumpke on your regular waste collection day.

■ Brush and limbs must be placed at the edge of road or

along the curb with the "cut" ends of brush toward the street in small piles. Please do not create large stacks or interwoven piles with "cut" ends placed in different directions as this makes the material difficult for crews to separate for collection.

■ Brush piles that are tied into bundles or are tangled will not be picked up.

■ Stumps, root balls and logs are not to be placed curbside for brush collection, but may be placed out for waste collection on regularly scheduled day.

For additional information regarding the curbside brush pick-up service, contact City Hall at 891-2424. Please note that dates for next spring's collection program have not yet been determined, but will be announced in an upcoming Montgomery Bulletin.

Many are accepting the challenge... will you?

Numerous residents have accepted the Environmental Advisory Commission's Energy Challenge which encourages a variety of energy savings measures by:

- Adding insulation around doors, electrical outlets, hot water pipes, exposed ducts in a crawl space and joists on the exterior basement walls.
- Adding insulation to their attic, crawl space and/or garage.
- Taping furnace duct joints to covering basement windows

with plastic or foam board (in winter).

- Insulating fireplace flues (when not in use).
- Taking a free home energy audit provided by Duke Energy.

Many made lifestyle changes to enhance the potential for energy savings by:

- Turning off unneeded lights
- Unplugging devices that go into "standby mode"
- Used cold water for laundry
- Air dried clothes on hangers or drying rack

- Closed off unused rooms in the winter
- Consulted professionals for a lighting system layout and how to make these improvements energy efficient.

A number of "Challengers" are using energy saving devices such as:

- Programmable thermostats
- On demand water heaters
- Motion detectors to control stairway lighting
- Fans are being used –

room fans to circulate air, attic fans that come on automatically when a certain temperature is reached and a whole house fan that allows cool outside air to be brought in.

- Replacing incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescents
- Buying energy star rated appliances
- Energy efficient windows when making replacements
- Planting a shade tree on the south lawn

Going green saves the green!

Conserving energy in the home is not only good for the environment, but can save money as well. There are many simple steps to conserve money and energy at home. Caulking cracks, installing weather-stripping and adding more insulation in your perimeter walls and ceilings are great ways to reduce heating and cooling bills.

Programmable thermostats automatically adjust a home's temperature settings while occupants are away or sleeping, saving energy and money. According to Energy Star, a

programmable thermostat can save about \$150 a year when used properly.

You can save \$125 to \$175 a year just by unplugging your appliances when not in use and enabling your computer to go into sleep mode when you aren't using it.

These are just a few of the many tips available for saving energy and money in your home that can be found in "Energy Savers: Tips on Saving Energy and Money at Home." Pick up a copy at City Hall or read it at www.energysavers.gov.

City to audit its energy use

In 2006, the City worked with TechSolve, a not-for-profit organization specializing in operating process improvements, to complete an Energy Management Report using a program called Energy Achiever. Energy Achiever is a program designed to help organizations assess their current energy management practices, identify critical actions and provides a structured framework to achieve continuous improvement in energy management.

This Energy Management Report identified the City's expenditures on electricity and natural gas and also identified critical areas on which the City should concentrate to improve its management of energy.

As a first step, the City will conduct a review of city-owned buildings to identify opportunities to reduce energy costs with minimal investment. Other actionable items to be done by the Energy Management Team to be fiscally responsible and environmentally conservative include:

- Review energy prices annually to ensure you are on the best rates.
- Conduct energy conservation awareness activities.
- Incorporate energy cost

reductions in overall cost savings targets.

- Regularly create and review energy efficiency trends.

Each of these steps moves the City toward "greener" operations and stewardship of City resources. Also, the City may qualify for a grant from the State of Ohio which is available to pay for 50 percent of the initial energy audit. Watch for updates on "green" projects and initiatives being taken throughout the City.

One in a Million opens September 10

One in a Million is a specialty boutique known for featuring an extensive collection of one-of-a-kind jewelry from over fifty local, national and international designers, extraordinary handbags, unique gifts, home decor and women's accessories. One in a Million is moving to historic downtown Montgomery and will open its doors on September 10 at its new location on Montgomery Road.



DID YOU KNOW?

Backyard composting

Backyard composting is one of the simplest, most effective steps that can be taken to reduce the amount of waste requiring transfer to landfill sites. The EPA estimates that nearly a third of residential waste consists of compostable materials. Composting these materials reduces disposal costs, increases the life of landfills, saves energy and reduces air and water pollution by reducing the production of methane gas and leachate in landfills. An added bonus of composting is that it generates large volumes of highly desirable compost which improves soil texture and provides the organic matter and nutrients necessary for plant growth and survival. Compost is a low cost alternative to artificial soil amendments and reduces the need for water, fertilizers and pesticides. Compost has even been shown to prevent erosion. Visit www.compostguide.com to get started today.

Wellness philosophy is key to well-being

With many of today's older adults living longer there is an increased focus on the value and benefits of healthy lifestyles and, more recently, the concept of Wellness.



Wellness is a word that is common in today's society. According to the National Wellness Institute, "Wellness is an active process through which people become aware of, and make choices towards, a more successful existence." It is more than just the physical condition of a person's body. Wellness is an on-going process that encompasses multiple dimensions of a person's being.

The key is maintaining a balance of the six dimensions of wellness:

- 1** The **Emotional Dimension** emphasizes an awareness and acceptance of one's feelings and the reflection of being positive and enthusiastic about themselves and their life.
- 2** The **Intellectual Dimension** promotes the use of one's mind to create a greater understanding and appreciation – expanding their knowledge and lifelong learning.
- 3** The **Physical Dimension** promotes participation in activities for endurance, muscular strength and flexibility.
- 4** The **Social Dimension** emphasizes the creation and maintenance of healthy

relationships.

5 The **Spiritual Dimension** involves seeking meaning and purpose in human existence.

6 The **Vocational Dimension**

emphasizes the process of determining and pursuing personal and occupational interests.

Having a wellness philosophy

improves daily function and promotes health and well-being. Research shows that for many individuals, living a wellness lifestyle slows the aging process and promotes independence.

Fraud too often targets Seniors

As despicable as it may seem, Seniors are actively targeted by criminals. Older Americans have often built for themselves substantial assets over the course of their professional lives. They are retired, often at home, and criminals find they can be more easily swayed by fears of losing their financial independence.

Unfortunately there are many scams specifically designed to be used against the elderly. Here is a little information on three of the most common scams and how to avoid becoming a victim:

Telemarketing Scams

Phone scams are used by criminals who suspect an elder is likely to have retirement savings, good credit and the inclination to talk on the telephone. Many telemarketers are aggressive. Some use intimidation to keep a victim on the line. Remember with any telemarketing call, if it sounds too good to be true, it most probably is. One of the most common telemarketing scams is the lottery/sweepstakes fraud. Someone calls to claim the would-be victim has won a prize or money, and that they send money to claim it. Sometimes a prize can be claimed by calling a "900" or "976" number. Be careful! These are toll numbers criminals



utilize as a means of charging exorbitant long distance fees!

Home Repair Scam

Another common crime against the elderly involves home repairs. Door to door odd job "experts" show up uninvited stating they have noticed an "emergency" such as a falling gutter or a roof needing repairs. They claim the emergency is critical and offer to fix the problem for a modest fee. More often than not, these criminals do not finish the work they start or do substandard work that requires a true professional to correct. In some cases these criminals will take the deposit money and simply leave having never started the work. Be wary of door-to-door salespersons or contractors. Read contracts

carefully and don't be swayed by pressure to sign quickly. A legitimate contractor will not use such pressure. All estimates should be in writing!

Identity Theft

This is the fastest growing crime in America and the fastest growing fraud against the elderly. Identity theft can be devastating. A criminal obtains personal information and uses it to establish credit in the victim's name. Often, criminals run up significant credit card debt. Guard personal information closely! Shred or tear up unwanted mail, especially unwanted credit card applications. Be cautious about giving out personal information such as address, birth date and social security number. Provide this information only when absolutely necessary and only to a company you know to be legitimate. Avoid giving out personal information on the internet, contest entries or surveys as well. Those who feel they may be a victim of identity theft should contact the Montgomery Police Department immediately, then contact credit card companies to have a fraud alert placed on each account.

Should you have any crime prevention concerns or questions, don't hesitate to contact the Montgomery Police Department at 985-1600.

Organization of codes to address maintenance issues

The City of Montgomery has established both a Zoning Code and a Property Maintenance Code for the purpose of promoting and protecting the public health, safety, convenience, comfort, prosperity and general welfare of the community. The codes also serve to protect and promote the property values within the City.

In an effort to increase the efficiency of the City's response to property maintenance issues, City Council is considering new property maintenance regulations based on the International Property Maintenance Code by the International Code Council (ICC). The ICC was established in 1994 as a nonprofit organization dedicated to developing a single set of comprehensive and coordinated national model construction codes. Many jurisdictions have local property maintenance codes, but are considering moving to the



International Property Maintenance Code because it is a nationally recognized set of standards that holds up in court if challenged. The ICC also updates the code every three years to address emerging issues.

The majority of the language in the proposed property maintenance code for the City is from the International Property

Maintenance Code; however, some language has been altered to reflect stricter regulations that are in place in the current property maintenance regulations. City staff is also proposing some additional language for problems that are encountered, but are not covered by the current regulations and/or the International Property Maintenance Code.

Most of the property maintenance regulations are the same in the new code as what currently exists, so property owners still need to take care of such issues as peeling paint, keeping grass below 6 inches and pulling weeds in flower beds, around fences and foundations. Under the new organization, the City's response to these issues will be more efficient when they arise. New regulations and clarifications of existing regulations for maintenance will also be undertaken. For example, the proposed code regulates the location of compost heaps, the use of decks, porches and balconies for storage and what types of vehicle repair can take place outside of an enclosed structure.

City Council will offer second reading of this ordinance on September 3, with third reading scheduled for October 1. Questions about the proposed property maintenance code can be addressed by City Planner Tracy Roblero at 792-8312.

RecycleBank

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hotline instead.) Rewards come in the form of a reward mailer sent directly to the home, or as an email promo code in the case of online reward.

Local reward partners include Stone Creek Dining Co., Neon Lites Café, Pipkin's Market, Benzie Salon, Big Apple Bagels, Z's Wine and Cheese, Go Bananas Comedy Club, Allure Contemporary Cuisine and Lounge, Montgomery Hair Boutique, Frame House Gallery, Heriz Oriental Rug, Little Liz Jane's Children's Boutique, Venus a Fitness Studio for Her, Ute's Lifestyle Jewelry and Accessories, and national partners include Dick's Sporting Goods, CVS/Pharmacy, Home

Depot and more.

Remember, residents must activate their RecycleBank Account in order to start reaping the rewards. In fact, 40 Reward Points will be earned just to activate the account!

The City of Montgomery is ready to be taking the proper steps to improve our environment through recycling. Fill that new recycling cart with every recyclable you can and we will have a cleaner, greener community. If you want more information on the RecycleBank Pilot Program visit the City's website at www.montgomeryohio.org.

A RecycleBank mailer with more information will be sent to residents in the near future.

Recyclable Items in RecycleBank program:

Plastics: Small mouth containers with the recycle symbols 1 & 2 (milk, soda, juice, water, shampoo & detergent bottles)

Glass: Bottles and jars (any color glass)

Metal: Aluminum or steel/tin cans, lids, bottle caps and empty aerosol cans

Newspaper: Clean and dry – include glossy inserts

Magazines/Catalogs: All sizes

Paper: Almost every kind including white, colored and glossy paper; computer, office, letterhead and fax paper; envelopes with or without windows; manila folders, self-adhesive notes, paper ream wrappers; paperboard (cereal and cracker boxes); junk mail; non-metallic wrapping paper; paper bags. *Note that staples, paperclips, labels and tape does not need to be removed.*

Telephone Books: All sizes and types

Shredded Paper: Place paper in a clear or translucent plastic bag so the contents can be seen

Cardboard: Flattened and cut into 3ft x 3ft sections. (Pizza boxes can be included if they are without food residue.)

Work progressing on area projects

While a significant amount of construction planned for 2008 has begun, several projects are scheduled to begin in September. For additional information and details about these as well as other construction projects, refer to the City's website.

Montgomery Road widening: The Ohio Department of Transportation has completed the widening project between Weller Road and E. Kemper Road. The next project phase includes work between Calumet Way in Symmes Township extending north of Fields-Ertel Road. The project is scheduled to continue through 2009.

I-275 Noise Barrier Wall: The project between Montgomery Road and Loveland-Madeira Road is scheduled for completion in November. Wall panel installation along the north side of I-275 is approximately 50 percent complete.

Jolain Drive sidewalks: Work has been awarded to Hendy, Inc. The project will begin in September and is scheduled to be completed by mid to late October.

Bethesda North Hospital Entrance Area: Intersection improvements on Montgomery Road at the main entrance to Bethesda North Hospital are scheduled to begin in early September with roadway work completed by early to mid October and traffic signal and advisory sign work completed by early to mid November.

Heritage District Bell Towers: Installation of the bell towers has been completed.

Street Resurfacing: Work on nearly 3½ centerline miles of roadways throughout the City is currently underway. Resurfacing work is planned to begin in mid-September with completion in early to mid October.

Bituminous Black Mat Project: The application of a thin layer of asphalt is projected to be completed by late September on 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*).

Curb Repairs: Work will begin in early to mid-September in locations throughout the community. Residents that will be impacted by construction will receive notice before work begins.

Crack Sealing: Work will begin in early September and should be completed by early October. The project includes several roadways in the community and generally includes roads that were resurfaced between 4 and 6 years ago.

Montgomery Heritage District Streetscape Replacement: This project includes 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. The project to replace the streetscape on the east side of Montgomery Road is currently out for bids. Work could possibly begin as early as this year. The project will be completed by mid-May 2009.

Sidewalk Repairs: Efforts to replace or repair defects in public sidewalks is now substantially complete in the focus area east of Montgomery Road and north of Pfeiffer Road.

Construction updates are featured periodically in the Montgomery Bulletin as work progresses and additional projects are authorized. Information is also provided about projects on the City of Montgomery website. For additional information on these or upcoming projects, contact Public Works Director Bob Nikula at 792-8311.



Festival of Trees Contest

Stir up the fir: Go wild with glitter and tinsel!

A Festival of Trees decorating contest has been planned to offer local families and organizations an opportunity to express their

holiday spirit and unleash their creativity as part of the annual Holiday in the Village event planned this season on Saturday, December 6.

Participants can enter a 3-4 foot tall artificial tree decorated in a theme of their choice for judging and display at the Holiday in the

Village event. All accepted entries will be displayed at one of the four participating venues. For convenience, and in the spirit of the season, each registrant can choose to donate their tree to Twin Lakes Assisted Living and Care Center to brighten the holidays for others.

The winner, by people's choice, will receive a free holiday party at Terwilliger Lodge with appetizers catered by Ohio National for up to 50 guests, a \$750 value.

To enter and review contest rules, visit the City's website. Start NOW to plan the perfect theme to capture the votes of your neighbors and friends in the Festival of Trees contest.



- 1 Visit www.montgomeryohio.org (or stop by City Hall) to get an official entry form.
- 2 Deadline for returning entry forms is November 1.
- 3 Participants will be contacted by November 15 for the designated indoor location of the entry (City of Montgomery, Bethesda North Hospital, Ohio National Financial Services or Twin Lakes).
- 4 Participants will need to set up their tree between 3 and 7 p.m. on Monday, December 1.
- 5 Email a digital picture of the entry on or before December 1 for placement on the City's website (email pictures to amorris@ci.montgomery.oh.us)
- 6 Unless donated for use by McKinley Place Assisted Living and Nursing Care, or the Memory Support Nursing Care Center at Twin Lakes, trees may be collected by the participant on Monday, December 8.

MONTGOMERY OHIO
431
Twin Lakes Bethesda
Ohio National Financial Services
222 Exchange Way, Cincinnati, OH 45219

These winners make all of Montgomery beautiful

Members of the Beautification and Tree Commission have selected the 2008 Beautification Award winners. Properties nominated by our community members were judged on their attractive and well maintained landscape in addition to the overall appearance of the property.



formally recognized at the September 17, City Council Work Session, scheduled for 7 p.m. in City Hall. The winners will receive an engraved landscape rock, a certificate of appreciation plaque acknowledging their beautifying efforts and an 8" x 10" photograph of their property. In addition, an award yard sign recognizes

each of the winning properties listed at right.

Award recipients will be

Volunteer Fair planned to showcase opportunities

The 2008 Volunteer Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, September 24, in City Hall. For the convenience of our community members, two sessions will be offered from 9-11 am and 4:30-7 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about our City's volunteer leadership opportunities (board and commission roles) especially since some terms of service will soon expire. In addition, a listing of episodic (short term) volunteer opportunities that

include staff support and assistance for City projects and events will be available. A representative from Montgomery's 2008 Citizens Leadership Academy will also be in attendance to share information about their recent experience and to provide applications for the 2009 Academy.

Stop by, meet your elected and appointed City leaders and learn more about the invaluable role that volunteers play in our community.

RESIDENTIAL

Ellen & Gary Dick
10005 Trail Lane

Bill & Jan Eulberg
8300 Turtlecreek Lane

John & Judi LaFreneire
9208 Village Green Drive

Judy & Steve Raab
7717 Cooper Road

Amy & John Rosenberg
7785 Ivygate Lane

Jim & Molly Seiler
7470 Stonemeadow Lane

George & Glynis Smulian
7832 Shadowhill Way

David & Carol Wolper
8006 Deersadow Lane

LANDSCAPE NICHE

Lindy Miller & Chuck Hong
11859 Grandstone Lane

MOST IMPROVED

Chuck & Marti Moore
7790 Campus Lane

WINDOW BOX

Matt & Sally Trumpy
10711 Escondido Drive

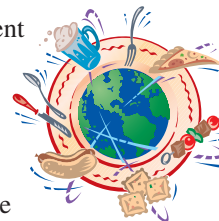
BUSINESS

Mandell-Brown
Plastic Surgery Center
10735 Montgomery Road

Make plans now for the October International Reception

Community members whose Chomeland is other than the United States are invited to attend Montgomery's International Reception sponsored by the Sister Cities Commission.

The social event is scheduled for Sunday, October 19, from 5-7 p.m. at Terwilliger Lodge in Dulle Park.



Participants should bring a favorite covered dish, appetizer or dessert representative of their native country. Ethnic attire and/or entertainment shared by the international guests (musical instruments, dancing, etc.) are always welcome.

To make your reservation to attend this event, or to suggest a community member who would appreciate an invitation, please contact City Hall (891-2424).



to the team of "Adopt-A-Bed" volunteers that has "dug in" to keep the flowerbeds in our parks and green spaces weeded throughout the growing season. Their efforts have provided additional "helping hands" for the Service Department staff to keep the flowerbeds attractive and healthy.

The following residents comprise the 2008 "Adopt-a-Bed" team:

Melanie Atkinson
Ginny Erickson
Jan Eulberg
Judy Feltner
Kaye Gaffney
Ralphine & Gary Gentzler
Lisa & Steve Good
Helen Grimes
Darla Hall
Jodi Keith
Linda Kraemer
Lee Levy
Kate McWalters
Kathy Mercurio
Lynda Roesch
Steve Sayre
Jackie Webb

Sept/Oct Volunteer Opportunities

■ Service Department Recycling Project

(Adults, Teens & Families)
Saturday, September 20 • 10 am-1 pm
7315 Cornell Road

■ Harvest Moon Festival Event (Adults & Teens)

Saturday, October 4 • 5:30-9 pm
Assist with pumpkin & canvas bag painting, cookie decorating & marshmallow roasting

■ POD (Point of Dispensing)

On Call As Needed
Montgomery Assembly of God, Pfeiffer Road or
Church of the Good Shepherd, Kemper Road
(Please refer to the August 2008 Bulletin for details)

■ Police Department Fingerprinting Project (Adults)

One hour per week (Schedule TBD)
Safety Center, 10150 Montgomery Road
(Please refer to the August 2008 Bulletin for details)



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

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

Doggie Swim

Monday • Sept 1 • 5-8 pm
Montgomery Community Pool
It's "K-9 Kerplunk" when dogs of all breeds and sizes are invited to go for an end of summer dip at the Pool before the pool is closed for the season. Dogs must be people friendly and non-aggressive towards other dogs and—of course—a swimmer of some sort. Pets of members swim for free (\$3 for non-members).

Remember to always be courteous of others and clean up after your pets.

The Love Bug

Vintage Movie Night

Friday • Sept 5 • Dusk • Weller Park
Bring blankets or lawn chairs and watch a vintage movie. A down-in-his-luck car driver meets Herbie, a rather emotional white Volkswagen, and they find themselves on a hilarious road to success and romance. Refreshments will be sold by the Greater Sycamore Soccer Association as a fundraiser. (Rain cancels the event).

Self Defense

ages 14 & up
Saturdays • Oct 4, 11 & 18 (register by Sept 28) • **9-10:30 am**

Annex Building

Learn what pressure points on the body can inflict pain, how to break a grasp and hands-on, real life self-defense movements.

This course teaches the physical and psychological aspects of self-defense including avoiding confrontations and simple and effective techniques to gain an advantage if attacked. Prevent trouble before it arises. Recognize and resolve potentially hazardous situations. Escape a physical attack or buy



time until someone can help. Reduce the possibility of personal harm. Enhance your confidence and self esteem. Taught by karate instructors Tom Kappas, a fifth degree blackbelt, and Tom Hardy, a second degree blackbelt in Taekwondo. (Minimum of 6) Cost: \$30 per 3-week session

School's Out Trip Paintball & Cornmaze Scavenger Hunt

Ages 10-14

Friday • Oct 24 (register by Oct 19)
9 am - 5 pm • Swaim Park Lodge
(Meet in lower level parking lot)

Gear up with camouflage and facepaint and experience the thrill and excitement of paintball, a sophisticated game of dodge ball and capture the flag! Two teams start on opposite ends of the arena trying to reach two objectives: "mark out" players from the opposing team and capture their flag. Then, be ready to search through the harvest moon corn maze with your team to find and answer trivia questions. Transportation via Sycamore School bus. We will enjoy a pizza lunch, but bring snack and drink. Register online at montgomeryohio.org. (Minimum of 15) Cost: \$52
Chaperones needed. Call 792-8316 to help.

Car Show

Saturday • Sept. 6 • 5-8 pm
Montgomery Square Plaza (Parking Lot)

"Get your motor running and head out to the car show!" Join us for great family fun with cars dating back to the 20s, trucks and motorcycles. You'll see Classics to Hotrods to Rat cars & everything in between including a sprint car that was featured in Street Rodder magazine. The car show will feature live musical entertainment and festival-oriented refreshments such as soft drinks, beer, snacks and food. Admission is free for spectators. Those wanting to display a vehicle can pre-register their entry for \$10 each. Proceeds will benefit the Holiday Family Fund and future improvements in City parks.

Friday Night Fever Ballroom Dancing

Fridays • Oct 3, 10, 17 & 24 (register by Sept 28) • **7:45-8:30 pm • Arthur Murray Studio** (10792 Montgomery Rd)

Bring passion and excitement into your life with ballroom dance. Learn salsa, meringue, swing and foxtrot taught by certified

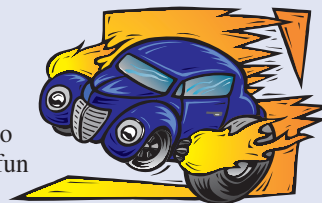
professionals. Emmitt Smith, dance champion stated that dance has changed his life. As a special offer to this class, Friday night dance practices are available after class to practice those new skills! Bring your partner, girlfriend, boyfriend or come by yourself to have fun! (minimum of 10 to offer) Cost (four-week session): \$40/person or \$75/couple



Young Rembrandts Preschool Drawing

ages 3½ to 6
Wednesdays • Oct 8 - Nov 12
(register by Oct 5) • **4-4:45 pm**
Annex Building

Pre-school children's simple images help them communicate. Young children spend the first three years of life discovering the world. They gather, collect, examine and process more



Thanks!

For the second year in a row, the Tour De Montgomery raised over \$10,000 for the HeartStone Foundation. These funds will help two local people with cancer treatment and related medical bills. The event had well more than 300 riders on July 19. This event was in conjunction with the Sister City Connection.



stimuli in the pre-school years than any other time in their development, preparing their brains for more advanced learning. In this six-week program, kids will have fun as they learn a method of drawing that will maximize development and training in art. Drawing helps to refine needed skills for Kindergarten too. (minimum of 6 to offer) Cost: \$67 for 6-week session (all materials included!)

Young Rembrandts Cartoon Drawing

ages 6-12
Wednesdays: Oct 8 - Nov 12 (register by Oct. 5) • **5-6 pm • Annex Building**

Children will have fun in this six-week program as they create cartoon characters, draw action, movement and sound, draw expressions, convey moods and develop a series of drawings to tell a joke. (Minimum of 6 to offer) Cost: \$67 for 6-week session (all materials included!)

School's Out Trip Udders, Putters & Pool

Ages 5-9
Friday • November 7 • 9 am - 5 pm
(register by Nov 2) • **Swaim Park Lodge**
(Meet in lower level parking lot)

Visit goats, cows, sheep, chickens, pigs and turkeys at Young's Dairy Farm, then play putt putt on one of the two 18 hole courses. Lunch will be at the Dairy Store with a sampler of homemade ice cream. Then, it's off to an indoor pool to splash around, play pool games and have fun! Transportation via Sycamore School bus. Register online at montgomeryohio.org. (Minimum of 12 to offer) Cost: \$45
Chaperones needed. Call 792-8316 to help.

Time for Fall Festivals...Come join the fun!

Harvest Moon Family Festival (ChiliFest too!) Saturday • October 4 • 6-9 pm Swaim Park (Cooper & Zig Zag Roads)

Celebrate the harvest season with hayrides, pony rides (\$2) and square dancing to put us in the spirit of fall. Under the tent will be pumpkin painting, harvest bag crafting, free cookie decorating, and face painting (\$2). Concessions will include cocoa, cider, carmel apples and s'more kits... a true taste of the season and great family fun!



The historic Swaim-Wilder House will be open with displays and activities for everyone to engage in some of what life used to be like back when the park was an operating farm. Other new additions include banjo playing, candied nuts and soft pretzel and some friendly straw-stuffed faces riding on the hayrides.

The ChiliFest will be in full swing in the small park shelter with coney dogs, chili tasting and beer/pop.

Please note that volunteers are needed to help with this event. If interested, call 891-2424.

Haunted Tales Presents: Dr. Jeckyll and Mr. Hyde

Story around the campfire followed by a scare on the Woods Walk

Saturday • October 25
8 pm (family)/9:30 pm (a bit scarier)
Pioneer Park (Main Gazebo)

The story comes alive (weather permitting) of a scientist that believes he has created a concoction that chemically alters one's brain to be atrociously violent; acting out their darkest impulses; a man gone mad and driven to violence, crime and murder! The exciting news is that he has also created



an anti-elixir that buries any violent urge; the hopes of creating a world without crime. Now, all the scientist needs is to test these mind-altering elixirs on a human subject...or has he

Coming Soon: Haunted Hayride Adventure

Watch the October newsletter for details on a special outing to the Haunted Hayride in Springboro leaving at 11 p.m. after the final show for some additional SCARES! Price to be announced.

Please note that volunteers are needed to help with this event. If interested, call 891-2424.

already started the experiments? Each showing seats a maximum of 100 people. (Tickets on sale October 1.) Concessions will be sold to benefit Montgomery Parks and Recreation. Cost is \$4.

Pumpkin Walk

Saturday • October 25 • 6 pm
Costumed kiddies come and parade about the jack-o-lantern lit pathway at Pioneer Park and collect goodies from all the friendly costumed pumpkin pals. Fairies, Cowboys, Ghosts, Superheroes and friends are invited to meet under the gazebo for a magic show and then

parade along the wooded pathway to collect treats. For extra ooey-goey fun, guess the guts along the walk! The walk will be lined with 60 carved pumpkins and all the kids will get to take a mini-pumpkin home with them. This is a free event geared toward kids 10 and under. Costumes will be judged by fire fighters with prizes for most original, scariest and best home-made costume. Families are invited to stay afterwards for the first telling of the Haunted Tales campfire story event at the same location starting at 8 p.m.

Please note that volunteers are needed to help with this event. If interested, call 891-2424.

Gettin' fat? Then get fit this fall

Tummy Tucks\PILATES

Tuesdays & Thursdays
Sept 23 to Nov 13 (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 September 17. Minimum of 12 Maximum of 20. Cost \$65 (\$70NR).

20/20/20 Boomer Style

Tuesdays & Thursdays
Sept. 23 to Nov. 13 (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 September 17. Minimum of 12 Maximum of 20. Cost \$65 (\$70NR)

ZUMBA!

Thursdays • Sept. 25 to Nov. 13
(8 classes) • 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 September 22. Minimum of 10 Maximum of 20. Cost \$45 (\$50NR).

Energize with Yoga!

Mondays • Sept 22 to Nov 10
9 to 10 am • Annex Building

Energize your body and mind with this fitness-based yoga class. After a brief aerobic warm-up, we'll practice



traditional yoga poses and finish with focused relaxation. Emphasis will be on breathing, stretching, balance, and core strength. The first class will start off at the beginner level and we'll move forward from there. Register online or at City Hall by Sept 17. Need a minimum of 8 to offer. Cost \$45

Power Ball

Mondays • Sept 22 to Nov 10
(8 classes) • 4:45-5:45 pm
Annex Building

Using a stability ball during strength training provides unique angles and positions not possible in traditional strengthening classes. Build muscle and tone key areas like underarms, thighs and abs. This class is appropriate for all fitness levels. Register online or at City Hall by Sept 17. Need a minimum of 8 to offer. Cost \$60

Questions about Programs?

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

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All Around Town

Kiwanis Art Show set for September 21

The 53rd annual Montgomery Kiwanis

Sidewalk Art Show will be held in downtown Montgomery on Sunday, September 21, from noon to 5 p.m. Montgomery

Road between Cooper Road and Taulman Avenue will be closed to vehicular traffic as more than 50 talented artists set

up their booths along the street.

Drinks, food and entertainment will all be available throughout the event. Proceeds from the event are the main source of funds for the Kiwanis community service projects.

There are still booths available. Artists interested in displaying their work should call Tom Eberhard at (513) 791-2459 or David Freas at (513) 891-3716 (dfreas@eos.net) for applications.

obtaining new varieties. The commission recommends that the perennials be labeled with the plant name and its sun or shade preference for the display tables. Participants should also come prepared with bags or containers to transport their new selections. Chances are, you'll leave with some new tidbits of garden information along with an armful of exchanged perennials. Questions? Call 792-8329.

Official holiday tree sought for downtown

The City of Montgomery is looking for a potential holiday tree that will be placed in the downtown for the upcoming holiday season. If you think you might have that perfect tree that has outgrown its location on your property, consider donating it to the city. Contact Terry Willenbrink at 792-8355 or twillenbrink@ci.montgomery.oh.us

Annual Plant Swap planned September 27

The Beautification and Tree Commission will host its tenth annual Fall Plant Swap on Saturday, September 27, from 9-11 am in the City Hall parking lot. The free event provides an excellent opportunity for community members to share their divided perennials while

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SEPTEMBER • SEPTEMBER • SEPTEMBER • SEPTEMBER

1 Labor Day Concert	Blue Ash Town Square	6 pm
1 Labor Day/City Offices Closed		
1 Doggie Swim	City Pool	5-8 pm
1 Montgomery City Pool Closes at 8 pm		
3 Council Business Session	City Hall	7 pm
5 Vintage Movie Night	Weller Park	Dusk/8pm
6 Car Show	Montgomery Square	5-8 pm
8 Beautification & Tree Commission	City Hall	9 am
8 Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
8 Arts Commission	City Hall	5 pm
9 Environmental Advisory Commission	City Hall	4:30 pm
10 Landmarks Commission	City Hall	7 pm
11 Parks & Recreation Commission	City Hall	6:30 pm
16 Sister Cities Commission	City Hall	7 pm
17 Council Work Session	City Hall	7 pm
20 Cardboard Recycling	7315 Cornell Road	10 am - 1 pm
21 Kiwanis Art Show	Downtown Montgomery	12- 5 pm
22 Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
23 Board of Zoning Appeals	City Hall	7:30 pm
24 Volunteer Fair	City Hall	9-11 am & 4:30-7 pm
27 Fall Plant Swap	City Hall Parking Lot	9 - 11 am

OCTOBER • OCTOBER • OCTOBER • OCTOBER • OCTOBER

4 Harvest Moon Fest	Swaim Park	6 - 9 pm
4 Chili Fest	Swaim Park	5 - 8 pm
4 Self-Defense Program	Annex Building	9-10:30 pm