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We remember

The day that changed Montgomery forever...

Ten years ago, an early morning April 9 tornado raked across the region focusing its fury on the Montgomery area. Four people were killed in the storm that left millions of dollars in damage to scores of homes and businesses.

The victims are worthy of remembrance. The decade that followed is worthy of commemorating. **A special program has been planned for Sunday, April 5, at St. Barnabas Church to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the 1999 Tornado.** The program, which begins at 2 p.m., will not only serve as a memorial, but also celebrate the community spirit which emerged from the tragedy.

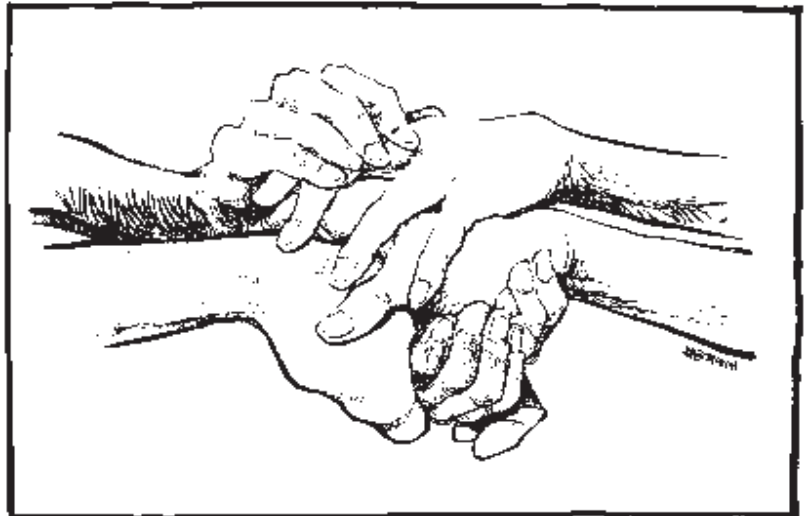
Those who may have witnessed the aftermath, experienced loss, volunteered in some capacity, or just wish to celebrate the bonds that formed by caring neighbors are encouraged to attend.

The program is themed by the Jim Borgman sketch featured in the Cincinnati Enquirer titled "We're All in this Together." The speakers

will present the facts of the day, the resident and volunteer perspectives and recapture the City's perspective and the re-growth which followed. There will also be an opportunity for the audience to share their remembrances or reflect

on the memories of that day.

To determine potential attendance for the service, those planning to attend are encouraged to call 891-2424. Reservations, however, are not required.



WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.....

The original artwork of this sketch was given to the City by local residents and now hangs in City Hall.

Planned memorial to commemorate spirit of Montgomery community

The April 5 program commemorating the 10-year anniversary of the 1999 tornado will serve as the beginning of a three-year drive to establish a permanent memorial. The memorial will be located in the serene confines of the Johnson Nature Preserve, also heavily damaged in the storm.

In addition to enhancements at the entrance of the park, the memorial effort will include a sculptural representation of the Jim Borgman drawing showing hands clasped together and proclaiming, "We're All in this Together."

A variety of gifting options will be

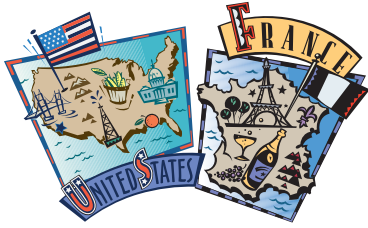
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Moment to Remember

The City will offer a "Moment to Remember" at Sycamore High School on April 9 at 9 a.m. A brief ceremony will reflect on the tornado which struck the community that morning exactly ten years earlier.

Bastille Day event celebrates 20 years of friendship with Neuilly-Plaisance, France

Montgomery's annual Bastille Day Celebration event, scheduled for Saturday, July 18, in the Heritage District, will be exceptionally noteworthy as Montgomery celebrates its 20 year friendship with Neuilly-Plaisance, France. The official "twinning" of the two cities occurred in 1989 and has



resulted in numerous back-to-back exchanges since then.

Focusing on specific themes, the exchange participants have included craftsmen, educators, student soccer players and city officials.

The Bastille Day Committee has been working on the street party extravaganza since January and will soon release the entertainment line up, restaurant participants and special event features. The latest information will be published on the web site and in future *Montgomery Bulletins*. Until then, reserve July 18 for this unique community festival!



Councilman Ken Suer is shown addressing Montgomery's Annual Community Leadership Forum in February. More than 50 people, representing local community groups, were in attendance. Discussion included the status of local development projects, City finances, green initiatives and engaging the unengaged.

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

Snow Line
792-8345

COUNCIL CORNER

Montgomery City Council will meet in its regular monthly business session on April 1 at the City Hall. Meetings begin at 7 p.m., with public comments welcomed on each item before Council.

New Legislation

- An ordinance to amend appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Montgomery during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009

Recent Council Action

MARCH 4 BUSINESS SESSION

Approved Legislation

Ordinance No. 2, 2009
An ordinance amending portions of Sections 151.32 and 151.34 of the Code of Ordinances providing parking and landscape/ screening regulations (passed 5-0)

Resolution No. 12, 2009

- A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Capital Recovery Systems, Inc. to provide assistance in recovering delinquent debt due through the Mayor's Court (passed 5-0)

These pieces of approved legislation can be reviewed on the City's website at www.montgomeryohio.org

Parks survey prompts upgrades in Johnson Nature Preserve



This month's message by Council Member Lynda Roesch

Over the next three years, Montgomery has plans to improve the Johnson Nature Preserve. These changes are a result of suggestions received during the Parks Study. The kick off for the improvements ties in nicely with the ten year memorial of the 1999 tornado. The April 9, 1999 tornado significantly damaged the Nature Preserve.

After consulting with experts, the City determined to cut the fallen trees to the ground and allow the natural recovery

process to take place. As one expert told us, this is nature's way of cleaning forests. The natural recovery process helped stabilize the slopes and allowed natural regeneration to occur. Within months after the tornado, in order to address potential erosion issues and honeysuckle invasion, the City spread annual rye grass over bare areas and planted 700 native tree species, 600 native shrubs and 200 flats of ground cover.

In remembrance of the tornado, the entrance to the Johnson Nature Preserve will feature a replica of the Jim Borgman "We're All in this Together" sketch editorial that appeared in the *Cincinnati Enquirer*. The

"We're All in this Together" sketch has come to symbolize the sense of community that characterizes Montgomery.

In addition, there are plans to create a grassy hill area at the entrance of the Preserve to facilitate educational presentations. There will also be improvements to the walk which will take a visitor from the parking lot to the trail and then into the Preserve. The walk will feature brick respite areas. The bricks are available for purchase by residents, similar to the bricks at City Hall. The walking trail will eventually be reworked to encompass more of the Preserve. The entrance will also

feature benches and a pergola to increase the accessibility and attractiveness of the entrance area.

If you would like to contribute or purchase a brick or bench in memory of a loved one or as a remembrance of the tornado, please contact City Hall. The results of the Park Study combined with the history of the City will create an improved Johnson Nature Preserve for the enjoyment of Montgomery residents.

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

Get to know your parks

Johnson Nature Preserve: Montgomery's best kept secret

During the park study conducted by the City and the Parks and Recreation Commission in 2007, it was revealed that a large number of residents did not know about some of the parks, especially those further away from their homes. Thanks to Montgomery's sidewalk system, any City park is just a walk away.

Johnson Nature Preserve is one of the least known, but most unique in the Montgomery park system. Encompassing seven acres of natural woodlands, it is located at 10840 Deerfield Road, just east of I-71. Unlike the other parks, the Preserve has very few man-made amenities, with the focus being on enjoying the scenic and natural aspects of the area.

The preserve was originally part of a 25-acre farm owned by the Stewart family, who sold the land to Dr. and Mrs. Frank L. Johnson. Dr. Johnson donated the land to the city in 1974 for "use as a nature preserve to be enjoyed by its citizens." In

1988, the trail system was developed by two local teens working on their Eagle Scout service projects.

The current preserve consists of a gravel walking trail that winds through woods and marsh, following the natural flow of the creeks. There are also benches stationed along the trail. Many different types of wildflowers and plants bring variety to the landscape, as well as diverse color during the spring and fall.

On April 9, 1999, the tornado that passed through northern Montgomery also caused extensive damage to the Nature Preserve. Most of its mature

trees were destroyed, drastically altering the landscape. At the time, the City decided to allow



the Preserve to recover naturally, and avoided bringing in large logging equipment that might further damage the fragile ecosystem. The recovery of the

Preserve has been documented in two photographic tours, one dated from 2001 and the other from 2006, showing the changes that have occurred during this natural reforestation. Both tours can be accessed through the city's website.

In addition to improvements planned as part of the memorial project at the Preserve, expansion of the current trail system has been proposed.

Memorial...

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available, including a unique opportunity for an individual sponsorship of the monument to be comprised of a brick pillar and bronze plaque as the centerpiece. Other options will range between \$50 and \$1,500. Each can be customized in both location and message.

Monument & Column
\$10,000 (Limit 1)

Landscape Bed & Bench
\$1500.00 (Limit 5)

Natural Bench *along nature path*
\$500.00 (Limit 8)

Memorial Brick Pavers (12"x12")
\$250 (Limit 50)

Personalized Brick Pavers (6"x8")
\$50 (Limit 250)

Gifted opportunity informational materials will be available at the April 5 Commemorative 10th Anniversary event. Subsequent to the event, information will be available at Montgomery City Hall and on the City web site www.montgomeryohio.org starting April 6.

Ohio National marks centennial with record donation

Ohio National Financial Services, one of Montgomery's premier businesses located at One Financial Way near the Pfeiffer Road/I-71 interchange, is celebrating 100 years of service to the community during 2009.

To mark its 100th anniversary, Ohio National has announced its commitment to fund construction of ten Habitat for Humanity homes over the next

five years. Each home symbolizes a decade in Ohio National's 100 year history. The \$780,000 gift represents the largest ever one-time gift to Cincinnati Habitat for Humanity.

"Our partnership with Cincinnati Habitat for Humanity is a living representation of Ohio National's tagline: 'Life Changes. We'll be there.'" said David B. O'Maley, Ohio



Ohio National
Financial Services®

Life changes. We'll be there.®

National Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer. "When life changes, we look to the safety and stability provided by home. Habitat for Humanity makes the dream of home

ownership a reality for thousands of families across the United States."

Founded in 1909 in a 4th Street office in downtown Cincinnati, the company has grown steadily through the years and today markets a variety of insurance and financial products through more than 50,000

representatives in 47 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and through subsidiary operations in Santiago, Chile. As of December 31, 2008, its affiliated companies have \$21.6 billion total assets under management. Products are issued by The Ohio National Life Insurance Company and Ohio National Life Assurance Corporation.

Ohio National's success has continued since it moved to Montgomery in 1996. The company has enjoyed 19 consecutive years of sales growth. Employment in Montgomery has increased from 500 to 800 people. Despite the turbulent economy, Ohio National posted record earnings and life sales in 2008.

New businesses thrive downtown

Academic Tutoring opens in downtown Montgomery

Academic Tutoring has opened at 7781 Cooper Road. Teaching strategies that lead to academic success, Academic Tutoring focuses on tailoring a plan to help children acquire the skills needed to improve school performance. Licensed and certified educators have the ability to understand and implement strategic approaches to tutoring that increase student success and parent satisfaction.

Academic Tutoring can tutor all ages in all academic areas, including Reading, Writing, Math, Study Skills, and Test Preparation. In addition, Academic Tutoring provides help in specialized areas, such as Early Childhood Education, Kindergarten Readiness, and Advanced Placement classes. The company is approved by the Ohio Department of Education as an SES Provider.

An Open House is set for Sunday, April 19, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. To learn more about the company's summer

programs, contact Amy Hebert at 513-615-9015 or amy@atutoring.net. Visit Academic Tutoring on the Internet at www.atutoring.net.

My Little Red Haus is located on two floors where students can work independently at an open studio on the first floor, or learn something new in instructional workshops in the second floor studio.

My Little Red Haus is open during weekdays from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The hourly open studio rate is \$9 per child. A series of ten one-hour visits can be purchased at a discounted rate. For

more information, call Frau Heike Haag at 513-827-9110.

My Little Red Haus opens in historic landmark

A new art studio, *My Little Red Haus*, has opened in Historic Old Montgomery in the historic Johnson Murdaugh landmark at 9429 Montgomery Road.

"This is a life-long dream of mine," says owner and accomplished artist, Heike Haag. "Since arriving in the U.S., I've wanted to combine my passion for arts with my love for children. *My Little Red Haus* will be a fun, interactive creative experience for everyone."

Uptown Interiors opens near Montgomery Inn

Uptown Interiors has opened new studios at 9395 Montgomery Road (just south of the Montgomery Inn). From help selecting paint colors to redecorating an entire home, the designers at Uptown Interiors are available to create a home that is uniquely "yours."

Stop in to meet the designers or call for an appointment at 791-7869. Visit Uptown Interiors on the Internet at www.uptown-interiors.com to see the very latest in home décor and style.

The City benefits from the support that Ohio National provides, including the lead sponsorship of the City's Independence Day concert and the annual Victorian Village, which is held each December and is coordinated with the City's Holiday in the Village. Recently the company hosted a 2008 and 2009 Montgomery Citizen Leadership Academy class, which gave residents a chance to visit the facility and learn more about their operations. A cafeteria on campus is open to the public for breakfast and lunch.



Open City Hall finds interest in Wi-Fi need

Many people are avid users of wireless Internet, better known as Wi-Fi. The question for the month of February on the City's Open City Hall forum was "If free Wi-Fi access were available in commercial and public areas in Montgomery, would you most likely use it? If so, where would you use it? If you would not use it, why not?" Nearly 30 responses have been posted from interested residents and businesses. Many people expressed an interest in having free Wi-Fi available in the Heritage District as a way to attract people to the area, especially telecommuters. There was interest in having free Wi-Fi available in the parks as well, but some expressed concern that it may prove to be a distraction and a haven for hackers. The City recognizes these concerns, will take them into consideration and will

Let your voice be heard!

APRIL'S TOPIC:

What did you think of the changes with Snow Removal?

Because of a wide-spread shortage of de-icing rock salt, the City adopted measures to conserve our limited salt supplies during snow removal operations. These measures included prioritizing the arterial and larger side streets, and using plows instead of salt for the smaller snow accumulations. Have the changes affected your commute and daily activities? If so, how?

Log on to www.montgomeryohio.org/peak.htm to review past Open City Hall questions and responses or to provide comments.

remain sensitive to preserving the historical roots of the City and the beauty of the parks.

"The City operates two lodges and it is a challenge filling vacant rental spots during the weekdays," says Montgomery Customer Service Director, Matthew Vanderhorst, "and

offering free Wi-Fi is important in keeping the lodges competitive with other rental facilities and may help fill those vacancies."

The City recognizes many local businesses already offer free Wi-Fi as an important tool in attracting customers. To promote awareness, the City web site team will be adding a map to the City web site that will show the location of free Wi-Fi offered by local business and the City.

All Open City Hall responses will be reviewed as the City considers the possibility of offering free Wi-Fi hotspots and other broadband initiatives that will help keep the City well positioned to address

communication in the 21st century.

Montgomery's participation in the Open City Hall forum is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan initiatives to "foster 2-way dialogue between the City and the Community." Residents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to engage Montgomery's leadership by visiting montgomeryohio.org/peak.htm.

City seeks grant for demolition of BCM building

The City of Montgomery recently submitted an application to the Hamilton County Development Company (HCDC) for an Urban Land Assistance program grant for the demolition of the former Business Club of Montgomery, located at 7777 Ted Gregory Lane. Recently, the building was purchased by the City when the BCM closed its organization.

While a specific demolition date has not yet been identified it is anticipated that building demolition will be complete by early to mid June. This demolition project will be dependent on receipt of bid proposals, as well as the HCDC review of the City's grant application.

The site of the former Business Club includes 62 parking spaces that will continue to be available for public parking. During demolition and clean up of the building site, the public parking lot will be closed to the public for safety reasons.

the Snow Line (792-8345) about snow removal operations during and after winter storms.

Individual perspectives about the City's snow removal operations are sought to help identify aspects of snow operations that were successful, as well as those that may require improvement. To communicate opinions, residents are encouraged to provide feedback during the "Open City Hall" forum on the City's website during April (See page 5). Not only can residents share their comments, they can also see what others have to say about the City's efforts to clear roads of snow and ice during winter storms.

For additional information about the City's snow removal operations, contact Public Works Director Bob Nikula at 792-8311.

For additional information about the City's plans for this property, contact Frank Davis, Community Development Director at 891-2424.

Winter storm: How did we do?

Old Man Winter arrived in the Cincinnati area in late January and early February with two significant winter storms. By most accounts the City's snow removal response for clearing roads was effective, however the evening commute on Tuesday, February 3, was a problem in Montgomery and throughout the region. Rapidly accumulating snow, high traffic volumes and accidents on major roadways resulted in significant problems during the evening commute.

These winter storms tested the

City's salting strategies, and prompted the declaration of a Snow Emergency on two



occasions. Cooperation by residents in removal of their vehicles from the street during these snow emergencies greatly assisted plow operators and allowed crews to maximize the use of limited salt supplies.

Snow emergency declarations were communicated to residents by the use of the CODERED rapid call system, announcements on each of the four major Cincinnati television stations and regular updates on

Ten ways to keep your brain in shape

Memory loss is a common concern for people over 50, but the good news is there are simple ways to exercise your brain and stay sharp. There are many different ways to exercise your brain. Here are 10 ideas that you may be

able to incorporate into your daily life.

1 Snack on almonds and blueberries. As they lower blood sugar, healthy snacks can improve cognition. In this case, the omega-3s in the

almonds and the antioxidants in the blueberries can keep your brain functioning correctly.

2 Leave your comfort zone. Try something that is opposite your natural skills. If you like numbers, learn to draw. If you love language, try logic puzzles. Learning a new skill creates new neural pathways in your brain.

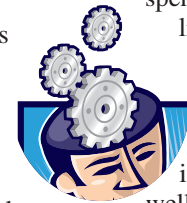
3 Bear some weight. Adding a little strength training to your daily walks can help protect brain cells from damage done by free radicals and encourage new brain cell growth. So strap some weights on your ankles or wrists as you walk.

4 Meditate. Meditation can reduce the stress hormone cortisol, which zaps memory. Meditation also helps mitigate focus-stealing feelings like depression and anxiety.

5 Switch hands. It may be uncomfortable, but writing with your non-dominant hand or operating a computer mouse with that hand can activate parts of the brain that aren't easily triggered otherwise. Anything that requires the brain to pay close attention to a formerly automatic behavior will stimulate brain growth.

6 Top rolled oats with cinnamon for a brainy breakfast. The oats scrub plaques from your brain arteries, while a chemical in cinnamon is good for keeping your blood sugar in check—which can improve neurotransmission.

7 Turn up the tunes. TV may provide a lot of stimuli, but watching too much can dull brain transmission. Instead, spend an afternoon listening to your favorite music. Music can lower stress hormones that inhibit memory and increase feelings of well-being that improve focus.



8 Sleep. Shut-eye isn't a luxury. It's when your brain consolidates memories. Poor sleep caused by medical conditions, worry, depression, or insomnia, can interfere with your rest. So treat yourself to relaxing scents like vanilla before bed. They raise the chemical dopamine and reduce cortisol, a stress hormone. Most of sleep's boost to concentration and memory happens in the first stage, so even a catnap as short as 30 minutes can benefit your brain.

9 Play board games. Whether you choose Risk, Pictionary, or Scrabble, board games are associated with a lower risk of developing dementia. They activate strategic, spatial, and memory parts of the brain, and require you to socialize, which can help form new neural pathways.

10 Replace your salt shaker with a sodium-free alternative. We all know that hypertension can lead to heart problems, but new evidence suggest that decreasing the salt in your diet can also improve blood flow to the brain and decrease dementia.

Want better health? Go jump in a pool...

The longer we can remain physically active as we age, the longer we will be able to live enjoyable productive lives. Unfortunately, high impact exercise can have a detrimental effect on bones, joints and muscles of some people over 50 that have not maintained a regular exercise regime. This is why swimming is an excellent way to get in shape and improve over all well being.

who exercise a number of times a week have stronger immune systems and are able to better fight off disease.

Swimming is one of the best exercises for older adults. It is safe and easy on the body, allowing older adults to move their bodies without bearing their weight. When we swim, we move our bodies in ways that are fundamentally different than when we exercise in other ways.

10 Benefits of Swimming

- Improved cardiovascular conditioning
- Improved flexibility
- Improved muscle tone
- Improved posture
- Increased muscle strength
- Ease muscle tension
- Improved balance
- Weight and appetite control
- Stress reduction
- Reduced risk of osteoporosis

One of the main benefits of swimming is to allow older people to tone and strengthen their bodies in a totally supported way. Regular exercise, such as swimming, combined with a healthy diet can actually reverse the symptoms of some diseases. It has also been found that those

Aging does not need to mean substantially decreased mobility. Swimming can lengthen the years that we live vibrantly and with enthusiasm. The Montgomery pool offers discounted memberships for older residents, check it out today!

Beware of home improvement scammers

It happens all too often. Unscrupulous contractors and repair companies will be hard at work trying to steal payments for improvements they have no intention or qualification to undertake.

In the simplest of terms, home improvement fraud takes place when a contractor or hired company fails to complete work for which they have been paid in advance. Contractors may do a substandard job of repairs, use shoddy tools and equipment or simply not do the work at all. Many scammers specifically target the elderly — particularly those with health problems — because the victims genuinely need a hand maintaining their properties.

Typically, a door-to-door solicitor stops and advises home owners that they appear to have a problem with their roof. A great offer to fix the problem is made, a contract is written and signed and the salesman disappears with the pre-payment:

- **Don't pay up front!** A down payment for services should not be more than one-third of the total price.
- **Don't pay in cash.** As tempting as it might be, pay with a credit card or check instead. Withhold your final payment until you are completely satisfied with the work; at the very least until all work is complete and you have received written proof from the contractor that any and all sub-contractors and suppliers have been paid. Save your contract and warranty documents in case you need to make a later warranty claim.

If you need to have home improvement work done, first

and foremost choose a reputable contractor:

- **Don't rely on advertisements alone!** The State of Ohio requires plumbers and electricians to be licensed, but other home improvement contractors and "handy-men" can operate without licenses. Anyone can take out an ad in the newspaper, but it does not mean the company is qualified or guarantees their work.
- **Don't trust door-to-door contractors!** Reputable contractors will not try to obtain your business by coming to your door unsolicited.
- **When selecting a contractor be wary of red flags.** Be skeptical of contractors who offer you a good deal because they have "left over supplies from a

previous job" or wish to use your home as a "model" home for other prospective customers.

- **Ask your prospective contractor for references.** A reputable contractor should be able to give you the names and contact info for previous customers. Be certain to call them! Most folk will be happy to share their experiences. (*Beware that savvy crooks may have pre-arranged a few references.*)
- **Always ask questions!** Get a complete estimate of costs including labor and parts and compare it with one or two other companies to guarantee you are getting a good deal.
- **Make certain you are given copies of all contracts, estimates and warranties.** These documents need to be clear, concise and complete! Any

contract should include the price, payment schedule, description of the specific work to be done and also a time frame for having the job completed. A contract should also have the contractor's name, address, signature and a statement of warranty for their labor and materials.

- **Get a change order.** This is often not done when undergoing major home improvement projects! If there are any changes that must be made to your work order due to unavailability of material or manpower, insist on a written change order so you can approve the price increase before any extra work is done.

Remembering these tips when searching for a home improvement contractor can greatly reduce the risk of becoming a victim of fraud!

April 15 deadline nears for tax filings or extension requests

Individual Montgomery tax returns or extension requests are due to the Tax Office on or before April 15. Residents requesting a Federal extension may drop-off or forward a copy to the Montgomery Tax Office by mail or by fax (513-891-2994).

Residents mailing a return or a copy of a federal extension request will need to have their correspondence postmarked with the April 15 date for the return or extension request to be considered "on time."

As a reminder, married residents who file separately for IRS purposes can still file a joint return with Montgomery—just remember to send a copy of the

front page of the Federal 1040 form for both spouses.

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

Saturday, April 4
9 am – noon

Tuesday, April 7
8 am – 6 pm

Saturday, April 11
9 am – noon

Monday, April 13
8 am – 6 pm

Tuesday, April 14
8 am – 6 pm

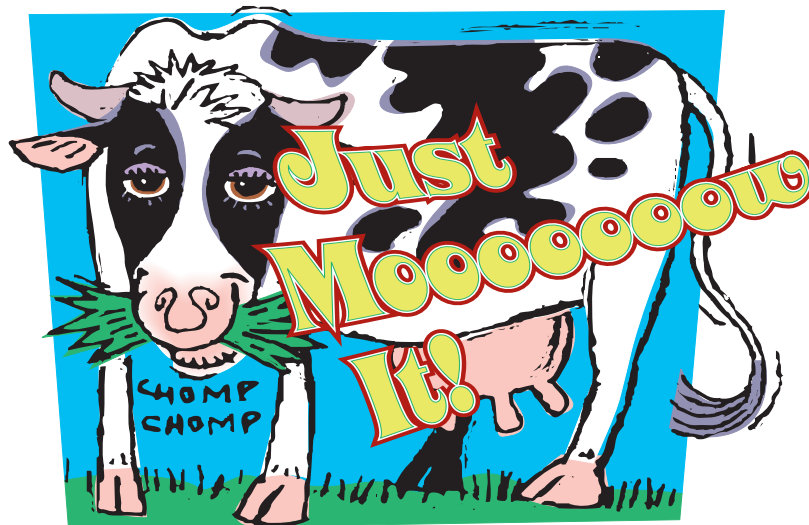
Wednesday, April 15
8 am – 6 pm

Residents wanting assistance in completing local tax returns should bring their W-2 form(s), applicable Federal 1040 form and any supporting federal schedules with them. The Tax Office will prepare local returns without cost. No appointment is necessary. For residents' convenience, a locked container is located at the front desk of City Hall for an easy and safe drop-off of tax forms and information.

For any questions, call (513) 891-2424 and ask for the Tax Office, or visit our website at www.montgomeryohio.org and click on 'Tax Forms' on the home page.

Lawn Care: Just Moooooow it!

Each month, the Environmental Advisory Commission will be providing information on various environmental topics. With the grass-mowing season close at hand, this month's installment encourages residents to "Just Mow It." this summer.



What is "Just Mow It?"

"Just Mow It" is a lawn mowing practice that returns grass clippings to your lawn. The clippings contain valuable nutrients that fertilize the lawn naturally and free!

What are the benefits of "Just Mow It"?

With "Just Mow It," a resident can save:

Time: No interrupting mowing

to bag the grass clippings.

Effort: No bags to carry out to the curb.

Money: Cut back on commercial fertilizer, because the clippings contain nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium that

generate up to 25% of a lawn's yearly fertilizer needs.

How do you do it?

Use ANY Mower: A mulching mower will cut the clippings into smaller pieces that

decompose faster. For best results, follow these guidelines:

Follow the 1/3 rule: Cut no more than 1/3 of the grass height. For example, for a grass height of 3-inches AFTER cutting, mow your lawn before the grass height reaches 4.5 inches.

In spring, when the grass grows very fast, the lawn may need to be cut more often.

Cut the Grass High (2 to 3.5 inches): Higher grass shades out weeds and makes it less susceptible for diseases. Keep your mower's blade sharp, especially when using a non-mulching mower.

Cut the grass when it is dry.

Don't use too much commercial fertilizer; it can encourage lawn diseases.

Clean up clippings and commercial fertilizer from sidewalks and driveways.

Where to drop household "hazards"

Many of the items you use everyday in home improvement projects, lawn and garden care, and automobile maintenance can be hazardous to your health and the environment if disposed of improperly. Typical hazardous products include pesticides, automotive products, home improvement products (like varnish, stain, paint thinner, paint stripper, adhesives), and cleaning products (such as drain cleaner, pool chemicals, ammonia, bleach). The average home contains 60 to 100 pounds of chemicals that may be safe to use as intended, but hazardous if disposed of improperly. To determine if a product is hazardous, check the label for key words like caution, warning, dangerous and poison.

Every year, the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District operates a free hazardous waste drop-off

Household Hazards Drop-off Locations

Environmental Enterprises, Inc.

4650 Spring Grove Avenue
Tuesdays: 2 - 6 p.m.
Saturdays: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Closed April 11, May 23, July 4 & September 5

10163 Cincinnati-Dayton Road
Wednesdays: 2 - 6 p.m.

program for Hamilton County residents. Now open, the program will be available through November 14. We encourage you to reduce your hazardous waste by only purchasing the amount of product you use and purchasing non-hazardous alternatives. Household "hazardous" materials can be dropped off at Environmental Enterprises, Inc., on Spring Grove or Cincinnati Dayton Road for environmentally sound disposal.

Acceptable Items

Paint • Pesticides
Fertilizers • Solvents
Thinners • Lawn Pool
Chemicals • Cleaners
Household Or Auto Batteries
Prescription Drugs
Fire Extinguishers • Propane
Tanks • Mercury
Fluorescent Bulbs • Driveway
Sealer • Gasoline • Antifreeze
Motor Oil • Thermostats

Unacceptable Items

Radioactive Materials
Medical Waste
Explosive/ammunition • Gun
Powder • Heating Oil Tanks
Tires • Yardwaste
Smoke Alarms • Garbage
Roofing Materials
Appliances
Computers/Electronics
Fuel Tanks

For a complete list or for more information regarding this program, call 946-7700 or visit www.hamiltoncountyrecycles.org.

Does the "Just Mow It" program produce thatch?

No! Thatch is a layer of living and dead organic matter such as grass roots and stems that begin to grow between the base of a plant and the soil. The build up of thatch is caused by over watering and over fertilizing your lawn.

For more information on Lawn Care:

Learn a myriad of information about lawn care on April 2 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Lawn Care & Integrated Pest Management Workshop at the Terwilliger Lodge in Dulle Park.

Information is also available in the Yard Waste @Home Handbook available at City Hall or at www.hcdoes.org/SWMD/Residents/Yardwaste/YWatHome_08.pdf.

Curbside brush pick-ups begin April 20

The Montgomery Service Department will again provide a spring curbside bulk collection of brush and limbs. The program is scheduled to begin on April 20 and will continue over a 5 week period, providing each neighborhood one pick-up. Each neighborhood's week for pick-up will be determined by the scheduled day for regular trash collection (*see chart at right*).

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

The curbside collection is undertaken manually by Public Works Department personnel and placed into a brush chipper. The following guidelines have been established for the bulk brush collection program:

Going Green doesn't include your sidewalk!

Although residents make a significant effort to ensure the over-all attractiveness of Montgomery by maintaining and enhancing their property, sidewalk weeds are frequently over looked. Routine maintenance of sidewalks, including weed control, is the responsibility of the resident whose property abuts the sidewalk.

Keep Montgomery a "Premiere Residential Community" by tending to weeds that grow on or near residential sidewalks.

TRASH PICK-UP DAY	WEEK OF BRUSH PICK-UP
MONDAY	APRIL 20 - 24
TUESDAY	APRIL 27 - MAY 1
WEDNESDAY	MAY 4 - 8
THURSDAY	MAY 11 - 15
FRIDAY	MAY 18 - 22

Spring Brush Pick-up Collection Guidelines:

- Brush containing nails, metal, stones or excessive dirt will not be picked up.
- Vines and branches with thorns will not be picked up.

- Limbs can be any length, but between 1/2 inch and 8 inches in diameter. Shorter branches, twigs and clippings should be placed in yard waste bags and/or cans to be picked up by Rumpke on your regular waste collection day.
- Brush and limbs must be placed at the edge of the road or along the curb with the "cut" ends of brush toward the street in small piles. Please do not create large stacks or interwoven piles with "cut" ends placed in different directions as this makes the material difficult for crews to separate for collection.

- Stumps, root balls and logs are not to be placed curbside for brush collection but may be set out for yard waste collection on regularly scheduled trash days. Each item, however, cannot weigh more than 60 pounds.
- Brush piles that are tied into bundles or are tangled will not be picked up during the bulk collection program.

Fall brush collection will occur again starting on September 21. Watch for information in the September issue of the *Montgomery Bulletin*. For additional information, call City Hall at 891-2424.

RecycleBank scores major success

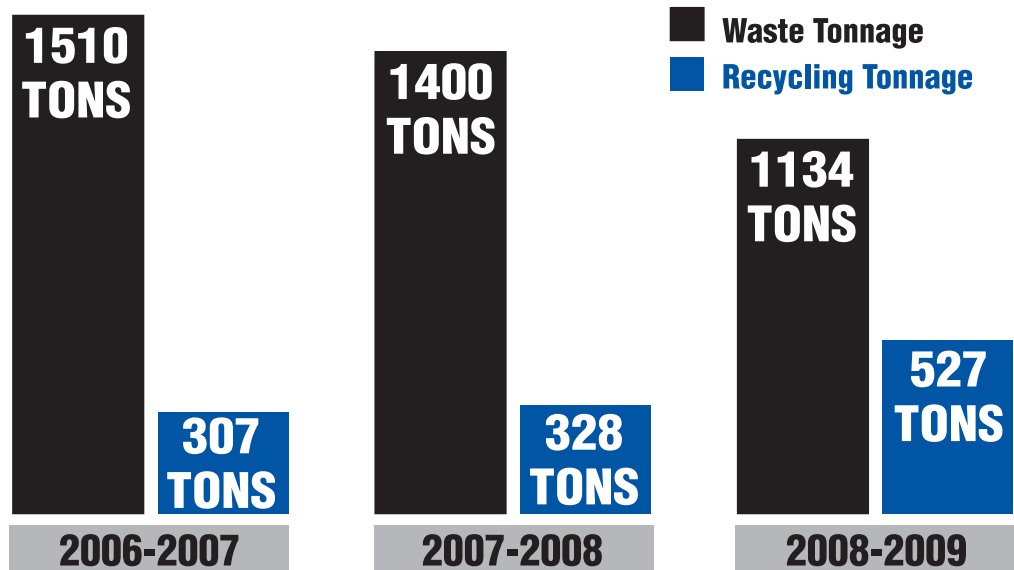
When Montgomery introduced the RecycleBank Pilot Program, one major goal was to reduce the tonnage of solid waste going into the landfill while increasing the amount of items recycled. Residents

have met the goal as indicated by the chart showing a three year comparison of the same time periods.

In fact, Montgomery residents have increased the amount of

items they recycle by about 72 percent compared to the same period in 2006-2007! During that same period, residents reduced the amount of trash going into the landfill by about 25 percent.

MONTGOMERY'S RECYCLEBANK STATISTICS NOVEMBER THROUGH FEBRUARY



Great American Cleanup seeks recruits

Volunteers are needed to assist Montgomery's Environmental Advisory Commission with its participation in the Great American Cleanup—the nation's largest organized volunteer litter removal project. The local sponsor, Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, has reported that more than 6,000 local volunteers will be participating in this annual project to clean vacant lots, littered streets and highways, and to beautify various areas in the Greater Cincinnati area.

Individuals, families, businesses, school clubs, church groups and civic organizations are all encouraged to get involved in Montgomery's spring cleanup project. Target areas will include City roadsides, expressway ramps and parks. It's a great opportunity for volunteers to make a visible difference in our community in just one morning.

Volunteers are requested to register for the Cleanup Day by

April 17. Volunteers will meet in the Montgomery City Hall parking lot at 10101 Montgomery Road at 9 a.m. on

Saturday, April 25. T-shirts, gloves and litter bags will be distributed, along with the cleanup assignments. The

project will conclude by 11 a.m.

For information or to register, call 792-8314.

Green Thumbs needed for Basket Project

For the past several years, the hanging baskets that decorated Montgomery's streetscape have been stellar! The City has received countless accolades from both residents and visitors to our community. We invite garden lovers in the community to join the volunteer team that will be planting this year's 260 hanging baskets!

Volunteers will meet at the Service Department Building, 7315 Cornell Road, on Tuesday, April 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. If necessary, the project will continue on Wednesday, April 15.

This is a great opportunity to share camaraderie with other garden lovers and to swap flower information while

contributing time and energy to beautify the City. Any amount of time that can be donated will be immensely appreciated!

The project will "kick off" with coffee and muffins. Box

lunches will be provided for those volunteers working the entire day.

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

Upcoming Posey Planting Project promotes community participation

Ever wonder who plants the 20,000 colorful flowers in Montgomery's medians, ramps and parks? You can be part of this highly visible and rewarding volunteer project. Reserve a flowerbed for your family, church group, school club, civic organization, business or neighborhood association.

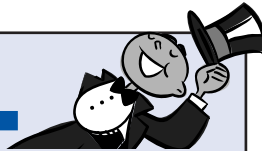
Sponsored by the Beautification & Tree Commission, Beautification Day 2009 is scheduled for Saturday, May 16. Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. in the City Hall parking lot for registration, supplies, flowerbed assignments and light refreshments. Wear comfortable,

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

Youth groups are also welcome to participate in this annual, beautification endeavor by planting a flowerbed in one of the City's parks. However, they must be accompanied by adult supervisors. Park flowerbeds are also reserved for youths to plant during Park Planting Week, May 11-15.

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

Hats Off...



The week of April 19 has been designated as *National Volunteer Week*. It is an annual opportunity to recognize the enormous contributions made by volunteers nationwide. In our "neck of the woods," Montgomery volunteers continue to enhance our community's lifestyle while increasing the taxpayer's dollar by generously sharing their time and a myriad of talents.

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

A grateful "THANK YOU" is extended to each and every one of these volunteers that has made citizen engagement a priority. Their volunteer commitments have helped to make Montgomery a unique "community" comprised of active and involved "citizens" rather than simply "residents."

Parade Team needs members

The July 4th Parade, a long time Montgomery tradition, continues to bring our community together as we celebrate our nation's birthday.

Volunteer opportunities are available for additional folks to get involved by assisting with the event planning and/or the event day organization.

Contact Joyce Yock at 792-8329 for additional information if you would like to assist with any of the following tasks:

Parade Recruitment
work with City staff to recruit new parade features

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
show off your spiffy convertible while driving officials along the parade route

Artists in the Park series returns on May 3

Swaim Park is the place to be on Sunday, May 3, from 1-5 p.m. where the spring "Artists in the Park" event, sponsored by the Arts Commission, will abound with artistic elements including...

Professional Ceramics Exhibit & Sale featuring the work of approximately 25 regional artisans, curated by Lisa Merida-Paytes, Artist/Gallery Director, Funkē Fired Arts (Swaim Park)

Children's hand-built ceramic activities coordinated by Funkē Fired Arts and Art Machine (Swaim Park Pavilion)



Winning photos from the 2009 Montgomery Photo Competition will be on display (Swaim Lodge)

Registration deadline for Rain Garden Workshop is April 2

Interested in installing a Rain Garden on your property, but don't know where to begin?

Don't miss your last chance to register for the Rain Garden Design Workshop scheduled for Saturday, April 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Terwilliger Lodge. Presenters Tara Maddock, Pam Simmons and

Anne Lyon will teach the steps of planning, designing and maintaining a Rain Garden. The \$25 registration fee includes lunch, beverages, materials and Rain Garden manual. Registration forms are available at Montgomery City Hall or at www.montgomeryohio.org/landscaping_workshop.http. For more info, call 891-2424.

Antique Appraisal

services donated by Mark Mallette, Mallette & Associates, Inc., C.A.I., A.S.A., N.A.A.

Each verbal appraisal will cost \$10 or 3/\$25, with a maximum of three appraisal items per person. Register and pre-pay at City Hall to obtain a specific time slot priority. "Walk-ins" on event day (cash only) will be incorporated in the schedule (Swaim Lodge).

Musical entertainment by the Bobby Sharpe Trio (Jazz) (Swaim Park Gazebo)

The "rain or shine" event is open to the public and admission to the park is free.

Event proceeds benefit community projects sponsored by the Montgomery Arts Commission.

Spring Plant Swap on April 25

Spring has FINALLY sprung and with it comes an opportunity to trade perennials at the 14th annual spring Plant Swap. Sponsored by the Beautification and Tree Commission, the event is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, from 9 - 11 a.m. in the City Hall parking lot. Those wishing to take plants home should come prepared with bags or

containers for transporting their newly acquired plants. Flower bulbs and tubers are also welcome at the "Swap." In addition, the commission will display one of the 260 hanging baskets that will be flower filled by volunteers at this month's hanging basket project. Stop by for a sneak peak of what is yet to come this spring in the Heritage District streetscape.

Patriots' Day Celebration to honor American/French historical tie

Hear ye, hear ye....citizens of Montgomery! You are invited to celebrate Patriots' Day! Listen as area speakers tell about patriotic women and men of past eras whose deeds and sacrifices gave the principles of Democracy to America and France.



Sister Cities Commission and presented by the Cincinnati Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and Wah-Wil-A-Way Hillsboro Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the celebration is scheduled for Sunday, April 19, from 12-1 p.m. in Terwilliger Lodge. The event is free and open to the public.

Sponsored by Montgomery

April & May Volunteer Opportunities

- **Basket Planting Project** (Adults)
Tuesday, April 14 • 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Service Department Building
7315 Cornell Road
"Dig In" to help plant 260 hanging baskets for our streetscape.
- **Service Department Cardboard Recycling Drop-off** (Adults, Teens & Families)
Saturday, April 18 • 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
7315 Cornell Road
- **Arbor Day "Bag & Tag" Seedling Project** (Adults, Teens & Families)
Thursday, April 23 • 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
7315 Cornell Road
- **Great American Clean Up Project** (Teens, Adults, Families & Organizations)
Saturday, April 25 • 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
Lend a hand to remove unsightly litter from our City's ramps and roadsides as we participate in the nation's largest clean up effort.
- **Service Department Assistants** (Adults)
Monday - Friday • Flexible scheduling
7315 Cornell Road
Provide "hands on" assistance for a variety of indoor/outdoor projects.
- **Pioneer Park Butterfly Garden Maintenance Project** (Adults)
Flexible Time
Help to maintain these unique gardens by assisting with mulching, weeding and pruning tasks. Specific instructions will be provided.



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

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

Outdoor Movie Nights!

First Friday of the Month
Movies start at Dusk
Weller Park

Join us for great family entertainment! Beginning in May, these free movies will be shown on the first Friday of the month (except July). Grab a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy flicks under the stars. Popcorn, drinks and candy will be sold by Montgomery Recreation Department at the Weller Park Concession stand. Call 891-2424 for more information.

May 1

Bolt, Disney *Rated PG*

June 5

Madagascar 2: Escape to Africa *Rated PG*

August 7

Hotel for Dogs *Rated PG*
Bring your dog!

September 4

Bedtime Stories *Rated G*

Program Registration

- Please register at least three days prior to the start of the program, or by the noted deadline.
- All in-person registration takes place at City Hall, 10101 Montgomery Road. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. (Register anytime at www.montgomeryohio.org.)
- Checks should be made payable to the City of Montgomery.
- No refunds will be issued for cancellations within three days prior to the start of the program. There is a \$25 cancellation fee for all programs.
- Montgomery Recreation reserves the right to cancel any class due to low enrollment.

Dive-In Movies

Friday • June 12 & August 14
Movies start at Dusk
Montgomery Pool

Watch some hot movies from a cool pool. Cost is only \$5.

June 12

Stuart Little *Rated PG*

August 14

Shrek The Third *Rated PG*

Kids Garage Sale

Ages 8-15

Saturday • April 25
11:00 am - 2:00 pm • Sidewalk at
Montgomery Community Pool (8075
Hopewell Road)

It's time to clean out those closets and earn extra money.



Bring your books, toys, and collectables to sell for cash. From Teenage

Mutant Ninja Turtles to Dora the Explorer, bring in those unwanted toys and trade for something even better. Or just sell the items and pocket some cash!

To reserve a table at the Sale, register at City Hall or call 891-2424. Tables cost \$5 each and are limited to the first 20 entrepreneurs. Price your items before the sale.

Bike Maintenance Event

All ages

Saturday • April 25
11:00 am - 2:00 pm • Sidewalk at
Montgomery Community Pool (8075
Hopewell Road)

Bring in your bikes for a FREE Spring Tune Up, courtesy of Montgomery Cyclery. Bicycle pros will offer a free safety check and basic fitted adjustments for bike seats & helmets.

Questions about Programs?

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



Get your bike ready for the upcoming HeartStone Tour de Montgomery Bike Ride, a major riding event for

riders of all ages and ability levels, from elite cyclists to families. Mark your calendars now for the event, planned for Saturday, July 18. The first ride starts at 8 a.m. Watch for more information in future *Bulletins!*

Look: Montgomery Park has new toys!

Some new playground equipment has been added to Montgomery Park, and existing toys have been moved around to give a better feel and be more kid friendly.

- The swings have been moved to the back side of the playground for safer use by kids at play.
- A Satellite Loop Climber, which is handicap assessable and for all age groups, was added to give upper body strength, agility and coordination challenges to users.
- An Intensity Kinetic climber for children between the ages of 5 to 12 was added to diversify play opportunities.



All other playground equipment remained, and with the new additions, the playground almost doubled in size. Extra park benches will soon follow around the area for sitting to watch kids at play. New trees

will be coming to provide shade in the future.

Montgomery Park is one of the city's oldest parks and is located on Schoolhouse Road behind City Hall.

Kids' Summer Camps... Join us for the FUN!

Kids will have a blast in our summer camps! Keep you and your family healthy, active and creatively challenged! Details including dates and times will be announced in April. The summer line up includes:

Queen City Wheels Youth Cycling Program

Harper's Point Tennis classes
Peewees (ages 5-7)/Juniors (age 8-15)

Skyhawks Sports Camps:

Tiny Hawks (Soccer & Basketball)

Mini Hawks (soccer, Baseball & Basketball)

Pre-K Golf (ages 3-4)

Beginning Golf (ages 5-9)

Enriching Kidz Babysitter & Home Alone Camp

Young Rembrandt's Art Classes

Golf: Adult Beginner ages 16 and up

Thursday, May 14, 21, 28 (register by May 10) • 6:30-8 pm

Meet at King's Island Golf Center

Learn an activity of a lifetime. Join us for fun, non-intimidating, high quality and relaxed instruction at the Kings Island Golf Center. The first 40 minutes of each session will consist of instruction, then take what you've learned and play a hole on the executive course (par 3 and par 4). Golf Professional, Jonathan

Williams, will watch you and help you improve and answer questions.

The 3 sessions will cover:

- ▶ Grip, stance & posture
- ▶ Fundamentals of the swing
- ▶ Iron and wood play
- ▶ The short game focusing on chipping, putting and shots around the green

Bring your own clubs if you have them; if not clubs will be provided! *Minimum of 4 and maximum of 10 golfers.*

Cost: \$65 for 3 weeks! (fee includes all 3 sessions and a voucher for a 9-hole par 3 course for the King's Island).

Golf: Adult Intermediate ages 16 and up

Thursday, June 11, 18, 25 (register by June 7) • 6:30-8pm

Meet at King's Island Golf Center

Do you want to feel more at ease playing with friends? Do you want to feel more comfortable at the golf outing this year? The intermediate clinic builds on the basic golf fundamentals but adds new and more advanced swing thoughts. Join us for high quality and relaxed instruction at the Kings Island Golf Center. Bring your own clubs, if you have them; if not clubs will be provided! *Minimum of 4 and maximum of 10 golfers. Cost: \$65 for 3 weeks! (fee includes all 3 sessions and a voucher for a 9-hole par 3 course for the King's Island).*

Golf: Juniors

ages 8-12

Wednesday, May 13, 20, 27 (register by May 10) • 6:30-8pm

Meet at King's Island Golf Center

An ideal opportunity to learn the game of a lifetime at an early age, this class is a fun, non-intimidating, high quality and relaxed instruction. The first 40 minutes of each session will consist of instruction, then take what you've learned and play a hole on the executive course (par 3 and par 4). Golf Pro Jonathan Williams will help you improve.

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- ▶ Iron and wood play
- ▶ The short game focusing on chipping, putting and shots around the green

Bring your own clubs if you have them; if not clubs will be provided! *Minimum of 4 and maximum of 10 golfers. Cost: \$65 for 3 weeks! (fee includes all 3 sessions and a voucher for a 9-hole par 3 course for the King's Island).*

Pottery Wheel Experience for Two

a great Mother's Day experience
Saturdays • April 25 and May 9
(register by April 21) • 1 - 3:30 pm
Recreation Annex Building

10115 Montgomery Rd.

Have fun with a friend, your mother, or a child (minimum of 8 years old) while learning how to use a pottery wheel.



Learn wedging, centering, pulling, decorating and glazing! Each participant will complete two vessels of their own creation. Instructor Karen Herbert of Rivershouse Pottery is enthusiastic and passionate about making and teaching pottery. Class is open to individuals as well. All supplies are furnished for use during the class. Participants will need to bring an old oversized t-shirt or apron for cover up. Creations will be available for pick up within 10 days after class (around May 19).

Minimum of 6 and maximum of 12. Cost: \$130 for 2/ \$70/individual

Safety Center open house is April 25

The 12th annual Safety Center Open House in Montgomery has been scheduled for Saturday, April 25, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event will spotlight both the Montgomery Police and Fire Departments.

During the annual event, participants can meet many of the staff that protects the City of Montgomery, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Tours of the Safety Center will be provided as well as plenty of interesting

events, demonstrations and booths for all ages.

Special events include prize drawings, free food and refreshments, and a landing of the UC Air Care Helicopter (weather permitting). The Montgomery Safety Center is located at 10150 Montgomery Road. Parking at the Safety Center is limited, so extra parking is available at St. Barnabas Church, located at 10345 Montgomery Rd., just north of the Safety Center.

DID YOU KNOW?

Plan your event in a park!

Did you know that our City's park shelters are free to rent? Reservations started on March 1 for residents and April 1 for non-residents. Shelter reservations end on November 1. Eight different shelters are available for rent, with different amenities at each. You can reserve any of these parks at City Hall. Check availability at any time at www.montgomeryohio.org.

Shelters Available

- Swaim Park /Large Shelter
- Swaim Park/Small Shelter
- Swaim Park Gazebo
- Montgomery Park Shelter
- Pioneer Park Gazebo
- Dulle Park Shelter
- Weller Park Shelter
- Montgomery Pool Gazebo

Amenities at Montgomery Parks

- New State of the Art Playgrounds
- Baseball Fields
- Soccer Fields
- Basketball Courts
- Tennis Courts
- Volleyball Courts
- Bathrooms
- Wheelchair Accessibility
- Grills
- Walking/Hiking Trails
- Pool Accessibility
- Fire Pits
- Creeks and Lakes

POOL LINE UP

Makos Swim Team seeks swimmers

The Makos Swim Team is focused on building stronger swimmers with great teamwork skills, an attitude of dedication and an interest in having fun while staying fit! The team is open to ages 4 to 18 and must be able to swim freestyle for 25 meters. A maximum of 30 kids per age division will be selected for the swim team. The cost is \$95 for the first swimmer and \$75 for additional swimmers in the family. A \$75 service deposit is due at registration and will be refunded if service hours are fulfilled at meets. Service hour requirements include attendance of the mandatory meeting and attend and assist with four or five meets.

About the Coach: Head Coach Christy White started with the Flying Fish and continued swimming through High School at St. Ursula. She has coached for the Fish for four years. Her swimmers have qualified for State Meets in Ohio. Christy coached the Makos last season, with the team placing 3rd in their division and receiving the high point award in their division for boys ages 11-12.

Practices and Meet Information:

The Makos Swim Team is a member of the Tri-County Swim League and will be participating in 6 to 7 season meets, local swim invitationals and league championships at Miami University at the

end of July. The dates of the meets will be announced in early April.

Summer practices are weekday mornings for one hour (one hour for each age group/skill level between 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.) from June 8 through July 24. Evening practices will be held June 1-5.

A mandatory parent meeting at Terwilliger Lodge will be held on April 21 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Meet the coaches night will be on May 27 & 28 to welcome all team members and assess swimming abilities. There will be a possible practice meet and suit fitting on May 30 from 9-11 a.m.

Parent Board Positions Open: If you are interested in joining the Parent Board, please call Nick and Megan Schrantz at 791-6496. There are positions open and they must be filled to successfully run the swim team.

Registration Information: Registration is now underway for returning members and begins April 6 for pool members not already on the team. To register, complete a registration form at City Hall or www.montgomeryohio.org.

For more information: Call City Hall at 891-2424. Visit www.montgomeryohio.org for a parent's packet and detailed schedule.

POOL MEMBERSHIPS

RESIDENT RATES

	STANDARD	W/ REFERRAL	WEEKEND	EVENING	MIDSEASON
Single Membership	\$125	\$75	\$87.50	\$75	\$75
Couple <i>(resident only)</i>	\$180	\$130	\$126	\$108	\$108
Family	\$245	\$145	\$171.50	\$147	\$147
Family with sitter <i>(resident only)</i>	\$340	\$240	\$238	\$204	\$204
Senior	\$90	\$40	\$63	\$54	\$54

NONRESIDENT RATES

	STANDARD	W/ REFERRAL	WEEKEND	EVENING	MIDSEASON
Single Membership	\$205	\$155	\$143.50	\$123	\$123
Family	\$445	\$345	\$311.50	\$267	\$267
Senior	\$125	\$75	\$87.50	\$75	\$75

BUSINESS RATES

	STANDARD	W/ REFERRAL	WEEKEND	EVENING	MIDSEASON
Single Membership	\$145	\$95	\$101.50	\$87	\$87
Family	\$295	\$195	\$206.50	\$177	\$177
Senior	\$100	\$50	\$70	\$60	\$60

*** REFERRAL PROGRAM... Earn up to \$100!:** Learn how to refer a new family OR an individual and both earn a referral bonus! A referral form is required and is available online at www.montgomeryohio.org.

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR POOL MEMBERSHIP

Complete the membership application form and submit payment:

ONLINE at montgomeryohio.org for residents & returning nonresidents

MAIL the application to Montgomery Recreation, 10101 Montgomery Rd, Montgomery OH 45242.

FAX the application with credit card information to FAX# 891-2498

IN PERSON at City Hall, 10101 Montgomery Rd, Mon—Fri 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Visit www.montgomeryohio.org or call 891-2424 for more information

Swimming Lessons

Registration for pass holders begins May 4.
Non-pass holders may begin registration May 18.

- Session A: June 8 - 18** (Registration May 4 to June 4)
- Session B: June 22 - July 2** (Registration June 18 to June 21 at noon)
- Session C: July 6 - 16** (Registration July 2 to July 5 at noon)
- Session D: July 20 - 30** (Registration July 16 to July 19 at noon)
- Session E: July 30 - August 2** (Registration July 30 to August 2 at noon)

Eight 30-minute swim lessons are offered Monday through Thursday over a two-week period, with Fridays as a make-up day in case of cancellation. All lessons are taught by a trained instructor in the water with the participants.

Classes are planned so that no more than six students are with an instructor. Five sessions are offered for the summer season. Lessons are \$35 per session for current pool members and \$50 per session for non-members.

Children must be at least 4 years of age to participate. Parents and siblings are NOT permitted on the pool deck during lessons, so please be sure your child is willing to go with the instructor and classmates. No refunds will be given once the first class begins and there is a \$25 cancellation fee at all times.

Classes must have a minimum of four participants, with a maximum of six participants, to be offered. Registration is limited to one session per child, with no advanced registration permitted for later levels in order to be sure the child first masters the skills in the current class in which enrolled.

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

Skill Levels

Skill levels detailed at www.montgomeryohio.org

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

Special Classes

LEVELS 6 7 & 8

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

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

Private Swim Lessons

One-on-one swim lessons are available for adults and children during 30 minute sessions. A single session is available for \$29 members (\$34 non-members). Four sessions are available for \$112 members (\$132 non-members). Eight sessions are available for \$215 members (\$256 non-members). Complete a private lesson request, available at the pool or online at www.montgomeryohio.org. Lesson times will be arranged.

Rent the pool or pool gazebo for your party

The Montgomery Municipal Pool is available for private evening rentals for up to 400 people during times it is not open to the public. This is a great opportunity for employee functions, family reunions, birthdays, graduation parties, or whatever your special need to have a unique event with entertainment built right in. Rentals include two hour exclusive use of the pool and all of its facilities, including the gazebo and grill, waterslide, diving boards and basketball courts. The cost also includes certified lifeguards.

If a day venue is more appropriate, consider renting the Montgomery Pool Gazebo for your

special occasion. Youth birthday parties and summer celebrations will be set apart in the beautifully landscaped gazebo with a private grill where summer time aromas of hamburgers sizzling will bring your guests together after a cooling swim.

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

Two Hour Pool Rental

Guests	Lifeguards Required	Cost
1 - 99	3 Lifeguards	\$325
100 - 149	4 Lifeguards	\$375
150 - 400	5 Lifeguards	\$430

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



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All Around Town

Free CPR course to be offered by Fire Department

Would you know what to do if someone you love started choking, stopped breathing, or went into cardiac arrest? The City of Montgomery will be conducting an introductory Course on CPR. The course, entitled "CPR for Family & Friends," is being offered free to any Montgomery resident.

This is an introductory course from the American Heart Association which involves instructional training, without the need for a practical or written test. To reserve your spot for this important learning opportunity, call the Montgomery Fire Division at 985-1633.

This summer, bond with your grandchild

Seniors over the age of 60 can offer their grandchildren a unique summer experience with a membership to the

Montgomery Municipal Pool. Resident seniors can join the pool for just \$90 (\$125 for non-resident seniors/\$100 for employees over 60 who work in Montgomery). As a pool member, sign up a grandchild for just \$20 more!

Imagine offering a grandchild the fun of a 30 foot slide, diving board, zero depth entry pool and a wading pool for kids under 4 (and a basketball court and ping pong) all summer long. Forget stocking the fridge with treats.

The pool offers a concession stand with healthy snacks and old-time favorites. Weekly kids' fun activities are held every Tuesday at 3 p.m., Dive-in Movie and Luau Party on June 12 and August 14, as well as an end of summer Doggie Swim on Labor Day.

Going to Mamaw and Papaw's will take on a whole new meaning all summer long!

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

APRIL • APRIL • APRIL • APRIL • APRIL • APRIL

1 Council Business Session	City Hall	7:00 pm
2 Parks & Recreation Commission	City Hall	6:30 pm
2 Green Landscaping Presentation	Terwilliger Lodge	6:30-8:00 pm
4 Rain Garden Design Workshop	Terwilliger Lodge	8:30 am-3:00 pm
4 Help filing tax forms	City Hall	9:00 am-noon
5 Service of Remembrance <i>(10th Anniversary of Tornado)</i>	St. Barnabas Church	2:00 pm
6 Arts Commission	City Hall	5:00 pm
7 Extended Tax Hours	City Hall	8:00 am-6:00 pm
6 Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
7 Environmental Advisory Commission	City Hall	4:30 pm
8 Landmarks Commission	City Hall	7:00 pm
9 Moment of Remembrance <i>(10th Anniversary of Tornado)</i>	Sycamore High School	9:00 am
11 Help filing tax forms	City Hall	9:00 am-noon
13 Beautification and Tree Commission	City Hall	9:00 am
13 Extended Tax Hours	City Hall	8:00 am-6:00 pm
14 Extended Tax Hours	City Hall	8:00 am-6:00 pm
14 Basket Planting Project	Service Dept.	9:00 am-2:00 pm
15 Extended Tax Hours	City Hall	8:00 am-6:00 pm
15 Basket Planting Project <i>(if needed)</i>	Service Dept.	9:00 am-2:00 pm
15 City Tax Forms Due/1st Qtr. 2008 Taxes Due		
18 Cardboard Recycling	7315 Cornell Rd.	10:00 am-1:00 pm
19 Patriots' Day Celebration	Terwilliger Lodge	12:00-1:00 pm
20 Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
21 Sister Cities Commission	City Hall	7:00 pm
22 Council Work Session	City Hall	7 pm
23 Arbor Day Seedling Project	Service Dept. Building	2:30-4:30 pm
25 Great American Clean Up Day/Spring Plant Swap	City Hall	9:00-11:00 am
25 Kids Garage Sale & Bike Maintenance	Safety Center	11:00 am-2:00 pm
25 Open House	Safety Center	11:00 am-2:00 pm
28 Board of Zoning Appeals	City Hall	7:30 pm

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