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Help shape the future as a Council Member

A civic-minded Montgomery resident is being sought to fill the unexpired term of Council Member Vicki Hirsch, whose term

ends December 7, 2011. Dr. Hirsch has stepped down from City Council for personal and medical reasons.

Montgomery's Mayor and City Council are currently accepting letters of interest from Montgomery residents until 5 p.m. on Monday, May 10. Applicants should include a letter outlining their reason for wanting to be appointed to City Council, a list of current and/or prior community service experience, and a resume. To be eligible, applicants must have resided in Montgomery for at least one year prior to taking office and must be a qualified elector throughout the term of office.

Interested and qualified parties should submit the required information to:

Mayor Gerri Harbison & Montgomery City Council
City of Montgomery
10101 Montgomery Road
Montgomery OH 45242

Questions about the position should be directed to Clerk of Council Susan Hamm at 792-8314. To learn more about recent City Council agendas and actions, visit montgomeryohio.org.

Citing personal & medical reasons

Dr. Hirsch leaves Council

After serving the citizens of Montgomery as Council Member for three years, Vicki Hirsch submitted her resignation in mid-April. Dr. Hirsch cited personal and medical issues as the reason for her early departure from the position about which she obviously cared.



Vicki Hirsch

"Vicki has been an active volunteer for the City and a familiar face in Montgomery for many years," said Mayor Gerri Harbison. "She attended numerous events and meetings, frequently providing anecdotes to Council about the people and places of interest in the City. Her dedication and enthusiasm for the community has been contagious."

Dr. Hirsch holds BS and MA degrees from the University of Wisconsin and a Doctorate from the University of Cincinnati. She worked as a chemist during WWII. She continues an interest in world affairs through global travels and World Affair Councils.

"I have truly enjoyed the opportunity to serve the caring citizens of the City of Montgomery," her letter stated. "We truly have the most wonderful community in the world, and I look forward to continuing to be involved as a healthy and active citizen in the future."

Dr. Hirsch and her husband Don moved to Montgomery in the 1970s and immediately began her community service as a teacher at Montgomery Elementary School. Dr. Hirsch remained at Montgomery Elementary as a teacher for more than 30 years. Upon her retirement in 2003, she was elected as a member of the Sycamore Community School Board. Throughout the years, Dr. Hirsch has been extremely active and involved in community programs, serving on the Montgomery Landmarks Commission, Bicentennial Steering Commission and the Montgomery Board of Zoning Appeals.

Let your voice be heard!

MAY'S OPEN CITY HALL TOPIC:

Bulletin: what do you read?

How much of this publication do you read each month? What subject or topic area(s) do you seek in each issue?

The *Montgomery Bulletin* is sent to every household and business in the City each month. Surveys have clearly shown that this newsletter is the primary source for City news.

How can the content be more useful? How much of it is read and what are the most popular topic areas? This input will help decide content of future issues.

Go to montgomeryohio.org, read what your neighbors are saying and post your own comment. The design of future issues depends on it.

EMERGENCY: what's the RIGHT thing to do?



Emergency vehicles are approaching from behind. Lights are flashing and the sirens scream. Now what? What is the responsibility for a motorist?

First and foremost, do not panic and slam on the brakes. Do not stop in the middle of the lane of travel or in the middle of the roadway. Each traffic condition is different, so pull safely to the right-hand edge of the roadway or curb as much as possible and completely stop. Remain stopped until the emergency vehicle has passed.

Remember to scan for other emergency equipment that may also be approaching. After all emergency vehicles have passed, then pull safely back onto the roadway. Also remember not to stop in intersections, in the middle of a curve or while cresting a hill.

Arrive Alive program paints horrific images of reality

It was an all too familiar scene in the warmth of a spring day. Two cars collided, leaving deadly carnage in the aftermath. Cans of beer littered the wreckage as an innocent family and young victims lay lifeless. Survivors display uncontrolled emotions upon the realization of what just happened.

It was a heartbreaking scene that happens all too often, with 25,000 deaths annually caused by teenage drivers in alcohol-related crashes. Fortunately, this scene was only a reenactment in a dramatic, yet realistic display for members of the junior and senior classes at Sycamore High School.

The April 12 presentation was another chapter in the

Montgomery Fire and Police Departments' "Arrive Alive" program, presented with the assistance of Sycamore High School's Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) and the school administration.

The program was designed to simulate a scenario in which two cars have collided in an alcohol-related crash. The goal was to awaken the students and community to the seriousness of drinking and driving. The purpose of the reenactment was to graphically and dramatically focus students' attention on the consequences that may be encountered by drinking, then getting behind the wheel.

The simulated crash involved two cars. The first occupied

by an adult couple and their family when they are hit by the second car containing four intoxicated students on their way to the prom. One of the eight victims was killed as a result of the accident. The remaining six occupants had various injuries ranging from bruises to major trauma, requiring the landing of a medical helicopter.

The intoxicated student driving the second car was arrested at the scene by the police. The hope was to make this crash as realistic as possible in order to make a considerable impact on the students. The scene may not have been real, but the visuals and events are meant to be unforgettable.

Every day, emergency responders try to shorten response times. The calls for service may be to a medical emergency at a residence, a structure fire, a hold-up alarm or an auto accident with serious injuries. Regardless of the nature of the detail, precious time is lost when emergency crews cannot get through traffic.

Emergency responders appreciate the efforts taken by the motoring public that yield the right of way to them. The people who need emergency services appreciate it even more when emergency crews arrive in a timely fashion. Remember that someday, they may be on their way to your house or to one of your loved ones who are in need of assistance.

Council policies help City weather recession

The worldwide economy has impacted every household. It has also had an impact on municipalities, too. Fortunately, Montgomery has planned for times like these.

In order to maintain a sound fiscal environment during these recessionary times, Montgomery City Council has an array of financial policies which safeguard assets, provide liquidity and protect the City's credit rating:

Investment Policy

City Council adopted an investment policy which applies to cash management and investment activities of the City of Montgomery. The policy is reviewed periodically and updates are adopted by Council.

The primary objective of the City's investment activities is the preservation of capital and liquidity, maximizing investment income and conforming to state laws governing the investment of public funds.

Fund Balance Policy

The fund balance is a key measure of the City's overall financial health. City Council adopted a policy requiring maintenance of a six to twelve month reserve of operating expenditures for the General Fund, a minimum cash balance of \$1,000,000 in the Capital Improvement Fund and one year of debt service payments in the General Bond Retirement Fund.

Long-Term Debt

Related to the City's debt position, the City had \$4,445,546 of bonded debt; of this amount \$4,319,732 is general obligation debt and \$125,814 is special assessment



debt. In 2008, the City paid off \$2,175,000 of general obligation debt associated with

a tax increment financing associated with the public improvements made at the Ohio National Financial Services Headquarters,

which was located in a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District.

Paying these bonds seven years prior to their maturity was financed with cash reserves that had accumulated in the tax increment debt service fund. As a result, property tax revenues used to pay the debt were redirected back to the Sycamore Schools, Hamilton County and the City. In addition, the City reduced its outstanding debt per capita from \$1,074 in 2004 down to \$437 in 2009.

Road work along Montgomery to begin; Heritage District projects completed

With spring warmth signaling the start of outdoor construction, here's an update on projects underway or recently completed:

Montgomery Road Resurfacing Project

A resurfacing project along Montgomery Road between Main Street (by CVS) and Schoolhouse Lane was scheduled to begin during the week of April 26. This joint project by the City of Montgomery and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is being funded in substantial part through the ODOT Urban Paving Program.

Barrett Paving Materials Inc. is under contract through ODOT to complete the project by June 5. Weather permitting, much of the work should be completed by May 21.

Construction specifications prohibit lane closures during the morning and afternoon peak travel periods of 7 - 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 - 7 p.m. Construction will not be permitted between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Traffic will be maintained at all

intersections and driveways through flagging operations or traffic control devices. One lane of travel in each direction will be maintained at all times while work is being performed.

Updates regarding construction will be posted on the City's website. Additionally, updates are available through the City of Montgomery's Twitter and Facebook pages.

Montgomery Heritage District projects

Two significant projects in the Heritage District were completed during April: the Neuilly-Plaisance Plaza and the retrofitting of the "in-

pavement" warning light system for the Montgomery Road crosswalk at Ted Gregory Lane.

The renovations of the Neuilly-Plaisance Plaza at the southwest corner of Montgomery and Cooper Roads have improved access for those with disabilities. The plaza area is separated into upper and lower plazas and includes a fountain and water feature as the focal point of the project.

The warning light system for the

Montgomery Road crosswalk is now manually activated by pushing a button to activate the "in-pavement" yellow flashing lights. When flashing, the lights convey a warning to motorists that pedestrians are present in the crosswalk

GCWW Project

The Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) continues preparations for a summer project that will impact a section on Montgomery Road between Pfeiffer Road and Schoolhouse Lane. In addition to information posted online and in previous issues of the *Montgomery Bulletin*, a series of open houses are being planned to encourage one-on-one discussions by those directly impacted. Residents and business owners will be invited to meetings via letters of invitation by mail from the GCWW.

A public open house will be held in May to allow any interested resident or business owner a similar opportunity to discuss the details of the project. The date and location of this meeting will be posted on the City website and also shared through the City Twitter and Facebook pages.

For additional information on these projects please contact Public Works Director Bob Nikula at 792-8311 or by email at bnikula@ci.montgomery.oh.us



Cheryl Hilvert earns honor for career achievement

Montgomery City Manager Cheryl Hilvert has been honored by the Cincinnati Chapter of the American Society of Public Administration (GCC-ASPA) for her career work in the field of public administration.



Cheryl Hilvert

As City Manager, Cheryl is responsible to Montgomery City Council, serves as staff liaison to six council committees, and several of the 11 volunteer Boards and Commissions. Cheryl's energetic participation with elected officials, staff and volunteers has established open lines of communication within the community and contributes to the unique and desirable quality of life for residents and employees of the City of Montgomery.

Her professional experience and insight are invaluable to everyone who has the opportunity to work collaboratively with her

regardless of the topic and activity. Her willingness to give of her time and talents serves as a positive example to residents and City staff that public service is not simply a job, but a passion for her.

Her commitment to excellence has garnered Montgomery recognition for her work creating a High Performance Organization (HPO). The HPO culture has developed leadership throughout the entire organization. She has shared the culture in more than 25 presentations at the local and

national levels. The City's transformation into a high performance organization demonstrated her effectiveness as a leader and manager by establishing defined operating principals and values among staff and building positive working relationships.

Her leadership philosophy has provided for good stewardship, as well. Through collaboration and teamwork at all levels, the City has successfully addressed a salt shortage, the holiday light process, employee health benefits, and more.

Throughout 29 years of public service, her achievements not only reflect a career that has resulted in an extensive list of past accomplishments, but also defines a professional who has an ongoing commitment to public service at local, state, national and international levels.

Worth their weight in gold

The City of Montgomery is dedicated to being cost-

efficient in service provision. Applying for grants is good stewardship that is practiced by all departments. Seeking out grant opportunities to help fund projects is just one way to provide quality service to the community.

For example, one department was able to obtain \$900,000 in outside funding over the last several years. Though money had been set aside for the budgeted projects, the additional grant funding stretches local dollars even further, enabling several other projects to come to fruition.

COUNCIL CORNER

Montgomery City Council will meet in its regular monthly business session on May 5 at City Hall. Meetings begin at 7 p.m., with public comment welcomed on each item before Council.

Special Presentations

- Arbor Day Proclamation
- Certificate of Appreciation Tom Smith
- Certificate of Appreciation Wendi VanBuren

Pending Legislation

- An ordinance establishing schedules of municipal compensation (3rd reading)

New Legislation

- A resolution accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Mt. Pleasant Blacktopping Co., Inc. for the 2010 Street Resurfacing Program
- A resolution recognizing the month of May 2010 as

National Historic Preservation Month in the City of Montgomery

- An ordinance amending Chapter 151.14 of the Code of Ordinances regarding Heritage District Design Guidelines

- An ordinance amending Chapter 151.30 of the Code of Ordinances regarding sign regulations applicable to temporary political signs

- An ordinance updating and Amending the Land Usage Code

Recent Council Action

APRIL 7 BUSINESS SESSION

Pending Legislation

- An Ordinance Establishing schedules of municipal compensation (passed 1st reading, 6-0)

Approved Legislation

- **Ordinance No. 3, 2010**
An Ordinance Adopting Hospital Corridor Overlay District Regulations (passed 6-0)
- **Resolution No. 8, 2010**
A resolution accepting a bid and authorizing a contract with Strawser Construction Inc. for the 2010 Crack Sealing Program (passed 6-0)

- **Resolution No. 9, 2010**
A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Urban Paving Project Agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation to plane and resurface US 22 in Montgomery between Mile Markers 14.51 and 15.22 (passed 6-0)

- **Resolution No. 10, 2010**
A Resolution designating the public depositories for funds of the City of Montgomery (passed 6-0)

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

Keep tab on fun summer activities!

Visit the City's webpage on TheDistrictOnline.com, take a look at all the fun activities being planned, and sign up for summer fun! Pool memberships and a myriad of summer camps are available.

The City has partnered with the Heritage District Business Association – *the District* – to take advantage of another opportunity to inform people about the services, beauty and diversity available in Montgomery.

YOU have a role on City Council



This month's message by Council Member Todd Steinbrink

Early next year, City Council and members of City staff will begin crafting the next 5 year strategic plan for Montgomery. Our 2006 strategic plan has played an important role in defining the longer term vision for our city; its services, amenities, and outreach activities.

The goal of any municipal strategic planning process is to clarify the direction for staff and generate ideas for proactively enhancing the community. A few major objectives set forth in 2006 are accomplishments evident around the community today.

A detailed park study and planning initiative resulted in numerous upgrades to the parks

and playing fields, improved common areas in the downtown district and expanded health and fitness opportunities.

Stewardship of the public treasury prioritized our capital spending needs for our aging infrastructure. This planning allows road paving, right-of-way and sidewalk programs to move forward despite the bleaker economic environment.

A comprehensive review of our business districts and update of the building code will shape future development with improved practical and aesthetic guidelines.

Prioritizing professional resident and business customer service levels within every department has been one of the most successful, though possibly least visible, areas of progress. It is evidenced by the numerous awards and recognition received both locally and nationally for our staff's exceptional creative

and cost-saving mindset.

One of the most interesting areas elevated to a primary strategic goal was that of citizen outreach – plans to actively engage with and collect feedback from you. Hopefully, a large number of you responded to the recent survey conducted on our behalf by the University of Cincinnati. This is one of the key tools for assessing the quality of services and amenities currently offered by the city.

But it's not the only one. We've created several ways for citizens to more directly engage the city. "Open City Hall" was initiated on the website two years ago to collect thoughts about various topics within our community. Each February, we sponsor a Community Forum, where this year over 60 people attended to learn more about what is happening in our city. One of the most progressive ideas implemented was the Montgomery Citizens'

Leadership Academy started 3 years ago. Each year, a class of 25 residents takes advantage of the opportunity to be civic leaders, peeking behind the scenes of every function of the city. The graduates gain hands-on experience and interaction across a wide range of city functions, and many are bringing their new knowledge and applying it via a variety of volunteer and leadership opportunities within the city.

I assure you I speak for all of council when I say we appreciate the feedback we receive from you. We look forward to incorporating your input during our upcoming planning process. Send us an email, stop us in Kroger – whatever works for you – just be sure to give us your thoughts on what we can do together to continue making Montgomery a great place to live.

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



Council honors Mary O'Driscoll for so many reasons

On March 24, City Council presented Mary O'Driscoll with a special proclamation in honor of her 90th birthday, proclaiming the day as "Mary O'Driscoll Day."

The proclamation highlighted Mary's service to the nation with the American Red Cross in the European Theatre of Operations during World War II and the many years of service Mary has given to the City.

Mary, shown at left with Mayor Gerri Harbison, helped many brides envision wedding possibilities at the Universalist Church, and she has been a driving force in historic preservation, being a founding member of each Montgomery Historical Preservation organization. Mary was an original Landmark Commission member, and she delighted in sharing her historical knowledge and wit with generations of school children joining her on tours.

July events to celebrate American pride

Patriotic Concert on July 3

It happens every year. The music generates a patriotic pride as many brush a tear from their cheek. With so many having served their county... and so many more now in harm's way, the annual Independence Day Concert takes on special significance.

Presented by Ohio National Financial Services, the Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra will celebrate American pride in Montgomery Park on Saturday, July 3, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. This year's free public concert is themed "1776."

As a significant part of the concert, a tribute will be offered to the armed forces, national patriots and hometown heroes.

The event is made possible by the financial support of several local businesses:



Bethesda North Hospital

**Twin Lakes Life
Enriching Community**

Cincinnati Pool Management

CDS Associates

As with all major City events, an information booth about City services will be open and staffed to answer questions and gain feedback. The registration/raffle booth for the Tour de Montgomery bike ride and the Montgomery Women's Club will also be open. The Rotary Club will sell food and drinks.

Parade & Festival on July 5

It's time to get creative and put together your entry as a participant in Montgomery's long time tradition-the 2010 Independence Day Parade, scheduled for Monday, July 5, starting at 10 a.m. Registration forms are available on the City's website or by calling Joyce Yock at 792-8329.

Those wanting to participate in the parade without being an entry may consider volunteering to help organize or judge the parade units on event day or to drive their convertibles

as an official transport for government officials and dignitaries participating in the parade.

The Independence Day celebration will continue at the Festival in Montgomery Park, scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Musical entertainment will be provided by Waiting on Ben near the park shelter. In addition, kids' games, pony rides, food booths, the popular Pet Show and much, much more will be included at this family event.



Bastille Day Celebration to honor French ties

With attitude and artistic flair, this traditional Montgomery celebration will open for a day long mingling of fun, food, drinks and

entertainment for the whole family. This year's Bastille Day celebration will be Saturday, July 17, from noon to 11 p.m.

Held in downtown Montgomery, area restaurants will feature a variety of French cuisine and wine to honor Montgomery's friendship with

sister city Neuilly-Plaisance, as well as offer local favorites: ribs, pizza, brats, sandwiches and beer.

Entertainment is speckled with talent of all sorts and sounds to keep the crowd lively. The main stage will get the audience dancing with groovy 80s tunes from the Rusty Griswolds and the Motown sounds of the Mystics on the north stage.

In the street café area, guests can enjoy raffles, strolling artists, musicians and singers.

The Kids Cabaret is alive with games of luck, diaper derby, face painting, clowns and a moonwalk. Plan to make this a day for great family fun or an evening at a fabulous summer fest for two! Either way, the Bastille Day Celebration in downtown historic Montgomery has something to offer everyone.

What is Bastille Day?

The City of Montgomery honors and celebrates its 21 years of friendship with Neuilly-Plaisance, France, through exchanges and communications. The Bastille Day Celebration, a summer street festival, supports the activities of Montgomery's Sister Cities Commission that foster their motto—"Bringing the World Together...One Friendship at a Time."

To the French, Bastille Day is the French national holiday, celebrated on July 14 each year. In France, it is called "Fête Nationale" (which translates to National Holiday). It commemorates the 1790 Fête de la Fédération, held on the first anniversary of the storming of the Bastille on July 14, 1789.



New address for dropping household hazards

The popular Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program will continue in 2010, however, the drop-off location has changed. Under the program Hamilton County residents can drop off hazardous products, such as automotive fluids, pesticides, and fertilizers that could be dangerous to dispose of in the regular trash.

Household Hazards Drop-off Locations

Clean Harbors
4879 Spring Grove Avenue
Tuesdays: 2 - 6 p.m.
Saturdays: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 Closed May 29, July 3 & September 4
 Open through October 16

A new contractor, Clean Harbors, will operate the drop-off at a new location: 4879 Spring Grove Avenue Cincinnati, 45232. The program will be offered on Tuesdays from 2 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October 16.

Using the free HHW drop-off program avoids accidental poisonings and prevents hazardous waste from being poured down the drain.

The HHW program will still accept oil and other non-latex paint, however, to reduce overall operating costs, the

HHW program will no longer accept latex paint for drop-off. Latex paint is not considered to be hazardous and can be thrown away with the regular trash once solid. Dry the paint out with sand, sawdust, or kitty litter and leave the lid off so waste haulers can see that paint is dry. If the gallon is full, the can in good condition and the label is unpainted, consider donating the paint to Building Value, a materials reuse store. Residents should always call ahead before dropping off paint at Building

Value by calling 475-6783.

Acceptable Items

- Oil-Based 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

- Latex-based Paint • Radioactive Materials • Medical Waste • Explosives/Ammunition • Gun Powder • Heating Oil Tanks • Tires • Yardwaste • Smoke Alarms • Garbage • Roofing Materials • Appliances • Computers/Electronics • Fuel Tanks

For more information, visit the 2010 HHW Program website at www.hcdoes.org/sw/HHW/hhw_collection_program.html or call the Hamilton County Household Hazardous Waste Hotline at 946-7700.

Cost Saving reminder...

As the air conditioning season begins, be aware that wasted energy can cost you double. Lights left on during the summer not only use electricity directly, but the heat they generate also causes your air conditioner to run longer.

Saving energy is watt matters.

May 8: Save \$65 on a \$100 compost bin

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District will host a Compost Bin Sale on Saturday, May 8. At each of the two locations, 1,000 Earth Machine backyard compost bins will be available for \$35 (regularly retails for \$100), as well as compost turners and kitchen pails.

Composting is a great way to recycle all types of yardwaste and provide a free source of compost. A compost pile naturally breaks down yardwaste into compost, saving time and the energy of bagging yardwaste, storing it and then hauling it to the curb or drop-off center.

Compost piles require only a minimal amount of maintenance to produce a useable product that is a valuable soil amendment. Organic compost loosens soil for better root penetration, improves soil capacity to hold water, and adds essential nutrients to soil.

Earth Machine Backyard Compost Bin

Only \$35
(Retail is \$100)



Compost Bin Sale

Saturday, May 8
9 am-2 pm

Cash or check only (payable to Norseman Plastics)

Anderson Center Station
(home of the Anderson Farmers' Market)
7832 Five Mile Road

Harvest Home Park, Cheviot
3961 North Bend Road

Also available:
Compost Turners (\$15)
Kitchen Scrap Pails (\$7).

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

Construction Hotline
792-8345

Hats Off...



to the team of volunteers that “dug in” on April 13 to plant 260 hanging baskets for our City’s streetscape. Sponsored by the Beautification & Tree Commission, the highly visible project garners compliments by both our residents and visitors to our community throughout the spring and summer seasons. 74 hours were contributed to this year’s project equivalent to \$1,542 labor value.

A grateful THANK YOU is extended to the following volunteers who shared their time for this annual project: Beautification & Tree Commission Members: **Jodi Keith** (Chair), **Judy Feltner**, **Helen Grimes**, **Jane Hohn**, **Lee Levy** and **Jacque Webb**; and Community Members:

Donna Acus
Charlie Armstrong
Ron Baker
Staci Bradley
Suzanne Burke
Ralphine Gentzler
Jeffrey Haas
Andy Haggerty
Shirley Haggerty
Laura Harmon
Dick Harrington
Margie Joering
Meg Keim
Carla McCormally
Keith Reeb
Pat Stratman
Dean Webb
Betty Will



Thanks Kiwanis Club for 51 years

The City of Montgomery would like to thank the Montgomery Kiwanis for hosting the Montgomery Kiwanis Art Show for more than 50 years. Since 1959, the art show was the main fundraiser for the group and a fun community event.

The art show began as a clothesline art show with art

Recycle those plastic pots at Spring Plant Swap

Feeling guilty about tossing plastic plant pots in the garbage can? Eliminate your guilt by bringing them to the Plant Swap on May 1 in the City Hall Parking Lot and/or the Public Works Building (7315 Cornell Road) on Saturday May 15, and June 19. Plastic pots (any size or color), cell packs and plant trays are all acceptable for recycling at the Bzak Landscaping and Maintenance Company.

hung along Montgomery Road from Cooper to Main Street. In the early days, the road was roped off, leaving lanes for cars and the occasional horse. Student artists were encouraged to enter the show and an art scholarship was awarded to one lucky student yearly.



This February, the group opted not to host the event any longer, citing competing art shows as one factor.

Though the show will not go on in 2010, the City of Montgomery will be investigating options to host a Montgomery art show in 2011.

Dig in to beautify City medians

It's not too late to reserve a flowerbed for planting on Beautification Day, Saturday, May 15.



Families, church groups, school clubs, civic organizations, businesses or neighborhood associations are all encouraged to “dig in” from 9 am-12 pm. Volunteers will meet in the City

Hall parking lot for registration, supplies, flowerbed assignments and light refreshments. Park flowerbeds are reserved for youths to plant on Beautification Day or during the week of May 17.

For more information about these projects or to reserve a flowerbed, contact Joyce Yock by calling 792-8329 or emailing jyock@ci.montgomery.com.

How YOU can define a community...

The holidays are over and the lights and garland have all come down, but what happens to all that stuff? The garlands and wreaths get stored, but did you know the lights are meticulously inspected by a husband and wife team? Ron and Pat Keeling go over each strand — and there are hundreds of them — to make sure they will light the next year.

Ron spent 2009 refurbishing all the park’s benches, fixing up picnic tables and even built games for City events, too.

There are many more unsung heroes like Bill Blessing who replenishes all the doggie waste bags in the parks and Robert Folz who regularly picks up garbage at the I-71/Pfeiffer Road ramps.



Ron, Pat, Bill and Robert spend hours undertaking these tasks because they like to give something back to their community... and they are, in a big way.

Their invaluable service to the City frees up the Public Works Department to provide other

services to the community. Getting involved is easy and doesn't need to be complicated. Just identify a need, then be willing to commit to that task. Volunteer in your faith-based institution, neighborhood or civic group. Determine what you can do, and get started!

Teen volunteers sought for summer events

A variety of volunteer opportunities are available for teens this summer. In

addition to having the opportunity to “give back” to their community, the teens will

gain valuable experience that can be documented for high school graduation requirements or for college and job applications. Interested teens should contact Joyce Yock (792-8329) or visit montgomeryohio.org to obtain a Youth Volunteer Form for the following summer programs and events:

Game Booth Managers

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

July 4th Festival

Monday, July 5
10:45 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Montgomery Park

Bastille Day Celebration

Saturday, July 17
11 - 8 p.m.
Downtown Montgomery

All Fired Up Art Extravaganza!

Check out Swaim Park on Sunday, May 2, from 1 to 5 p.m. The park will be host to a variety of art formats to delight the senses. Sponsored by the Arts Commission, the “rain or shine” event will feature...

Ceramics Exhibit & Sale (sidewalk location)

Approximately 25 booths curated by Lisa Merida-Paytes, Gallery Director, Funke Fired Arts

Glass & Metal Sculpture Exhibit & Sale (Swaim Lodge)

Glass: River City Works & Brazee Studio Artists
Metal: Chris Daniel & Ray Miller

Children's Art Activity (Park Pavilion)

Free water color painting activity sponsored by Art Machine

Bobby Sharp Trio (Park Gazebo)

Sounds of jazz

Photography Exhibit (Swaim Lodge)

Exhibit of 2010 Montgomery Winning Photos

Food Booths (Park Pavilion)

Zeh's Family Affair and Graeters

Wilder Swaim House

Open House featuring China display and Radia's swan collection by members of the Montgomery Historic Preservation Association

Montgomery welcomes Kidz Watch

Ever-changing schedules, overlapping shifts and limited child care options are realities for today's families, so Sisters-in-Law Holly Oakes and Abbie Rosfeld are opening the first Kidz Watch in Montgomery. Kidz Watch offers extended hours, flexible schedules and hourly rates, meeting the needs of more area parents by putting time back on their side.

Kidz Watch is a Toledo based franchise which has opened 4 franchised and 12 licensed

locations around the country. Each child care center is a state-licensed facility devoted to providing the community with top-rate, dependable childcare at the spur-of-the-moment.

The new facility is located at 9727 Montgomery Road in the Tollgate Plaza. It will be open Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to midnight, and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to midnight. Call 793-5439 or e-mail info@kidzwatch.net for more information.

Safety Village Teacher Assistants

Weeks of June 14 and June 21

AM Session: 8:45 a.m. - noon

PM Session: 12:45 - 4 p.m.

Swaim Park

Minimum Age-13

A minimum one-week (am or pm session) commitment is required.

May Volunteer Opportunities



■ Beautification Day Flower Planting Project

(Adults, Teens, Families & Organizations)

Saturday, May 15 • 9 am-12 pm

City Hall Parking Lot

“Dig In” to help plant thousands of flowers in the medians and parks.

■ Children's Park Planting Project

(Youth Organizations/adult supervision)

Monday-Friday • May 17-21

Flexible Scheduling

Swaim Park

Plant flowers in designated park flowerbeds. Planting supplies will be provided.

■ Public Works Department Cardboard Recycling Project

(Adults, Teens & Families)

Saturday, May 15 • 10 am-1 pm

7315 Cornell Road

Assist the staff by removing cardboard from vehicles.

■ Public Works Department Assistants (Adults)

Monday-Friday

Flexible Scheduling

7315 Cornell Road

Provide “hands on” assistance for a variety of indoor/outdoor projects.

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

MCLA salutes 2010 class, seeks 2011 candidates

The Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy (MCLA) has completed another class, bringing the total number of graduates over the last three years to 77. MCLA is a specialized, fun program designed to help transform residents into more engaged citizens.

After graduation, participants are challenged to fulfill the MCLA alumni slogan of "Learn & Do." Graduates are encouraged to become engaged in civic, cultural, philanthropic and other organizations to make Montgomery — and the world — a better place.

Begun three years ago, MCLA recruits residents eager to go beyond the surface and experience firsthand the innermost workings of community operations. Comprised of ten unique workshop experiences conducted from January to

March, participants are immersed in contemporary issues impacting today's community. Workshops go beyond the classroom and into the community to examine real life scenarios.

"Learning more about my community has been great fun, plus I have had a unique opportunity to meet many neighbors that I now consider friends," said one MCLA graduate.

MCLA 2010 classmates participate in a disaster preparedness exercise at the Hamilton County Regional Operations Center.



Space is limited and applications are already being accepted for the 2011 class. To apply, go to

montgomeryohio.org/academy, or contact Ray Kingsbury, Director of Citizen Engagement, at 792-8359.

MCLA spawns welcoming committee

Under the leadership of a MCLA graduate, a new resident welcoming committee has been formed. The idea sprung from a conversation with residents about how they were welcomed to the community. Many felt a more

personal welcome would reflect the personality of the community and would be more appreciated.

Now, in addition to a new resident packet sent by the City, residents will receive a

handwritten note of welcome from a member of the community. If you are interested in being part of this outreach effort, contact Communications Coordinator Ellen Hall at 792-8358 or ehall@ci.montgomery.oh.us.

Connect Montgomery to go live on June 1

Connect Montgomery is scheduled to go on line June 1. The informational web site and e-newsletter is designed to better inform and engage the community. The project is the result of a collaborative effort by local civic groups, neighborhood associations, non-profits and the City of Montgomery to raise the "social capital" often lost in today's society.

common good. Conversations began around "what would it take to make your organization more effective?" After

distilling the responses, most of the organizations had similar needs.

- Recruitment of new and younger members
 - Enhanced fund raising
 - Increased volunteerism
 - Improved effective communication community wide



In late 2008, the Montgomery Civic Collaborative was formed to determine how local organizations can better work together for Montgomery's

Organizations interested in being part of this initiative are encouraged to contact Ray Kingsbury, Director of Citizen Engagement, at rkingsbury@ci.montgomery.oh.us or 792-8359.

Let's be sociable

Follow the City of Montgomery on Twitter, become a fan on Facebook or view us on YouTube!

Learn about City events, view photos and

videos and be the first to be informed about road construction

or any other information of public interest. Sign up at montgomeryohio.org/social_media.htm



Look who won this year's Photography Contest

Twenty photography winners were announced at the Montgomery Photography Reception and Exhibition held on March 14 at the Universalist Church. Sponsored by the Arts Commission, the event featured renowned juror, Corson Hirschfeld, and an exhibit of more than 200 photographs. Each award recipient received a



Stephanie Stone/Mirror in the Sky



Ethan Parker/Not Escher's Hands



Steve Groh/It's all happening at the Zoo

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

prize. The 2010 Montgomery Photography winners are:

Adult Category

- Derek Britton/*Stroke of Color*
- Meghan O'Leary/*Lucky Lady*
- Ethan Parker/*Not Escher's Hands*
- Mary Nemeth/*Tuscan Sunrise*
- Lane Schafer/*Temple of Poseidon*
- Peter Koerbel/*Untitled*
- Karl Liebat/*Barley Grinder*
- Tom Rielage/*Ice Cream Parlor*
- Todd Moore/*Trees & Autumn Grass*

- Steve Groh/*It's all happening at the Zoo*
- Karen Ashcraft/*Geometry*
(Adult Best of Show)

Student Category

- Dallas Wing/*Plitvice*
Sycamore High School
- Stephanie Stone/*Mirror in the Sky*
Oak Hills High School
- Alex Brewer/*Floating Faces*
Milford High School
- Ellen Fox/*Painted Horse*
Ursuline Academy
- Anna Eltringham/*My Delirium*
Loveland High School
- Katie Shaw/*Mother SUPERIOR*
Milford High School
- Ellie Jordan/*Blue Summer*
Sycamore High School
- Madison Schmidt/*Unveiled*
Oak Hills High School
- Carley Lowe/*Decay Triptych*
(Student Best of Show)
Milford High School

Earn incentives to improve your health!

Montgomery residents are invited to participate in the *Get Moving Montgomery* wellness initiative! This program is a fun and encouraging way to link with health experts and wellness providers and to assist with improving overall health.



Participants will learn about themselves: height, weight, blood pressure, heart rate, body fat and flexibility.

3 Participate

Take part in the designated activities and earn signatures. From cooking demos to health lectures to walks in the park, the complete list of activities are listed on the City's website.

4 Get Rewards

Earn rewards for commitment towards being healthier after accumulating 25, 60 and 100 signatures!

Visit the *Get Moving Montgomery* webpage on the City's website at montgomeryohio.org or call 891-2424 for more information.

How the program works:

1 Get Registered!

Online at montgomeryohio.org, in person at the TriHealth Fitness & Health Pavilion Front Desk or in person at Montgomery City Hall.

2 Schedule

Schedule a FREE personal wellness profile by calling the TriHealth Fitness and Health Pavilion at 985-0900.

For Health's Sake...

What's in it for YOU to *Get Moving Montgomery*:

- lower the risk of stroke and heart disease
- improve bone health
- lower the risk of diabetes
- lower blood pressure
- alleviate symptoms of depression
- reduce pain caused by arthritis
- improve balance and lower risk of falls
- lower the risk of cancer

Exergames may decrease depression in seniors

Depression is easily the most common and reversible "non-cognitive" psychiatric disorder among the elderly and is associated with substantial suffering, functional disability, and increased use of costly medical services. Physical activity can improve depression; however, fewer than five percent of older adults meet physical activity recommendations and older adults with depression may be at particular risk for decreased enjoyment of physical activity, and therefore, more likely to stop exercise programs prematurely.

New research suggests that seniors may find relief of mild depression symptoms by playing "exergames", video games that combine game play with exercise. In a recent study, researchers found that the use of

exergames significantly improved mood and mental health-related quality of life in older adults with mild depression. More than one-third of the participants in the study had a fifty percent or greater reduction of depressive symptoms. Many had a significant improvement in their mental health-related quality of life and increased cognitive stimulation.

Researchers stated that some participants felt nervous when starting the study, but by the end of the study, most participants reported that learning and playing the videogames was satisfying and enjoyable. Researchers believe that because of the high level of enjoyment and choice among activities, exergames may lead to sustained exercise in older adults.



Resident suggestions sparked projects

Many parks have seen upgrades, more to come

Work continues in City parks to further improve on an already

excellent park system. In 2007, the community was asked what improvements

or needs would best fit the needs of Montgomery's parks. Suggestions were considered and work began.

have now been heated for all season usage, with Pioneer and Montgomery Parks next on the list for completion before freezing temperatures return this fall. The work to minimize erosion at the Pioneer Park pond is almost complete. Aquatic plants will be planted in late May.

The new brick walkway at Montgomery Park is nearing completion with new lighting, picnic tables and drinking fountains, including a drinking fountain for pets. At the Johnson Nature Preserve, a new brick walkway has been installed. A pergola is planned as the next project. Landscaping will follow with a new beautiful entrance into the preserve.

Dulle and Swaim tennis courts have been repaved, with Pfeiffer park tennis courts scheduled to be repaired in early summer.

The ball fields at Weller Park have been renovated with the first field being enlarged for advanced usage. Pioneer Park fields were next with the first field also being enlarged and the back field being removed. The soccer field was pushed further back for better use by both sports. Work is scheduled on Swaim Park fields once ball season ends.

Swaim and Weller restrooms

DID YOU KNOW?

Take me fishin'...

In the good old summertime, you may hear the expression, "Take me fishin'." Fishing in Montgomery is only a short walk away at both Swaim and Pioneer Parks. The ponds at Swaim and Pioneer are annually stocked with bluegill, carp, catfish and bass. One fisherman caught

and promptly released back into the pond, a forty pound shovelhead carp! Think you would enjoy a little competitive fishing? Watch for upcoming information on the Kiwanis Fishing Contest in June.

Remember to contact the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for information about fishing license requirements (www.dnr.state.oh.us).

JNP enhancements underway

Johnson Nature Preserve is one of the least known, but most unique parks in the Montgomery park system. Encompassing seven acres of natural woodlands on Deerfield Road, it is unlike the other parks in Montgomery. The Preserve has very few man-made amenities with a focus on the scenic and natural aspects of the area.



In recognition of the tenth anniversary of the tornado, and to allow for more educational opportunities in the park, the plan to install a memorial, enhance the entrance to meet ADA access requirements, and expand the trail has started. Ohio National Financial Services pledged \$10,000 for the monument and plaque that will be placed at the entrance to the park. Several other individuals and organizations have also made donations for cedar benches, large brick pavers, memorial bricks and

landscaping. Donations are still needed to fund this park improvement. To help, visit montgomeryohio.org.

Gravesites available in Hopewell Cemetery

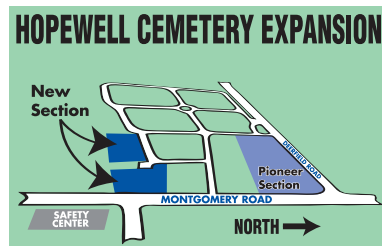
Hopewell Cemetery, founded in 1803, is owned and operated by the City of Montgomery. The cemetery is historically significant, serving as the burial location for many of the City's first settlers and founding fathers.

Among those who arrived in Montgomery in 1795, Cornelius Snyder, Jacob Roosa, and Nathaniel Terwilliger are buried here, as well as five Revolutionary War veterans and more than 50 Civil War veterans. The cemetery was created by the early settlers as a place of respect, a means of honoring their triumphs and perpetuating the memory of loved ones. The oldest section

of the cemetery, known as the "Pioneer Section," was officially preserved as a Montgomery Landmark in 1978.

In July 2002, the City began selling new burial plots at Hopewell Cemetery. These gravesites are located in the southeastern corner of the cemetery near Montgomery Road.

The gravesites are sold at a cost of \$900 each. Either flush-mounted or monument-style markers will be permitted in this new cemetery section. Individuals who are interested in purchasing a gravesite in this location should contact the City of Montgomery at 891-2424.



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

Tour de Montgomery benefit ride returns July 17

Just before the festivities of Bastille Day, Saturday, July 17, the City of Montgomery and the HeartStone Foundation will present the fourth annual HeartStone Tour de Montgomery cycling benefit ride. The Tour de Montgomery is for riders of all ages and ability levels from elite cyclists to families riding casually together. Three ride options will be available:

- a 70-mile route with challenging hills
- a 35-mile route with more rolling terrain



- a 7-mile family ride through area neighborhoods

All rides will begin at Montgomery Elementary School, 9609 Montgomery Road. Start times will be between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., depending on the route chosen. Proceeds of the event, through the HeartStone Foundation, will benefit local

individuals facing catastrophic illnesses with little ability to pay their medical expenses.

The HeartStone Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) with the mission to relieve the financial

strain on those facing life threatening medical conditions by directly paying the health care or service provider, thus allowing the patient the

financial freedom to focus on healing.

Registration information and other details are available at montgomeryohio.org and through the HeartStone Foundation's website at heartstonetour.org.

GOLF INSTRUCTION

Adult Beginner

ages 16 and up

Thursday, May 20, 27 & June 3

(register by May 14) • 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 to play 9-holes at King's Island par 3 course).

Adult Intermediate

ages 16 and up

Thursday, June 17, 24 & July 1

(register by June 11) • 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 to play 9-holes at King's Island par 3 course).*

Junior

ages 8-12

Wednesday, May 12, 19, 26 (register

by May 7) • 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 fun, non-intimidating, high quality and offers relaxed instruction. The first 40 minutes of each session will consist of instruction, then play a hole on the executive course (par 3 and par 4). Golf Pro Jonathan Williams will help you improve.

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 to play 9-holes at King's Island par 3 course).*

SPRING INTO FITNESS

Cardio Stretch for Boomers!

Mondays • May 17 to July 12 (7 classes) • 9 - 10 am Annex Building

(register online or at City Hall by May 10)

Energize your body with this fitness-based class combining some strength with an emphasis on flexibility and cardio components. Appropriate for all fitness levels. *Min 10/Max 25. Cost \$35 residents/\$40 non-resident.*

Tummy Tucks/PILATES

Tuesdays & Thursdays • May 25 to July 15

(16 classes) • 6-7 pm • Annex Building

(register at City Hall by May 17)
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 a Tri-Health certified instructor. Some equipment provided. *Min 12/Max 25. Cost \$65 resident/\$70 non-resident*

20/20/20 Cardio/Strength/Stretch

Tuesdays & Thursdays • May 25 to July 15

(16 classes) • 9-10 am • Annex

Building

(register at City Hall by May 17)

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 teaching 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. *Min 12/Max 25. Cost \$65 resident/\$70 non-resident*

Outdoor Movie Nights!

Weller Park • First Friday of the Month
Movies start at Dusk

Grab a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy flicks under the stars. Popcorn, drinks and candy will be sold by the Montgomery Recreation Department.

May 7
Up *Rated PG*

June 4
Over the Hedge
Rated PG

July 2
Cloudy with a
Chance of Meatballs
Rated PG

August 6
Harry Potter and the
Half Blood Prince
Rated PG

September 3
G-Force
Rated PG

Movies Under the Stars

Dive-In Movies

Montgomery Pool
Friday, June 11 & August 13
Movies start at Dusk
Watch some hot movies at a cool pool. Cost is only \$3.

June 11
Wallace and Gromit in
the Curse of the Were-Rabbit *Rated G*

August 13
Happy Feet *Rated PG*

STARTING	CAMP	DESCRIPTION	AGES	COST	DAY/TIMES
June 14	Tennis Instruction Pee Wees/Juniors	Lifelong sport taught by Harper's Instructors at Weller Park	5-7 8-15	\$25	Mondays: June 14, 21 & 28 Ages 5-7: 9:30 - 10:30 am Ages 8-15: 10:30 - 11:30 am
June 21	Soccer & Basketball Camp	Skyhawks/TinyHawks Program: Kids experience these two popular sports!	3-4	\$50	Monday-Thursday 9 - 10 am Weller Park
June 21	Soccer, Basketball, Baseball Camp	Skyhawks/MiniHawks Program: Kids experience a variety of sports!	5-8	\$69	Monday-Thursday 10:30 am - 12:30 pm Weller Park
June 23	Weekly Drawing Class	Taught by Young Rembrandts, this 6 week program helps children develop skills for life	3½-6 6-12	\$67	Wednesdays at Weller Park Preschool: 4 - 4:45 pm Elementary: 5 - 6 pm
June 28	Pre-K Golf Camp	Skyhawks Program: Kids build confidence through training and proper technique.	3-4	\$50	Monday-Thursday 9 - 10 am Weller Park
June 28	Beginner Golf Camp	Skyhawks Program: Kids learn this fun lifelong sport!	5-9	\$69	Monday-Thursday 10:30 am - 12:30 pm at Weller Park
July 12	Go Wild	Leap into the wild to investigate amazing animals and plants. Build a nature kit.	6-12	\$150	Monday-Friday 9 am - 12 Noon Swaim Lodge & Shelter
July 19	Pastel Drawing Art Workshop	Learn drawing, shading, color blending with pastels. All new classes.	7-14	\$67	Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday 10:30 am - 12 Noon Recreation Annex
July 26	Space & Rocketry	Build and launch an eco-friendly hydro-rocket, get pumped up for space exploration!	6-12	\$150	Monday-Friday 9 am - 12 Noon Swaim Lodge & Park Shelter
August 2	Junior Cartooning Art Workshop	Create animal characters, expressions & expressive cartoon characters.	5-9	\$67	Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday 10:30 am - 12 Noon Recreation Annex
Coming in June	Zipline Adventure	Ride through the treetops at Camp Kern.	14-17	TBA	Meet at 8:30 am Recreation Annex
Coming in July	Summer Adventure Trip	Details to come about a possible trip to Wake Nation Wakeboarding Park.	14-17	TBA	Info to come... Watch www.montgomeryohio.org

KIDS SUMMER FUN

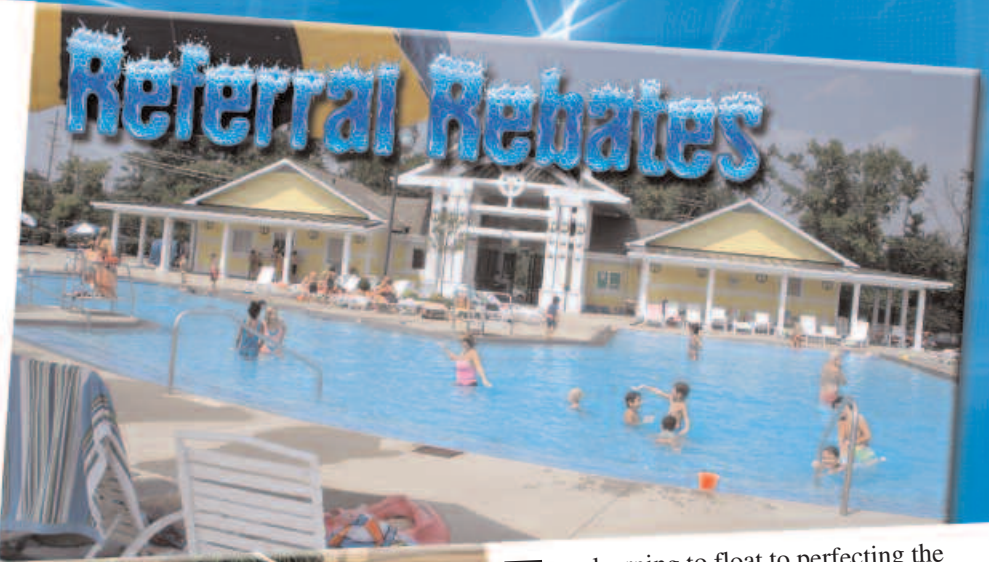
From sports to science to art, plan you kids' fun camps and workshops this summer! Kids can learn, experience, create and have a blast...literally, since there is a rocketry camp! More camp details coming soon online at montgomeryohio.org. Registration now underway.

Jump into fun this summer!

This is the second year for the referral program at the Montgomery Community Pool. Already, at least 38 people have taken advantage of the referral program. With the referral program, both families receive a referral bonus.

For returning residents, a family membership before the referral is \$255; with a family referral, the cost is \$180! For new residents, a family membership before the referral is \$255; \$205 with a referral. Even those who have already joined can still refer someone and receive the discount! In the current economy, many families are opting for a "stay-cation." Visit montgomeryohio.org for more information.

Referral Rebates



From learning to float to perfecting the butterfly, learn the skills of a lifetime with swim lessons. Group swim lessons are a great way for children to learn swimming skills and water safety. Five sessions are offered this summer from June 7 to August 19. Eight 30-minute swim lessons are offered Monday through Thursday over a two week period. Classes are planned so that no more than six students are with an instructor. Lessons are \$35 per session for current pool members (\$50 per session for non-members). Private swim lessons are perfect for anyone of any age looking for the reassurance of one-on-one attention. Details online at montgomeryohio.org.

Swim Lessons



Kids can improve their swimming skills, be active, make great friends and be part of a team this summer! The team is open to youth from 4 to 18 years old. Practice is weekdays from June 3 to July 24 for one hour. Parent board positions are open and volunteers are needed to run the team successfully. Open positions include: vice-president, secretary, ways and means, and other various positions. Contact Amy and Steve at akschmidlin@fuse.net for more information. Visit montgomeryohio.org to register or for more information.

Makos Swim Team



About the coach...

Head Coach is Matt Harrison, who was on the Moeller High School Swim Team. He has three years of head coaching experience at Brookside Swim Club in Deer Park, as well as three years of assistant coaching experience at Moeller. Already a licensed EMT and a certified Personal Trainer, Matt is currently finishing a degree in Sports Management and Exercise Science.

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All Around Town

Planning a fun birthday party?

Rent the gazebo or the pool for your next birthday party or special event at the Montgomery Community Pool. From 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., rent the gazebo for \$30 for the first hour and \$10 each additional hour. In addition, there is a guest fee for non-pool members. A special group rate for non-pool members is \$3 for 10 or more people. After hours pool rentals are available from 9-11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and on Sunday from 9-11 a.m. and cost ranges from \$325 to \$430. Visit montgomeryohio.org for details and a rental form.

Working together to provide superior services

This is the mission statement that guides all City employees. An important part of

providing superior service is to first create an internal culture of continuous improvement and employee development.

To work towards the mission, a small team of employees recently created a dynamic and interactive customer service training class based on the book *“The Chronicles of Sir Vival; Customer Service Under Siege”* by Joan Fox, a Montgomery resident. All of the employees who participated in the training enjoyed the interactive lessons and were exposed to different ways they could improve the service they provide to residents, businesses and visitors.

From creating more efficient processes to building relationships, Montgomery employees are always looking to make living in Montgomery a great experience.

Did you spring forward? How about changing over?

Each time you move the clocks forward or set them back in the fall, as

you make your way from clock to clock, test your smoke detectors to be sure they work. It is recommended that new batteries be installed each time the clocks are

changed. If you think the batteries are still good, then put them into something else, like a radio, on which you are not depending to save your life.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MAY • MAY • MAY • MAY • MAY • MAY • MAY

1 Spring Plant Swap	City Hall Parking Lot	9 - 11 am
2 “All Fired Up!”	Swaim Park	1 - 5 pm
3 Arts Commission	City Hall	5 pm
3 Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
5 Council Business Session	City Hall	7 pm
7 Family Outdoor Movie Night	Weller Park	Dusk/8:30pm
10 Beautification and Tree Commission	City Hall	9am
11 Environmental Advisory Commission	City Hall	4:30 pm
12 Landmarks Commission	City Hall	7pm
13 Parks & Recreation Commission	Montgomery Park	6:30 pm
15 Cardboard Recycling	7315 Cornell Road	10 am - 1 pm
15 Beautification Day	City Hall Parking Lot	9 am - noon
17 Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
18 Sister Cities Commission	City Hall	7 pm
19 Council Work Session	City Hall	7pm
25 Board of Zoning Appeals	City Hall	7 pm
29 Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Concert	Blue Ash Town Square	6 pm
29 Montgomery Community Pool Opens	Pool	11 am
31 Memorial Day - City Offices Closed, trash pick-up as usual		