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MCLA deadline is September 30

September 30 is the deadline for accepting applications for The Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy (MCLA) 2012 class. Limited to just 25 participants per year, MCLA is designed to build connections within the community between citizens, businesses and their local government. More than 100 participants have graduated from the program.

"A resident is a geographic term defining where a household is located. Being a citizen is a verb."
— MCLA Graduate



The hands-on learning environment of this unique citizens' academy allows for the strengths, talents and

gifts within the class to be connected to further improve the community and create a more

vibrant Montgomery.

Studies reveal that healthy communities are built on connections

between residents combined with the presence of highly engaged citizens. The nationally recognized Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy is designed to help move residents into the role of involved citizens.

Bestselling author Peter Block will again facilitate the popular MCLA workshop, "Zen and The Art of Citizenship." He will share thoughts from his new book, "The Abundant Community... Awakening the Power of Families and Neighborhoods."

Residents and those working in Montgomery who are interested in being a part of "The Coolest Civics Class You'll Ever Take" should submit an application at montgomeryohio.org, or call Ray Kingsbury, Director of Citizen Engagement, at 792-8359.

"I suddenly came to the startling realization that the THEY in government is ME!"
— MCLA Graduate

City thinking earns global award

The City of Montgomery has been awarded the 2011 Strategic Leadership and Governance Program Excellence Award from the International City/County Management Association. This annual award recognizes innovative and successful local government management programs or processes that significantly affect a local government's culture or strategic direction.

The City was selected for the award from submissions of local governments throughout the world based upon a nomination entitled, "Changing the Public (and Internal) Perspective of Local Government Through a Quality Work Culture, High Levels of Employee Ownership and Great Service Delivery."

This nomination highlighted the

City's efforts over the past 10 years to become a "higher performing local government organization." These efforts have focused on developing the skills and contributions of employees through emphasis on leadership, management, technical and team skills; establishing a strategic vision for the City and the local government organization; and, enhancing the "culture" of the workplace and services provided to citizens through an emphasis on values and professionalism in service delivery.

The City will receive this award at the International City/County Management Association Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in September. The City's accomplishments will also be featured in *Public Management Magazine* this fall.

Brush pick-ups start September 19

The Montgomery Public Works Department will begin its annual fall curbside bulk collection of brush and limbs on September 19. The service will continue over a 5 week period. Each area's pick-up week will be determined by each area's regular day of trash

Three additional projects to see fall/late year starts

While summer has already seen some construction projects completed, three projects are still planned for 2011:

Pfeiffer Road Pond and Twinkle Lane Water Main Improvements: This project is set for substantial completion by the end of October.

Pfeiffer Road Sidewalk: This project between the I-71 Ramp and Tri-Health is currently out for bid. Construction of the project could begin in late October and could be substantially completed before the end of November.

Shred sensitive documents at this free September 24 event

In an effort to help reduce identity theft, promote recycling and provide a way for residents to dispose of sensitive documents, a free shredding event is planned for Saturday, September 24. The City of Montgomery's Environmental Advisory Commission together with Royal Document Destruction will shred documents from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Public Works Facility, 7315 Cornell Road.

To provide faster service, residents are limited to three

collection. **Please have brush at the curb by Sunday evening of your collection week.**

Guidelines for Pick-up

■ *Since chipper crews will only make one pass through*

Montgomery Traffic Signal upgrades: This project includes work at every signalized intersection on Montgomery Road from Weller Road to Kennedy Lane and at the Cooper Road/Main Street intersection. A grant of up to \$540,000 from the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments will fund 80 percent of the project. City staff plans to present a contract authorization request to City Council at the November 16 City Council meeting. Construction of the project will occur from January to July 2012.

Regular construction updates are provided on the City's website as work progresses. For additional information on these or other projects please contact Bob Nikula, Public Works Director at 792-8311.

medium sized boxes. Volunteers will be available to assist. Typical paper products to shred include: phone records, books, receipts, files, file folders, checks, medical claims, bank statements, old credit cards, invoices and any papers with personal information. Paper clips and staples do not have to be removed.

Materials will be shredded on site. A certificate of destruction will be available upon request. The finely shredded paper will be recycled.

each neighborhood, residents must place brush curbside on the Sunday immediately prior to your scheduled collection week. Crews cannot return once they have completed service in an area.

■ *Items are collected by hand and fed into a chipping device, so brush containing nails, metal, stones or excessive dirt will not be picked up.*

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

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

waste collection day.

■ *Brush and limbs must be placed at the edge of 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.*

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

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

For additional information regarding the curbside brush pick-up service, contact City Hall at 891-2424.

TRASH PICK-UP DAY	WEEK OF BRUSH PICK-UP
MONDAY	SEPT. 19 - 23
TUESDAY	SEPT. 26 - 30
WEDNESDAY	OCT. 3 - 7
THURSDAY	OCT. 10 - 14
FRIDAY	OCT. 17 - 21

Cashing in your points?

Residents who still have RecycleBank Points can redeem their incentives by visiting RecycleBank.com. After activating an online account, the first step is to sign-in. Click "Sign-In" in the upper left hand corner of RecycleBank.com. Then, enter the email address and password that was entered during the activation process.

Upon signing in, participants can check point balances, view recent transactions, choose favorite partners, set preferences and more from the "My Account" section.

From there, click on "Get Rewards" to start browsing for

the rewards desired.

Choose a category from the left, browse the reward offers in that category, then click on a reward to learn more about it. If interested, add that reward to the cart by clicking on the shopping cart icon.

When finished, review the cart and click "Checkout." Your order is now complete and your rewards will arrive either via mail or email for online rewards.

Questions can be directed to RecycleBank Customer Care at info@recyclebank.com or by telephone at 1-888-727-2978.



RecycleBank

Volunteers sought for board openings

Volunteers are needed to help with City organizations. The initial step to getting involved is to attend an upcoming meeting of a commission to learn more about it and to meet the current members. The following commissions have openings and are in need of members to complete their volunteer teams:

Arts Commission

Members promote the visual and performing arts within the City. Programs and events include the Photography Contest, Fine Arts Sampler, Live at the Uni!, and "All Fired Up" exhibit and sale. Meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of each month at 5 p.m. *One Commission position open.*

Beautification & Tree Commission

Members focus on a variety of projects that include City Plant

Selections, Beautification Planting Day, Basket Planting Project, Arbor Day Celebration, Plant Swaps, and Beautification Awards Program. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each Month at 9 a.m. *One Commission position open.*

Parks & Recreation Commission

Members focus on current safety standards for the City's parks by conducting park "walk throughs," that help to assess the recreational needs of residents and assist with a variety of special events. In order to promote familiarity with each of the seven parks, the commission's meetings are held at various City parks and lodges. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. *Two Commission positions open.*

For information and/or to apply for an position, contact DeAnna Gross at dgross@ci.montgomery.oh.us or 792-8329.



September Plant Swap planned

Members of the Beautification & Tree Commission will host its 13th annual Fall Plant Swap on Saturday, September 24, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the City Hall parking lot. The free event provides an excellent opportunity for community members to share their divided perennials while selecting new garden varieties.

A display board will be

available for participants to post photos of their gardening successes that included plant varieties obtained at previous Plant Swaps.

The Commission recommends that perennials be labeled with the plant name and its sun or shade preference. Participants should also bring their own bags or containers for transporting their "swapped" selections.

For more information, call 792-8319.

Welcome to Montgomery!

There's a new store in town! Jewels by Jules Boutique has opened in the Montgomery Square Shopping Center, near Kroger's. Next door to the BMV, the new boutique offers a wide and stylish array of merchandise. Carrying such exclusive lines as Debbie Brooks, Sara Blaine and Charles Krypell, as well as a beautiful selection of classic diamond jewelry, this is a boutique that genuinely offers something for everyone.



Providing knowledgeable and experienced staff as well as a welcoming atmosphere are two important qualities to Jewels owner Julie Lyon. With 25 years of experience in the jewelry business, she has a knack for knowing what her customers appreciate. Montgomery welcomes Jewels by Jules Boutique.

More information is available at info@jewelsbyjules.net or by calling 827-9305.

September Volunteer Opportunities

■ Harvest Moon Festival Event

(Adults & Teens/Minimum Age-14)
Saturday, October 1 • 4:30 - 9 pm
Swaim Park

Participate in this fun family event by assisting with children's crafts, concessions and s'more roasting.

■ Pumpkin Walk

(Adults & Teens/Minimum Age-14)
Saturday, October 22 • 2:30 - 5:30 pm
Pioneer Park

Dress in costume attire to assist with concessions or to distribute candy to the young "trick or treaters" in our community.

■ School's Out Trip (Adults)

Friday, October 28 • 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Meet at the Recreation Annex
10115 Montgomery Road

Chaperone the City's School's Out Paint Ball Trip.

■ Volunteer Support (Adults)

Public Works, Recycling & City Hall

Details are listed on the City website volunteer page.



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

Hats Off...



To the volunteer members of this year's Bastille Day Committee that successfully organized and executed this huge event.

To the many City employees who worked the event from set up to take down and all day in between.

To the more than 150 volunteers who assisted with ticket sales, wine and beer booth service, game booth management, snow cone booth and the City Information booth. Bastille Day was a great day of "citizen engagement" and "community!"

Strategic plan emphasizes economic development

In the new five year Strategic Plan adopted in July by City Council, the very first goal is to strengthen the economic base of the City by partnering with the business community and interested residents to promote Montgomery businesses, reduce commercial vacancies, and recruit several new businesses into Montgomery. The plan identifies five specific strategies which will be developed over the term of the plan.

The first initiative will be to convene a group of local business owners, property owners, commercial realtors and developers for a discussion on the benefits and impediments to operating a

business in Montgomery and what is the City's role in trying to increase business activity. While there are limits as to what a municipality can do — and limited funds available to inject into a large development — there are still some ways that the City can partner with the business community to improve the local economy.

Two parallel strategies that will be initiated will be a business retention plan and an outreach program. Business retention will include a survey of current business owners through a business calling team. The outreach effort will involve realtors and developers to

recruit a new major employer to the City.

Residential real estate represents not only a significant investment to residents, but also an important economic component of the City. Since keeping homes up to date and competitive is important to the economy, the plan will look at several possible options, including incentives for energy saving improvements and flexibility in zoning regulations.

The final strategy involves looking at the Montgomery Road commercial corridor and hospital corridor (*north of Pfeiffer Road*), reviewing current uses and developing a

plan to increase and diversify office and retail occupancy.

This plan's emphasis on economic development is not only a recognition that the City will need additional revenues to provide the level of services it has in the past, but also recognizes that retail centers downtown and along the corridor can provide the types of services that residents and other businesses need and enjoy.

Business owners interested in participating in the emerging focus group and retention committee may call Community Development Director Frank Davis at 792-8347.

COUNCIL CORNER

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

New Legislation

- A resolution authorizing an assessment for the cutting of noxious weeds and removal of debris/trash
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- An ordinance accepting publicly dedicated easement rights from various properties for the Montgomery Road Corridor Signalization Project
- An ordinance establishing an interim development control overlay district for the City of Montgomery

Recent Council Action

JULY 20 WORK SESSION

Approved Legislation

■ Resolution No. 18, 2011

A resolution declaring the necessity and intent to appropriate certain interest in real estate to support the Montgomery Road Corridor Traffic Signal Improvement Project (*passed 7-0*)

AUGUST 3 WORK SESSION

Approved Legislation

■ Resolution No. 19, 2011

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with United Healthcare to provide medical coverage for full-time employees (*passed 7-0*)

■ Resolution No. 20, 2011

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Lincoln National Life Insurance Company to provide life and accidental death and disability insurance coverage for

full-time employees. (*passed 7-0*)

■ Resolution No. 21, 2011

A resolution establishing city contributions for health care benefits (*passed 7-0*)

■ Resolution No. 22, 2011

A resolution to adopt the recommendation of the Montgomery Tax Incentive Review Council with respect to the compliance of all Tax Increment Financing Districts within the City of Montgomery (*passed 7-0*)

■ Resolution No. 23, 2011

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Sycamore Community School District Board of Education (*passed 7-0*)

■ Resolution No. 24, 2011

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Hamilton County General Health District for public health services during 2012 (*passed 7-0*)

■ Resolution No. 25, 2011

A resolution accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Welsh Excavation Company, Inc. for the construction of the Pfeiffer Road pond and waterfall and Twinkle Lane waterline (*passed 7-0*)

■ Resolution No. 26, 2011

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a labor agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Ohio Council 8, AFL-CIO for Wages and Benefits from September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2014 (*passed 7-0*)

■ Resolution No. 27, 2011

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Morton International, Inc. for the purchase of de-icing rock salt pursuant to a joint purchasing bid (*passed 7-0*)

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

A message from City Council

MCLA: A different way to go “Back to School”



This month's message by
City Council Member
Todd Steinbrink

Another summer of fun has come and gone, and for many, it's “Back to School” time. For anyone feeling left out, we have a class for you! Dubbed “The Coolest Civics Class You'll Ever Take”, the Montgomery Citizens Leadership Academy (MCLA) is an opportunity for you to learn more about the community you live in and how to become a more “engaged” citizen.

MCLA is a ten session workshop that offers much more than a guided tour of the inner workings of our local government. It is designed to

provide a deeper perspective on the many functions within the city, but more broadly, how decisions get made for a community. On top of that, the class's interactive nature plugs you in front and center on learning, planning and doing. It's an exciting learning environment that puts you side-by-side with your neighbor and the city's committed staff, to practice being an “engaged” individual. While many graduates have used their knowledge to take more active roles with the city, others are using their MCLA leadership experience to better serve their church, school, neighborhood association or service club.

So why does the city do this? By creating knowledgeable and engaged citizens, the city expands its resources for

addressing the community's many needs that simply can't be met by city staff alone. How else do you find individuals with a passion for historic preservation and ability to read architectural plans? Where else do you find the hours needed for designing and growing the city's hanging flower baskets? It's where a group of spirited and talented individuals came together to start the very popular Farmer's Market. There is so much to learn from and share with others, we knew that creating a forum for it would yield incredible results for both the city and the participants.

We all love Montgomery – it's more than just where our home is, it's the community we cherish. If you want to become a more engaged member of your community, or at least learn

what it is all about, MCLA is a great way to start. A new class is forming for January and your application is due by September 30th. Don't miss out! You might just find civics is much cooler than you remember it from high school...

Beautification Awards announced

Members of the Beautification & Tree Commission have selected the 2011 Beautification Award winners. Nominated properties were judged on their attractive and well maintained landscape as well as the overall appearance of the property.

In addition to the Commission members, the following residents shared their time to participate in the first round of judging: Lynda Roesch; Phil & Karen Schwartz; Kaye Gaffney; Nancy Cottrell; Ralphine Gentzler; Pat Stratman; and Martha Seaman.

Award recipients will be recognized at the September 21, City Council Work Session. The winners receive an engraved landscape rock, a certificate of appreciation, an 8" x 10" photograph of their property, and an award yard sign.

For the first time this year, community members who

nominated the winning entries will also be recognized at the September 21 City Council Work Session and will receive a Knockout Rose plant for their contribution to the Beautification Awards process.

These award winners have been featured on the City's website:

Residential

Abe & Joyce Philip
7800 Hartford Hill Ln.

**William VanDemark
& Gloria Janson**
10889 Deerfield Rd.

Robert & Debby Schurdak
10615 Merrick Ln.

Mark & Johanna Gordon
11752 Grandstone Ln.

Dan & Amy Baker
10380 Pendery Dr.

Brian & Melissa Frederiksen
7767 Remington Rd.

Bette Collier
9844 Zig Zag Rd.

Window Box/Container
Phil & Nancy Stoughton
10502 Adventure Ln.

Most Improved
Peter Clark
7786 Cooper Rd.

Business
Ohio National Financial Services
One Financial Way

How to REACH US



City Hall
891-2424

Police Department
(non-emergency)
985-1600

Fire Department
(non-emergency)
985-1633

Public Works
792-8355

**Planning/Zoning/
Building**
792-8309

**Code Enforcement
Action Line**
792-8356

Let your voice be heard!

SEPTEMBER'S OPEN CITY HALL TOPIC:

How to serve needs of youth?

Twens and teens are a hard demographic to engage in City recreation. Where do these age groups gather for recreation? What should the City add to its recreation programming to attract twens and teens? What role could a youth council play in engaging teens in the community?

Go to montgomeryohio.org, click on Open City Hall, see what others think and make your own comment.

Recreation Programs

HIGHLIGHTS OF OFFERINGS FROM MONTGOMERY RECREATION

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

Harvest Moon Family Festival

FREE

Saturday, October 1 • 5 - 8:30 pm • Swaim Park

Great Fall Fun for the Family! S'mores, Crafts, Hayrides, Food and Entertainment. Celebrate the harvest season with hayrides around the park, \$2 pony rides and live music. Under the tent will be free pumpkin painting, harvest bag crafting and face painting (\$3). Also available will be



concessions, hot cocoa, beer, kettlecorn and s'more kits. Montgomery firefighters will be serving coney dogs and walking tacos. Kids can explore a smokehouse and a fire truck. The Wilder-Swaim House will offer a bit of history too. **Volunteers are needed to help with this event. If interested, call 792-8329.**

Dogfest & K-9 Kerplunk!

Labor Day, Monday, September 5 • 5-8 pm • Montgomery Community Pool

The "My Dog's Got Talent Show" has a new name, a new date and a new location for 2011. This year, the Dog Talent Show will be held in conjunction with the K-9 Kerplunk. Join us for the fun! Entertainment, games, show, prizes and vendor booths will be featured. Families and their

canine companions can finish the summer with a dip in the pool. All breeds and sizes of dogs are invited. Dogs must be people friendly and non-aggressive towards other dogs. Free for pets of pool members, \$3/pet for non-members. Information will be posted at montgomeryohio.org or call 891-2424.

Event Sponsors:



Friendly competitions will get you in the holiday spirit!

Holiday contest seeks creative contenders

You are invited to decorate an artificial 3-4 foot tree in this fun holiday contest. Many of the trees in the past have exploded with creative twists on this traditional holiday icon. In the past, entries went for beauty with the contrast of a white tree full of red birds, lit winter wonderland houses skirting the bottom of a tree and opulent ribbons and picks of glitter adding sparkle and brilliance. Others were themed with potted plants and gloves, a Grinch towering over a tree, and even the Eiffel Tower glittered on a French themed tree. All of the entries were wildly creative and brought joy to all of the festival attendees. Enter as a group, family, business or as an individual. It's not too early to start thinking of your creative theme and decorations!

Entry forms are due by

November 1. Your tree will be displayed at one of four locations during our Holiday in the Village event on December 3. Details and information coming in the October *Bulletin* and online at montgomeryohio.org.

Gingerbread Decorating Contest

Get your fun sugary, confection juices flowing and enter into our Gingerbread Decorating Contest. Your entry will be judged on Friday, December 2. Entries will be displayed at Twin Lakes and viewed by many during our Holiday in the Village event on December 3. Entry forms are due November 15.

Contests are sponsored by the City of Montgomery, Ohio National Financial Services, Twin Lakes Life Enriching Communities and Bethesda North Hospital. Details, rules and entry forms are coming soon online at montgomeryohio.org.

Outdoor Movie Night

FREE

Shrek Forever After Rated PG

Friday, September 2 • Dusk/8:30 pm • Weller Park

Shrek suddenly finds himself in an alternate version of Far Far Away, where ogres are hunted, Rumpelstiltskin is king and Shrek and Fiona have never met. Now, it's up to Shrek to undo all of Rumpelstiltskin's mischief. Bring your blankets or lawn chairs and curl up as a family. Refreshments sold by the Montgomery Recreation Department.



Saturday, Sept. 10 • 5-8 pm

Montgomery Square Plaza

Kroger Shopping Area Parking Lot

Great family fun: cars from the 20s to the 80s, live musical entertainment featuring Oh La La & the Greasers, soft drinks, beer, and food. Free for spectators, \$10 car entries. Proceeds benefit the Holiday Family Fund and future improvements in City parks.

Sponsored by:



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Les Deux opens Live at the Uni series

The City of Montgomery and Montgomery Arts Commission's Live at the Uni! Music Series kicks off Tuesday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Universalist Church with a performance by Les Deux, a piano-vocal duo featuring songstress and Montgomery resident Jane French and pianist Karla Mitchell. Jane



French is an Emmy-nominated composer and singer, best known for her theme song to NBC's show, Passions. She has released two independent recordings.

Karla Mitchell is a classically trained pianist, performing for audiences across the country for more than 25 years. Les Deux will perform classic

jazz standards.

The Universalist Church is located at the corner of Remington and Montgomery Rd. Following the concert, a reception with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and drink specials will be held at Stone Creek Dining Co., just a short walk from the church.

Mark your calendars for the remaining two Live at the Uni series events!

On Tuesday, October 4, the duo of violist Steve Rosen and guitarist Richard Goering will perform a high-energy concert of Klezmer music and other classics.

On Tuesday, October 18, the series will bring back jazz pianist Kim Pensyl, teaming up with vibraphonist Rusty Burge.

The concerts are free and open to the public; however, reservations are required, as seating in the church is limited. Call Montgomery City Hall at 891-2424, or go online at montgomeryohio.org.

PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

School's Out Paintball Trip!

Ages 10-14
Friday • 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
October 28 • Recreation Annex Building (10115 Montgomery Rd.) (register online by Oct 25, signed waiver required)
 We will travel by bus to Paintball Country in Hamilton to experience the thrill of paintball in team paintball games from 10

a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We'll break for a pizza lunch, then play more with our remaining paintballs. Afterwards, we'll enjoy a cornmaze and other activities (all included in fee as well as paintball equipment). Visit www.montgomeryohio.org for trip details such as what to wear, what to bring and other information. *Min 15/Max 40. Cost \$56. Volunteers needed, call 792-8329.*



Young Rembrandt's Weekly Drawing Classes

Challenge and excite your budding artist. Give your child the gift of learning

and artistry. All new lessons. Lessons do not repeat. All Materials Included. Minimum of 6 to offer by Oct 9. *Cost: \$67 for 6-week session.*

Preschool Drawing Class

ages 3½ to 6
Wednesdays • 4:00 - 4:45 pm
October 12 to November 16 (6 weeks)
Recreation Annex Building (register online by Oct 9)

Cartoon Drawing Class

Ages 6 to 12
Wednesdays • 5:00-6:00 pm
October 12 to November 16 (6 weeks)
Recreation Annex Building (register online by Oct 9)

Lifesaving is in YOUR hands!

FREE CPR class planned September 19

Would you know what to do if someone you loved started choking, stopped breathing, or went into cardiac arrest? The sooner you know this lifesaving skill, the better.

The City of Montgomery will offer an introductory course entitled "CPR for Family & Friends" free to



any Montgomery resident on Monday, September 19. Offered at the Montgomery Safety Center, the class will be taught from 7 to 10 p.m. The program is an introductory course from the American Heart Association which involves instructional training, without the need for a practical or written test. To reserve a spot in this free class, call the City of Montgomery Fire Department at 985-1633.

FALL INTO FITNESS

PILATES

Tuesdays & Thursdays • September 20 to November 10 (16 classes)
6-7 pm • Annex Building

(Register online or at City Hall by Sept. 13)
 Join us in this innovative Pilates class geared towards using core body muscles: abdominal, obliques, back, and gluteals, to get effective results in your mid-section. This workout gets results in all the problem places by working on lengthening of the spine, proper alignment and

posture, and a strong center to give you a slimmer profile. Classes taught by Tri-Health certified instructor. Some equipment provided. *Min 12/Max 25. Cost \$65 residents/\$70 non-resident.*

20/20/20 Cardio/Strength/Stretch
Tuesdays & Thursdays • September 20 to November 10 (16 classes)
9-10 am • Annex Building
 (Register online or at City Hall by Sept. 13)
 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*

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All Around Town

Chamber to sponsor free hot dog event

The Montgomery Chamber of Commerce and Huntington Bank, in partnership with the City of Montgomery, will be grilling hot dogs Thursday, September 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Neully-Plaisance Plaza in the heart of the Heritage District. The Montgomery Chamber of Commerce, Huntington Bank and the City of Montgomery wish to thank patrons with a free hot dog lunch for their continued support of local businesses in the City of Montgomery. This event is free and open to all residents, business owners, patrons and employees of Montgomery businesses.

Montgomery: the "City that Gives Back"

Connect Montgomery, the civic collaborative composed of community

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SEPTEMBER • SEPTEMBER

2	Family Outdoor Movie	Weller Park	Dusk/8:30 pm
5	Labor Day Concert	Blue Ash Towne Square	6 pm
5	Labor Day/City Offices Closed		
5	K9 Kerplunk and DogFest	Community Pool	5 - 8 pm
5	Montgomery Community Pool Closes		
7	Council Business Session	City Hall	7 pm
8	Parks and Recreation Commission	Dulle Park	6:30 pm
10	Car Show	Montgomery Square Shopping Center	5 - 8 pm
12	Beautification and Tree Commission	Public Works	9 am
12	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
12	Arts Commission	City Hall	5 pm
13	Environmental Advisory Commission	City Hall	4:30 pm
14	Landmarks Commission	City Hall	7 pm
17	Cardboard Recycling	Public Works/7315 Cornell Road	10 am - 1 pm
20	Sister Cities Commission	City Hall	7 pm
21	Council Work Session	City Hall	7 pm
24	Fall Plant Swap	City Hall Parking Lot	9 - 11 am
24	Shredding Event	Public Works/7315 Cornell Road	10 am - 1 pm
26	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
27	Board of Zoning Appeals	City Hall	7:30 pm



Scan for events listing

organizations, wants to make a difference in our community. With the organizing assistance of

Blue Ash/Montgomery Rotary Club, Connect Montgomery is leading a partnership of volunteer

organizations to make a unified impact on national Make a Difference Day. On

Saturday, October 22, Montgomery based organizations plan to join a collective effort in identifying a project that motivates their group and then will go out and make a difference through a day of volunteering.

The following organizations have committed to being a part of this great day of giving back: The Blue Ash Montgomery Rotary Club, Montgomery Moms, Montgomery Masons, Kindervelt #22, City of Montgomery, Montgomery Farmers' Market, Sycamore Junior High, BAMSO, Ascension Lutheran Church, Montgomery Chamber of Commerce, Twin Lakes Life Enriching Communities, and MCLA Alumni Class of 2011.

Check out montgomeryohio.org or ConnectMontgomery.org for more information or for more details on how to get involved.