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Fire Department (non-emergency)
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Public Works
792-8355

Planning/Zoning/Building
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Code Enforcement Action Line
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Snow Line
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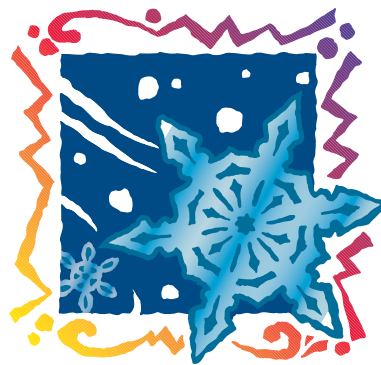
Getting ready for winter

When a Snow Emergency is declared...

When winter storms bring accumulating snowfall, City crews will dedicate their energy and efforts to ensure safe travel.

Residents can provide helpful support by staying updated on weather conditions. As weather worsens, crews may be required to begin plowing operations. This may directly impact residents through the declaration of a Snow Emergency, which temporarily prohibits on-street parking on every

City street in the community until snow plowing operations are complete.



During the winter season, residents will be kept apprised of conditions through a variety of information media. During Snow Emergency declarations, the City of Montgomery will utilize the CODERED notification system

sending an automated phone message to every Montgomery resident that has registered on the

City's website to receive CODERED updates. The City also will issue media releases to the four major TV stations in Cincinnati (*WLW-TV 5, WCPO-TV 9, WKRC-TV 12, and WXIX-TV 19*) regarding Snow Emergency declarations indicating that on-street parking is prohibited.

Residents can also find information regarding Snow Emergency declarations on the City's website, by becoming a Facebook fan, via Twitter, or by calling the City of Montgomery Snow Line at 792-8345 for recorded messages that are updated approximately every 3 hours during snow removal operations.

For additional information contact Acting Public Works Director Brian Riblet at 792-8319.

Focused effort yields strong future

As of December 2011, the City of Montgomery is in good financial shape. City Council and staff have jointly worked towards a strategic vision, with discipline and conservative financial management to position the City where it can deliver quality service, value and financial performance to its citizens, businesses and visitors well into the future.

The future outlook is not without the challenge to maintain target balances in the General Fund with the elimination of the tangible personal property tax reimbursement, the reduction in the Local Government Fund and an estimated reduction in assessed valuation of the City due to the County's reappraisal process. The

elimination of the estate tax in 2013 will dramatically impact General Fund revenues. To address this loss of revenues, staff has recommended a plan to reallocate the income tax revenues from the current percentage distribution of General Fund 67%, Debt Service 4% and Capital Improvement 25% beginning in 2013.

The reallocation proposed for 2013 would change the percentage distribution as follows: General Fund 76%, Debt Service 4% and Capital Improvement 20%. The reallocation of the earnings tax increases the General Fund collection from the current 67% to 76%, which amounts to approximately \$650,000 annually. This amount replaces the loss of the

Estate Tax which will be eliminated in 2013. It is estimated that the reallocation will generate sufficient revenue to maintain the targeted reserve balance in the General Fund while not affecting the current level of services over the next five years, 2012-2016.

Impact on the Capital Improvement and Bond Retirement Fund

The reduction of revenues in both the Capital Improvement Fund and the Bond Retirement Fund will not impact the City's ability to continue to invest in capital infrastructure or its ability to repay outstanding debt.

Capital Improvement Fund: In 2007, an allocation of the earnings tax to the Capital Improvement

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City Council selects Mayor & Vice Mayor

Three returning council members accepted their oath of office during the December 7 City Council meeting. The Council then elected a new Mayor and Vice Mayor.

Council members Gerri Harbison, Craig Margolis and Todd Steinbrink were re-elected on November 8 to serve four-year terms. Councilmember Margolis will serve his first full term after having been appointed in June 2010 to fill the unexpired term that was created as a result of a resignation. Councilmember Harbison will serve her fourth term; Councilmember Steinbrink will serve his third term.

Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge Bradley Greenberg administered the oath of office



Mayor Ken Suer (left) and Vice Mayor Todd Steinbrink are administered the oath of office by Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge Bradley Greenberg.

requiring them to “uphold the constitution and laws of the United States and Ohio, the charter and laws of the City of Montgomery, and fairly and faithfully perform the duties of their office.”

The seven seated Montgomery City Council members elected

Ken Suer to serve as Mayor and Todd Steinbrink to serve as Vice Mayor. Mayor Suer has served on City Council since 2000, serving as Vice Mayor since 2007.

“I am honored to be elected by my City Council peers to serve as Mayor of the City of

Montgomery,” said Mayor Suer. “This is a great community I am proud to call home and I intend to continue to serve the residents of Montgomery to ensure that it stays a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family.”

Vice Mayor Steinbrink has served on City Council since 2004. Vice Mayor Steinbrink thanked the residents for electing him to another term.

“I also thank my fellow Council members for their vote of confidence,” said Vice Mayor Steinbrink. “I look forward to serving as the Vice Mayor and in working with my fellow City Council members, City staff and members of our community to realize our vision for Montgomery.”

COUNCIL CORNER

Montgomery City Council will meet in its regular monthly business session on Wednesday, January 4, at the City Hall. Meetings begin at 7 p.m., with public comment welcomed on each item before Council.

New Legislation

- A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with CDS Associates, Inc. for professional services related to general engineering and architectural services
- A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Blue Ash Montgomery Symphony Orchestra
- An ordinance establishing a Schedule for Municipal Compensation
- An ordinance amending Chapter 34 of the Code of Ordinances relative to personnel policy, employee

compensation and benefits

- An ordinance accepting publicly dedicated easement rights and storm water

improvements from property owners in the 10600 block of Deerfield Road

- An ordinance accepting

publicly dedicated easement rights and storm water improvements from property owners in the 10300 block of Deerfield Road

Recent Council Action

DECEMBER 7 BUSINESS SESSION

Approved Legislation

- **Resolution No. 41, 2011**
A resolution adopting a Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for the City of Montgomery (passed 7-0)
- **Resolution No. 42, 2011**
A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Audio Visual Impact, Inc. for professional services related to the *Montgomery Bulletin* (passed 7-0)
- **Resolution No. 43, 2011**
A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Quality Publishing Company, Inc. for

professional services related to the publishing of the *Montgomery Bulletin* (passed 7-0)

- **Resolution No. 44, 2011**
A resolution authorizing a Waiver of Environmental Impact Fund Tax for the Maple Dale Elementary School expansion (passed 7-0)

- **Resolution No. 45, 2011**
A resolution opposing action by the Ohio Governor or General Assembly to take municipal tax collection and/or administration away from municipalities and centralize such control within a state agency or third-party entity (passed 7-0)

- **Resolution No. 46, 2011**
A resolution accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Complete General Construction Company for the HAM US 22-13.22 Montgomery Road Signal Project PID 86894 (passed 7-0)

- **Ordinance No. 14, 2011**
An ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Montgomery during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012 (passed 7-0)

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

2012: The year to invest in Montgomery



This month's message by
City Council Member
Chris Dobrozsi

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! I hope that everyone spent the Holiday Season with their family and friends creating memories that will last a lifetime. The Montgomery "Holiday in the Village" was a wonderful place to create these memories and kick-off the "season of giving". My family and friends joined numerous other families to enjoy the tree lighting ceremony, caroling, carriage rides and the ever popular Santa visit.

Special thanks to the Wattenhofer Family of Shadowpoint Court for donating their beautiful blue spruce tree to the City for the Holiday festivities. The tree was displayed throughout the Holiday season at the corner of Cooper and Montgomery Roads in Neully-Plaisance Plaza.

As we all make our list of New Year's Resolutions for 2012, I felt compelled again this year to compile a list of the "Top 10" resolutions everyone in the community can make (and keep) to ensure Montgomery continues to be a vibrant, livable and inclusive place for future generations.

1 Get Involved in "Montgomery Tomorrow"

The City of Montgomery 2011-2016 Strategic Plan: Montgomery Tomorrow includes 6 goals and associated strategies that focus on community engagement, economic development and business retention, sound financial position and practices, high quality of life for the community, continuation of excellent services and financial independence. Numerous opportunities will exist for the

community to become an active participant in bringing this Strategic Plan to fruition.

2 Apply for the Montgomery Citizen Leadership Academy

Limited to only 25 participants per year, the Academy is specially designed to help transform residents into the role of actively engaged citizens. The goal of the ten session Academy is to develop an ongoing positive relationship and two-way constructive dialogue between Leadership Academy graduates and City officials/staff, ultimately building a stronger Montgomery.

3 Visit the Montgomery Farmers Market

The Market is open for business every Saturday from May through October in the Montgomery Elementary School parking lot and typically has over 20 local vendors featuring locally grown fruits and vegetables as well as homemade breads, granola, dog food and more. What a great place to start your weekends and experience a true sense of community with your friends/neighbors while enjoying live music.

4 Support our schools

Our nationally recognized public and private schools are the #1 reason families move into our great community. Once these families experience the fact that we are so much more than our great schools, they become citizens for life.

5 Support diversity

Montgomery is home to many ethnic cultures and religions as well as diverse economic,

professional and age demographics. This melting pot of diversity is yet another reason Montgomery is a great place to live and raise a family ensuring our children will be well equipped to succeed in a global society.

6 Maintain your property

Every home/business owner is responsible for maintaining their property in a manner consistent with that of a premier community. We should all maintain all aspects of our property including paint, landscaping/lawn, sidewalks, etc. to this standard.

7 Reduce-Reuse-Recycle

The burden is on us to ensure our children and future generations have the natural resources needed to live a

healthy life.

We should all continue to increase our level of awareness and reduce-reuse-recycle whenever possible. Montgomery is a national leader with nearly 31% of

our total waste being diverted for recycling.

8 Community Wellness

Engage in some activity to contribute to your mental, physical and spiritual wellness. Montgomery is made for wellness, with its parks, trees, sidewalks and overall natural beauty. In addition, Montgomery boasts a populace active in their professions, as well as in their personal lives. This characteristic is manifested in many ways, but particularly in those who enjoy exercise and the great outdoors. Make the effort to join your fellow citizens and experience the amenities that our great community offers and

enhance your wellness in the process.

9 Support a Local Business

While our citizens are our lifeblood, our businesses provide the balance of a thriving commercial arm and provide corporate citizenship that is so important to our community. The resources provided by our businesses including personnel, commerce, visitors and tax base are all contributions to a community that is the envy of others across the country for its amenities and the healthy balance between business and residential. It is important that we make the effort to patronize those businesses that provide services and products to us in the Montgomery community.

10 Make a New Friend

An attraction of our community is that it is of the right size to get to know your neighbors and it is "friendly" and "comfortable" in a way to allow us opportunities to get to know those who extend beyond our neighborhoods. In 2012 look for opportunities to venture out into other neighborhoods to meet new people who are representative of the increasingly diverse population that is Montgomery.

I am honored to have been elected to City Council by the citizens of Montgomery. My first two years have been challenging, yet quite rewarding and I would not change anything. I want to thank my wife, Michelle, and my children, Andrew and James, for all the love and support as I invest the time and energy needed to fulfill my commitment on City Council. I ask that each of you continue to invest your time and energy as well, to ensure Montgomery continues to be the community of choice.

Council and I wish everyone a healthy and prosperous 2012.



Citizen Spotlight

Karen Schwartz: a welcome idea for the City

Each month, the City of Montgomery will recognize a citizen who truly exemplifies excellent service to their community. Montgomery is fortunate to have such a wonderful community in which to live and do business, thanks largely to the many citizens who contribute to the City, their churches and schools, neighborhoods, civic and service organizations.

Karen Schwartz and her husband, Phil, moved to Montgomery in 2006. At the time, Karen had recently retired from Finneytown Local Schools where she taught sixth grade for 25 years. When the Schwartzes moved to Montgomery, they knew they wanted to get involved in the community. When the inaugural year for the Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy was announced, they immediately jumped at the chance to join in.

With her new found knowledge from the MCLA and as a new resident, Karen wanted to do something to welcome people to Montgomery with a personal touch. She collaborated with the City of Montgomery and fellow community leaders to start the New Resident Writing Group. Since the winter of

2010, Karen, MCLA graduates and other residents of the community have met monthly to hand-write and address dozens of personal notes welcoming new Montgomery residents. The notes include the writer's name and phone number so the recipient has someone local they could ask a question.



Karen Schwartz

"The idea was to gather a group of leaders and residents together who were well-connected and knowledgeable about the community and could act as an Ambassador to our newest neighbors,"

Karen explained.

The City of Montgomery, Twin Lakes, TriHealth Pavilion, MedPlus Urgent Care and Village Print and Web have provided space, printed materials, donated postage and offered other resources to assist with this project.

The writing group continues to meet the second Wednesday of

every month at 6:30 pm at Twin Lakes Senior Living Community, 9840 Montgomery Road. Montgomery residents are welcome to come and assist with the effort to reach out to new residents.

"What is so great about partnering with Twin Lakes is that their residents want to know what we are doing and end up helping us write cards too," noted Karen.

Those interested in helping, or who want to give Karen the address of a new neighbor, may call her at 521-2526 or email her at schwartz@one.net.

In addition to this worthwhile community service project, the Schwartzes are also active American Red Cross volunteers. Their service includes a stint running a staff shelter in Baton Rouge during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. From this experience Karen recounted that she came in contact with so many different people and characters.

"You have to come in contact with people outside of your comfort zone or you will never grow," she said.

The community benefits greatly when residents have a positive impact on those around them. If you know of

someone in Montgomery who has actively engaged in giving back to this community, contact Faith Dickerhoof at 792-8358 so that their story can help build the connections that make Montgomery a great place to live, work and play.

French classes to be offered

Twin Lakes Senior Living Community and Sister Cities Commission Members Jack Wild and Jody Ballah have partnered to provide life-long learning opportunities to Twin Lakes' residents. Ms. Ballah is a French Instructor with the University of Cincinnati at Blue Ash (UCBA).

As a part of the French service learning program at UCBA, she will provide all supplies and resources for the French Conversation classes. These sessions will provide mini-lessons in basic beginner French as well as meet the needs of students with more advanced knowledge of the language. The sessions will be conducted by her husband, Allan Ballah, and Jack Wild. The Twin Lakes residents will also work to improve their French language skills by attending regular meetings of the UCBA French Club. Enrollment in these sessions is currently full.

With the anticipated arrival next year of the City's French friends from Neuilly-Plaisance, Sister Cities Commission members also plan to hone their French skills. The group is searching for locations and assistance for Commission and community members interested in conversational French. For residents interested in joining a French Conversation Hour with the Sister Cities Commission, contact Faith Dickerhoof at 792-8358. Details will be announced in a future *Montgomery Bulletin*.

Strong future... continued from front page

Fund was increased from 21.5% to 25%. This has provided adequate flow of revenues for projects funded from the Capital Improvement Fund as a part of a four-year, stepped-up program for infrastructure maintenance. The final year of the expanded overlay program ends in 2011. More than adequate earnings tax revenues will support the ongoing capital improvement program for the years 2012 through 2016 and maintain a targeted cash reserve balance in

the fund of \$1 million.

Bond Retirement Fund:

Projected expenditures in 2012 will be \$520,239 compared to \$561,950 in 2011. The current debt service payment schedules will continue to reduce the City's General Obligation debt paid from this fund from \$1,890,000 outstanding as of December 31, 2011, to \$220,000 by December 31, 2016.

The continued reduction of debt,

with no planned general obligation debt needs on the horizon will contribute to the growth of this fund balance. A growing fund balance, in the face of declining obligations, is one reason that staff is proposing that the earnings tax allocation be reduced from 8% to 4% in 2013. An additional future decrease in the earnings tax allocation should be considered, possibly as early as 2016, as all current General Obligation Debt will be retired in 2017.



Volunteers transform downtown into wonderland

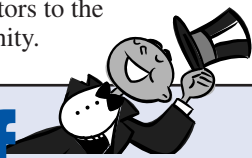
Special recognition is given to the team that decks the town for the holidays with the greenery and bows throughout the Heritage District. This team is led by Nancy Jones, Claire Houchell and Gillian Mayer. The annual project that incorporates hundreds of wreaths, bows and garlands is spearheaded by members of the Montgomery Woman's Club and the Beautification and Tree Commission.

This team of citizens works on this project in two stages. They started unpacking and "fluffing," organizing and

arranging the hundreds of bows, wreaths and lengths of garland on Saturday morning, November 14. Then, they returned on Monday, November 14, to work alongside City staff to hang, perfect and secure the items to poles, buildings and windows.

The City is extremely grateful to all those volunteers who generously shared their time to create a warm and welcoming holiday atmosphere in the Heritage District that has already received countless accolades from both residents and visitors to the community.

Hats Off...



to all of the Montgomery Woman's Club members, Beautification and Tree Commissioners and Public Works staff members for their work on the Holiday Decorating Project. Downtown Montgomery is festive with the many garlands, wreaths and red bows they prepared and displayed.

And to all of our festively dressed Holiday in the Village and Breakfast with Santa Volunteers who helped insure that all of the attendees at both of these events had a festive and engaging time. Park Commissioner **Pete Teitelman** and volunteers **Alexandra**

Abele, Kellen Alsip, Christy Caporale, Brent Hamre, Kristina Keidel, Katie Knoechel, Holly Oaks, Maggie Pustinger, Abbie Rosfeld, Rachel Torres and Nathan Whitney greeted guests, cashiered, staffed the concessions, assisted Mrs. Claus (**Julie Chartier**) with the holiday crafts and patrons with the voting on the holiday trees contest, and helped Santa (**Ray Kingsbury**) at each event. City Employees **Cindy Abner** and **Sharon Savitt** were Mrs. Claus' assistants. A grateful thank you to all of these volunteers for helping to make these holiday events festive and enjoyable for one and all.

Think warm thoughts...

Ask in the sun at the Montgomery Community Pool. A lounge chair awaits you. Summer is time for fun and relaxation and the City of Montgomery pool is the perfect place to unwind and enjoy the season. Kids can have a blast with their best friends. The pool is a great way to stay active in the summer heat and best of all; it's an activity that can be enjoyed by the whole family. Pool luau parties, dive in movies, Tuesday kids' fun activity, July 4 Splashtacular games, basketball, table tennis, tetherball, sliding down the water slide, and cannonballs off the diving board are fun activities that you and your family can enjoy at the pool.

Imagine the sun on your face, a warm summer breeze, smiles on kid's faces, relaxing on a lounge chair, kid's laughter, and the

memories you will have this summer!

Membership signups begin at 7:30 a.m. on March 14 at City Hall or at montgomeryohio.org for residents or returning members.

Be the first to know!

There are many ways to stay up to date on information about the City of Montgomery. Subscribe to receive the *Montgomery Bulletin* and City Council meeting agendas and instant notice of City Council and special meetings in your email box. Receive news in a RSS feed program. You also have the option to add the Montgomery calendar to your favorite iCal compatible calendar program. All of these links can be found at montgomeryohio.org/subscriptions/.

Volunteer Opportunities

- **School's Out Trip**
Friday, January 20 • 8:30 am - 5pm
Meet at the Recreation Annex (10115 Montgomery Road)
Chaperone the City's School's Out CocoKey Waterpark Trip
- **Holiday Decoration Takedown (Adults)**
Wednesday, January 4 • 10 am
Rain Date: Thursday, January 5 • 10 am
Universalist Church (corner of Montgomery and Remington Roads)
Help to take down the holiday decorations
- **Office Support at City Hall (Adults)**
Answer phones and office support tasks.
Need a people person with great customer service skills, phone and computer experience to support the staff on an as-needed basis
- **Cardboard Recycling Project (Adults, Teens & Families)**
Saturday, January 21/February 18
10 am - 1 pm
Public Works Building (7315 Cornell Road)
Assist the staff by removing cardboard from vehicles
- **Public Works Assistants (Adults)**
Monday-Friday • Flexible Scheduling
Public Works Building (7315 Cornell Road)
Provide "hands on" assistance for a variety of park projects



For more specific information about any of these short term or flexible scheduling projects, contact DeAnna Gross at 792-8329 or dgross@ci.montgomery.oh.us.

High accident rate at Interstate ramps

Over the months of November and December, the Montgomery Police Department has responded to a high volume of single vehicle auto accidents occurring on the ramps of Interstates 71 and 275. In the month of November alone, of the 80 auto accident reports taken, 43 had occurred in these areas.

The Montgomery Police Department is working with ODOT officials to find solutions

that will reduce the number of accidents in these areas. Motorists are urged to exercise caution since high traffic volumes smooths the asphalt, providing less opportunity to gain traction. Couple this with changing weather conditions, such as rain or even drizzle, and the surface of the roadways become extremely slick.

Another factor contributing to the high volume of crashes is vehicle speed. Operators are not

prepared to safely enter or exit the ramps because they are going too fast when exiting into the curve or over accelerating coming out of the curve. Remember to reduce your vehicle's speed in a straight line prior to the curve. This will aid in reducing your vehicle's weight shift while braking, avoiding a potential loss of control. Also, motorists should

monitor the tread level of their tires and proper tire inflation.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has posted suggested speed signage to negotiate the ramps safely, along with providing large directional beacons warning motorists of the curves ahead.

For more information, contact the Montgomery Police Department at 985-1600.

Beware: charity scams

The Spirit of Giving is at its highest during the holiday season... and criminals know it as they take advantage of the generosity surrounding the holidays. Always remember to ask questions when solicited for a charitable donation. Legitimate charities will gladly respond.

- What is the full name of the Charity?
- Ask where the Charity is physically located (city and state)
- Is the Charity registered

with the Attorney General's Office?

- How much of the donation goes to the Charity?

Charitable organizations must register with the Ohio Attorney General's Charitable Law Section and follow specific rules. Before making a donation, verify that the charity is legitimate by calling the Attorney General's Office Help Center (toll-free) at 800-282-0515. Additional Information is available at OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov.

Coloring Contest winners...

Nearly 130 wildly creative, artistic entries were received in the city's annual winter coloring contest, displayed at the Holiday in the Village event. Some of the entries were adorned with glitter, velvety snow, gumdrops, beads, cotton and marshmallows. Thank you to all who entered the contest! Mayor Harbison and Santa awarded the prizes to all of the winners at

the tree lighting ceremony during the Holiday in the Village event. Four year old Kate Christenson was selected as the grand prize winner. Kate flipped the switch to light the Christmas tree and the streetscape along Montgomery Road. After the ceremony, winners rode with Santa in a horse drawn carriage to the North Pole Workshop at Universalist Church.

	Most Creative	Best Use of Color	Overall Skill
Ages 2-4	Kate Christenson	Parker Brumfield	Lily Hurrell
Ages 5-6	Sophie Daly	Supraja Sudarson	Hrithik Jainer
Ages 7-8	Eleanor Hudepohl	Hayden Moeller	Mia Carboni
Ages 9-10	Sophia Dick	Brynn Gvozdanovic	Liza Labermeier
Ages 11-14	Morgan McAvoy	Jenna Foy	Caroline Karbowski

Annual photo contest celebrates 25 years

Award-winning photo opportunities can be all around for the photographer with a keen eye. Those with unique images are encouraged to submit them for the 25th Annual Montgomery Photo Competition, sponsored by the Montgomery Arts Commission and the City of Montgomery.

Initiated in 1988 to recognize photographic excellence within the Greater Cincinnati area, the competition is open to all photographers from beginners to serious enthusiasts. The 2012 edition of the annual contest seeks diversity of approaches to

subject matter and more personal vision.

Up to 20 cash prizes of \$100 will be offered. Awards will be determined by an entirely new panel of judges in 2012. The contest offers a variety of categories, including the return of the Montgomery Parks Category introduced last year.



"Where's My Dinner" was Jackie Chunko's 2011 winning entry in the Adult category.

Photo submissions will be accepted from February 20 to

March 6 at Montgomery City Hall between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Entry forms are available at montgomeryohio.org.

A reception and awards presentation will be held on Sunday, March 11 at the Universalist Church on the corner of Montgomery & Remington Roads. Open to the public, the reception begins at 1 p.m. with awards presented at 2 p.m. Photos will remain on exhibit until 3 p.m.

For more information, call 891-2424 or visit montgomeryohio.org.

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

Taekwondo Korean Karate Lessons

Mondays & Wednesdays
6:30 - 7:30 pm • Annex Building
All Ages

(Register at the class or at City Hall)
Emphasis is placed on self defense, kicking, stretching and promotion to the next belt. This is a year-round course for all ages interested in Taekwondo Korean Karate. Try something new to get in shape! Instructor Tom Hardy works with each individual to advance skills at a pace that is challenging and comfortable. *Cost: \$35/month (\$40 non-resident).*

20/20/20 Cardio/Strength/Stretch

Tuesdays & Thursdays • January 10 to March 1 (16 classes) • 9-10 am
Annex Building

(Register online or at City Hall by January 3)
Designed for Baby Boomers, this class offers light cardiovascular exercises, light strength training, and light stretching for 20 minutes each. The instructor is experienced with people over 50 and teaches to all fitness levels, taking into account common physical concerns and the value of gaining and maintaining muscle strength. *Min 12/Max 25. Cost: \$65 resident/ \$70 non-resident*

PILATES

Tuesdays & Thursdays • January 10 to March 1 (16 classes) • 6-7 pm
Annex Building

(Register online or at City Hall by January 3)
This innovative Pilates class is geared toward 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 a slimmer profile. Classes taught by Tri-Health certified instructor *Min 12/Max 25. Cost: \$65 residents/\$70 non-resident.*

School's Out Trip Indoor Water Park

Ages 6-12 • Friday, January 20 • 9 am - 4 pm • Register by January 13

Meet at Recreation Annex (10115 Montgomery Road)

We will travel to the CoCo Key Water Resort in Sharonville for 84 degree weather and 100% fun! We will explore four 40-foot thrilling body and raft water slides, a fast-paced tube ride and an activity pool featuring water basketball and a lily-pad adventure. We will splash around at the water park all day and have a pizza lunch *(included in the fee)*. Transportation via Sycamore School bus. Register online at montgomeryohio.org. *(Minimum 20 to offer, max 24). Cost: \$45.*

Chaperones needed. Call 792-8329 to help.

Kids Drawing Classes *Taught by Young Rembrandt's experts*

Wednesday's Feb 8 – Mar 14 (6 weeks) • Minimum of 6 needed by Feb 3

Preschool Drawing

Ages 3-6: 4-4:45 pm

Artists will learn about shape recognition as they create a colorful pattern using basic geometric shapes. Winter-themed lessons like a snow dome and ice skate drawings will excite the imagination. *\$67.*

Elementary Drawing

Ages 6-12: 5-6 pm

Artists will learn about basic design and composition. Good color selection and proper coloring technique will be emphasized in our lessons as well. Besides strengthening your child's drawing and coloring skills, he or she will also learn about art history as we present lessons featuring master artists Gilbert Stuart and Picasso. *\$67*

Coming February 20!

**President's Day
School's Out Day**

**Forensics: Evidence and
Analysis for ages 9-13.**

**More info will be online soon and
in the February Bulletin!**

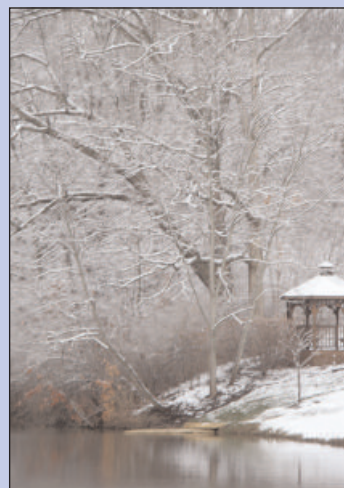
Get to know your parks... and trees

Pioneer Park: A Scenic Sanctuary

January is typically a time of new beginnings and adventurous resolutions. So why not add exploring Pioneer Park to that list of things to do?

Known for its vibrantly colored wildflowers, active wildlife and lush summer greenery, Pioneer Park still has a lot to offer in the wintry months.

Located off of Deerfield Road and directly across the street from Dulle Park, Pioneer Park boasts 25.6 acres of beautiful landscapes



and a .54 mile paved walking path. This paved path winds

past Sycamore Creek, open fields and meadows, a pond, and wooded areas. Visiting Pioneer Park is a great place to walk the dog or catch up with neighbors and friends while enjoying some natural beauty. Also, the quiet and reserved atmosphere of this historical park makes it a great place for a peaceful walk or a simple rest on the bench swings located on the pond docks.

Discovering Pioneer Park's beautiful, natural sanctuary should be on every list of things to try in 2012!

Mayor
Ken Suer

Vice Mayor
Todd Steinbrink

Council Members
Chris Dobrozsi
Gerri Harbison
Barry Joffe
Craig Margolis
Lynda Roesch

Clerk of Council
Susan Hamm

Acting City Manager
Wayne Davis



All Around Town

RecycleBank ends, membership continues

The Recyclebank curbside program in Montgomery ended December 31. Residents can continue to earn points since membership is unaffected. Check out the "Earn Points" section at Recyclebank.com. Then, simply use points as normal to shop the Recyclebank catalog. Recyclebank Points will expire if no redemptions or earned activity is recorded for 12 months.

Holiday tree and greenery to be collected in January

Holiday tree recycling couldn't be any easier! Simply remove all non-recyclable materials such as tinsel, ornaments, lights and place your tree at the curb by 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 7, 14 or 21. The greenery collected will be

composted or mulched into wood chips. Historically, yard clippings and other

organic materials, such as Christmas trees, have made up over 20 percent of the material buried in

the landfill. By recycling Christmas trees, residents divert the materials, saving limited landfill

capacity for items that cannot be so easily recycled.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

JANUARY • JANUARY

2	City Office Closed/Trash pickup as usual		
3	Sycamore Schools reopen		
4	Council Business Session	City Hall	7 pm
4	Holiday Decoration Take Down	Universalist Church	10 am
7	Christmas tree/holiday greenery pickup		
9	Arts Commission	City Hall	5 pm
9	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
9	Beautification Commission	7315 Cornell Road	9 am
10	Environmental Advisory Commission	City Hall	4:30 pm
11	Landmarks Commission	City Hall	7 pm
12	Parks & Recreation Commission	City Hall	6:30 pm
14	Christmas tree/holiday greenery pickup		
16	Martin Luther King Day/City Offices Closed (trash pickup as usual)		
17	Sister Cities Commission	City Hall	7 pm
18	Council Work Session	City Hall	7 pm
20	School's Out Trip	Annex Building	9 am - 4 pm
21	Christmas tree/holiday greenery pickup		
21	Cardboard Recycling	7315 Cornell Road	10 am - 1 pm
23	Planning Commission	City Hall	7:30 pm
24	Board of Zoning Appeals	City Hall	7:30 pm
31	Fourth Quarter 2011 Taxes Due		



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Program recycles old eyeglasses

Old prescription men's, women's or children's eyeglasses can have new life when they are dropped off at the Montgomery Public Works Building, 7315 Cornell Road, on January 21, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers from Montgomery's Environmental Advisory Commission will collect used prescription eyeglasses and nonprescription sunglasses. Glasses will be repaired, cleaned and categorized for use by those in need. Glasses that cannot be reused will be disassembled and components reused or recycled. If January 21 isn't convenient, many opticians will accept old glasses.