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MONTGOMERY TO LAUNCH CITIZENS' LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

(Montgomery, OH)—Billed as the “Coolest Civic Class You’ll Ever Take”, The City of Montgomery is currently accepting applications from residents and those who work in Montgomery for the City’s first Citizens’ Leadership Academy. The Academy, consisting of nine sessions, will be limited to only 20 participants eager to go beyond the surface and experience a unique insider’s view of contemporary community issues and operations.

All nine workshops have been professionally designed to be a resident-centered, hands on experience utilizing lecturettes, debate/discussion, case studies, special guest speakers, off-site tours and simulation exercises. This format will provide “total immersion” into issues that are important to the residents of Montgomery. Participation in the Academy will help transform residents into the role of actively engaged citizens.

Through two-way dialogue, participants will become knowledgeable about City operations, businesses and community partner organizations, such as Bethesda North Hospital, Ohio National Financial Services and Sycamore Community Schools, the class will learn how these groups work together in collaboration for a better Montgomery. Class members will have a unique opportunity to give feedback directly to service providers and add their voices in shaping the future direction of Montgomery.

“We are so fortunate have so many talented people that live and work in Montgomery,” says Mayor Gerri Harbison. “It is highly important that the City engage our most valuable resource...our people. MCLA graduates will ultimately become a resource from which civic, cultural, philanthropic and other organizations may draw their leaders.”

For information about applications, contact Ray Kingsbury at 792-8359, or visit the City’s website at www.montgomeryohio.org. The deadline for applications is November 9.