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Introduction

The success of a community stems from a well run local government, active and successful faithbased organizations, schools and neighborhood associations. It takes involved residents to move from a community defined as a "group of any size whose members reside in a specific locality", to a sense of community as a "group sharing common interests." Engaged citizens enrich the quality of life in Montgomery.

Share how you make a difference and others can be encouraged to join in.

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March 31, 2010, 8:24 PM

Unfortunately, I have not been inclined to get involved in civic activities - primarily because I'm not sure that I would be welcome. My 'wish for' is that diversity in perspective, opinion and approach would be celebrated to the same degree that we celebrate the diversity in our populace.

MM GOARD in Montgomery

March 24, 2010, 11:02 AM

I've lived in Montgomery nearly 25 years, and started volunteering at city-sponsored and church events with my young children, to instill a sense that they should give back. This continues today, moreso on my part with Montgomery, as my children are now essentially independent. I'm gratified that they continue to volunteer inside and outside Montgomery. Volunteering is a wonderful way to understand how our local government operates, to contribute the continuous improvement of our community, & maintain a sense of connectedness. Another great way is to participate in the MCLA. I'm a 2009 grad of the Citizen Leadership Academy & highly recommend it.

Nancy Nolan in Montgomery

March 23, 2010, 10:22 AM

I was fortunate to be an inaugural member of the Montgomery Community Leadership Academy. There I learned a great deal about what makes Montgomery a special place to live, and about the high level of commitment of the City staff to keep the quality of life remarkable for its citizens. The following year, I joined the City Council's Arts Commission, and have very much enjoyed working alongside other volunteers to implement cultural programs for the city. This involvement adds meaning to my role as a resident of Montgomery, and gives me an opportunity to have a real impact on the quality of life of the city. I highly recommend to all who have time and talent to share: get involved!

Name not shown in Montgomery

March 22, 2010, 12:51 PM

I am in the most wonderful neighborhood, I guess I would say that I am active in my neighborhood. As far as the community at large? I am not. I think differently than the city of Montgomery seems to. I would have put the crosswalk further down the road so that when you use the public parking behind Montgomery road, you could cross right there rather than walking up a block and then crossing. I would have signed the roadway (more obviously than a sign by the crosswalk) so that motorists would know that there was a walkway that has flashing lights and to give the right of way to pedestrians. I would have also lit the crosswalk from overhead, as it is now you often can't see people as they are walking in or near the crosswalk. I would have made the new corner bricked area much more user friendly. Now it is this great space with low brick that have bright white lights at eye level that irritate the drivers eyes, so I can't even imagine how unwelcoming they are to stand near ... so my guess is gone are the days of driving past and seeing a small guitar band and tables loaded with happy people. It was so expensive, it could have been so wonderful, but it missed the mark. Unless the mark was to shut down the sight of people gathering on summer evenings. Montgomery will pay lots to have brick sidewalks that are wide and wonderful. Yet in many neighborhoods there are no sidewalks and those that are there are not wide enough for two people to walk easily together. In some of the neighborhoods closest to schools, there are some roads that don't even have sidewalks, so how are the kids to walk safely to school? But, as I said, I am active with those I live near. I have attended 3 - 4 Council meetings, and find myself wondering if we could all just vote on some of this

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stuff... like how the space behind the Public Parking will be used.

This winter we were in the Heritage District only to find that the owners of each of the businesses were responsible to shovel the snow on the sidewalk outside of their business... Yet the city didn't plow out the public parking for days. How is that supporting the merchants? But as I have said, I must think differently than the city does. I have enough frustration in my life, so I have chosen to not get involved. Some might say then don't complain... I am not trying to complain, I am simply saying that I view myself as not being of like mind, so I am involved where I have influence, in my neighborhood.

Raymond Miller in Cincinnati

March 22, 2010, 12:39 PM

I became active in Montgomery shortly after moving into the city. I went to a couple of arts commission meetings and surprise, by the third meeting I was arts Commission Chair and I have not looked back these past three years.

It has been very fulfilling to broaden and deepen the arts in Montgomery. The city is a very unique and special community and my commitment to include a rich arts component keeps me engaged.
