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All Participants



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Introduction

Montgomery offers a variety of special events ranging from small venue performances to contests to outdoor festivals and parades. These events have a small town “Americana” feel, targeting residents and patrons from our neighboring communities to enjoy friendly interaction. Our community events aim to meet a wide-range of interests: pet owners, car enthusiasts, patrons of the arts, sports fans and more. These events add to the quality of life and the sense of community in Montgomery. Is there a special event that should be changed? Do we have too many special events or not enough? Do you have new ideas for special events you think would be a needed addition to our event schedule?

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Name not shown in Cincinnati

April 5, 2011, 2:02 PM

We always go to Bastille Day and the Fourth of July Parade. These are true neighborhood festivals. The Harvestfest is less interesting now that our children have grown up.

We used to enjoy the Sister Cities pub crawl/Trolley Trot. We would love to participate if they start again.

A nice idea for the business community could be a spring sidewalk sale and breakfast.

Bob Saul in Montgomery

February 12, 2011, 5:07 PM

The BAMSO concerts are a real treat for the citizens of our area. Professional performers lead by a talented conductor provides truly great music.

BAMSO concerts are a truly good use of public support

Raymond Miller in Cincinnati

February 8, 2011, 3:19 PM

I think it would great for Montgomery to sponsor a Summer temporary sculpture exhibition through it's Arts and Parks and Recreation Commissions. This would be a great way to expand the city's current commitment to the arts, as well as drawing more people to the city's awesome parks.

Joyce Rudowski in Montgomery

February 5, 2011, 3:22 PM

While this may not qualify as a special event, I want to say how much I appreciate the 20/20/20 Fitness classes. The instructors are well trained, professional, respectful of participants' abilities and just plain fun! The only distraction from these events is the quality of the building in which the classes are held. I remember when the Annex was the police garage and it really hasn't changed very much since then. Looking around at our city neighbors it's a bit embarrassing that Montgomery doesn't have a classy exercise and fitness center. We say that fitness is a priority, I'd like to see us provide the facilities to reinforce the idea.

Mike Schenker in Montgomery

February 5, 2011, 3:04 PM

I would like to see an event that involves a temporary disc golf course, also referred to as Frisbee (a brand name) golf. For those who don't know, some Hamilton County parks have permanent disc golf courses. But none are near Montgomery. Each "hole" is actually an elevated metal basket with drooping chains above it, so if you hit the chains the disc is stopped and falls into the basket. However, the first time I ever heard of disc golf was back in the 70's at University of Connecticut. The student government designated that things scattered around campus would be the course. They printed up some simple maps. The "holes" were a specific garbage can, or a park bench, or the side of a maintenance shed, or a big tree or light post with a ribbon around it, etc. If a tree, as long as you hit below the ribbon, you succeeded with that hole. It was a great way to take a walk, and be taken to areas you may not normally go to.

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I think we could set up something similar at Weller or Pioneer Park (perhaps extending into Dulle Park also). The "holes" can be objects there already, or something intentionally placed there, like a traffic cone sitting in a large white painted circle. You would just have to get it in the circle to complete the hole.

I think it would also be possible to have a course with significant distances for adults and older kids, and a mini course for little kids and parents. Perhaps build the adult course around the perimeter of the park, and the mini course in the center. This could be set up on some specific days, or a few weeks, etc. thus it is an "event". Unfortunately windy days make it difficult.

I did a search and for those who have never seen it, there is info and images at www.disclife.com use the "what is" link in the upper right. Note that although they make a variety of discs for the serious player to use, you can play it with any disc/Frisbee, as far as I know.

Name not shown in Cincinnati January 30, 2011, 1:41 PM

Given our city's connection to France, I'd propose a Mardi Gras costume party with music and dancing at a city venue like Terwilliger's Lodge.

Name not shown in Cincinnati January 23, 2011, 10:21 PM

Never miss the Fourth of July parade.

Name not shown in Montgomery January 22, 2011, 3:08 PM

We attend the 3rd / 4th of July festivities in the park and Bastille Day a few weeks later every year. We try to make the Chilifest in the fall. We also attend the Christmas Tree lighting.

We attend other events, but not on a regular basis, Sensory Sundays, International tasting Event, etc.

I would propose having a spring event, something like a spring sidewalk sale throughout the heritage district on a Saturday.

Russell Speiller in Montgomery January 21, 2011, 7:41 AM

Here's a new idea for a special event that could simply be enhancement of the existing fall harvest fest event:

I propose a Montgomery Heritage Day in the fall. Keeping with the small town Americana theme, this event could build on the current fall fest at Swaim Park, but include such things as the Historical Landmark buildings tour, which was a great success when it was held for the first time earlier this year, yet suffered a bit from a lack of awareness that would not be the case if made a part of a broader, well-advertised heritage day.

I'd make the landmark buildings tour a family friendly event by passing out lanterns for the kids to hold as they walk the streets. I'd involve any of the Montgomery Historical Preservation Society folks who would be willing to wear a period costume and play the parts of the original building occupants. I'd

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partner with schools (Montgomery Elementary) to reward kids who attend the heritage day + tour and write a short summary of what they learned to share with their classmates.

I'd also involve the local heritage district businesses by encouraging them to hold an outdoor sidewalk sale that day with small discounts to draw customers in. Several of these businesses are already landmark properties and thus would be included on the walking tour.
