

Johnson Nature Preserve

Tornado Commemoration Opportunities



Memorial opportunities that enhance our parks!



I am excited to be able offer to you a wonderful opportunity to support the parks and our community by taking advantage of these diversified memorial options that are presented as part of the proposed improvements to the Johnson Nature Preserve, one of the lesser known gems in our valued park system.

These gifting opportunities will be kicked-off with the celebration on April 5th, 2009 at the tenth anniversary event to commemorate the 1999 Tornado that changed the face of Montgomery and brought out the best in our community spirit.

For your review, I have included information describing the different levels of memorial opportunities that will enhance the accessibility and awareness of the potential education and relaxation opportunities of the Johnson Nature Preserve.

As a special “Thank You” to you as one of our gifting partners, you will also receive a pendant that captures the community spirit that we all relate with those days and months after the 1999 tornado. “We’re all in this together” is the caption under the sketch of clasped hands that Jim Borgman of the Cincinnati Enquirer did to symbolize that spirit and what we chose to etch into these pendants. This way, you have a memorial on site at the Johnson Nature Preserve and one in hand with this pendant.

Without support from our community, these proposed improvements would simply not be possible. With your support, this park is sure to remain a treasure in our park system!

What is the Johnson Nature Preserve?



Johnson Nature Preserve is one of the least known, but also the most unique park in the Montgomery park system. Encompassing seven acres of natural woodlands, it is located at 10840 Deerfield Road, just east of I-71. Unlike the other parks, the Preserve has very few man-made amenities, with the focus being on enjoying the scenic and natural aspects of the area.



The Preserve was originally part of a 25-acre farm owned by the Stewart family of Montgomery, who then sold the land to Dr. and Mrs. Frank L. Johnson, for whom the Preserve is named. Dr. Johnson donated the land to the City in 1974, for “use as a nature preserve to be enjoyed by its citizens.” In 1988, the trail system was developed by two local teens working on their Eagle Scout service projects. The current Preserve consists of a gravel walking trail that winds through woods and marsh, following the natural flow of the creeks. There are also benches stationed at varying intervals along the trail. Many different types of wildflowers and plants bring variety to the landscape, as well as diverse color during the spring and fall.

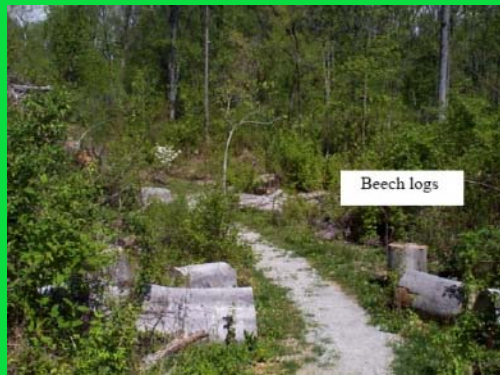
How does this relate to the 1999 Tornado?



On April 9, 1999, the tornado that passed through northern Montgomery also caused extensive damage to the Nature Preserve. Most of its mature trees were destroyed, drastically altering the landscape. At the time, the City decided to allow the Preserve to recover naturally, and avoid bringing in large logging equipment that might further damage the fragile ecosystem. The recovery of the Preserve has been documented in two photographic tours, one dated from 2001 and the other from 2006, showing the changes that have occurred during this natural reforestation. Both tours can be accessed through the City's web site.



A few improvements are planned for the Preserve in order to encourage more residents to take advantage of the parks' amenities. In recognition of the tenth anniversary of the 1999 tornado, a memorial will be installed near the entrance of the Preserve. The entrance will also be enhanced to allow for more educational opportunities. In addition, expansion of the current trail system has been proposed, in order to allow visitors to fully appreciate the natural beauty of the area. All changes are intended to encourage the use and enjoyment of the park, while still respecting the natural landscape, and allowing the reforestation to continue.





Monument and Plaque

\$10,000.00 Limit 1

Memorial Donation Includes:

Name and logo on a plaque or brick within the pillar supporting the monument at the Johnson Nature Preserve.

Name and logo on our City web site as donor of the tenth anniversary 1999 Tornado Monument at Johnson Nature Preserve for 5 years.

Logo and Name included in two related articles in our monthly bulletin mailed to 4700 Montgomery households and businesses. Name also included in the related press release.



Landscape Bed and Bench

\$1,500.00 Limit 5

Memorial Donation Includes:

Name on a rock in one of five landscape beds at the entrance to Johnson Nature Preserve.

Name on a plaque to be mounted on one of five benches at the entrance to the Johnson Nature Preserve.

Name included in one related articles in our monthly bulletin mailed to 4700 Montgomery households and businesses.





Cedar bench

\$500.00 Limit 8

Memorial Donation Includes:

Name on a plaque to be mounted on the bench to be placed along the nature walk within the park.

Large Brick Paver

\$250.00 Limit 50

Memorial Donation Includes:

Name or memorial message on a large brick paver to be placed under the pergola in the educational cove.

Memorial Brick

\$50.00 Limit 250

Memorial Donation Includes:

Name or memorial message on a brick to be placed on circular patios at park entrance.



Gift Opportunity Form

Please indicate the memorial option to which you wish to commit:

- * ___ Monument Limit 1
- * ___ Landscape Bed and Bench Limit 5
- * ___ Cedar Bench Limit 8
- * ___ Large Brick Paver Limit 50
- * ___ Memorial Brick Limit 250

Name / Message as you wish to appear on plaque or paver. Limit one letter per space.

Check made payable to the City of Montgomery is enclosed. Check # _____ or please charge my credit card for \$_____.00.

Master Card or Visa _____

Expiration date ___/___/___ Cardholder Name _____

*Note: All donations are to be made to the City of Montgomery and are tax deductible as a contribution to a non-profit/government agency. Upon request, you will receive an acknowledgment from the City of Montgomery verifying your contribution and/or the value of the service donated.

Gift Information

Name of Person(s) Initiating Gift _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____

If your logo and/or company name can be made available electronically for use on promotions, it can be emailed to amorris@ci.montgomery.oh.us as a jpeg, tiff or bitmap file. Print-ready art can be sent on CD to 10101 Montgomery Road, Montgomery, OH 45242 Attn: Amber Morris.

If you have any questions regarding the sponsorship opportunities enclosed, please contact Amber Morris, Recreation and Community Relations Director at (513)792-8317.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

The City welcomes sponsorship to support the City's events, however, the City reserves the right to decline sponsorship and/or restrict sponsorship advertising which conflicts with the City's Mission, Vision and Values or which a person of reasonable sensitivity would determine to be offensive or advance a discriminatory or illegal enterprise. The City also may decline any sponsorship if a similar business enterprise already is a sponsor in the event.