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## COUNCIL MESSAGE

### WHAT YOU SHOULD EXPECT FROM ME, YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE BY CRAIG MARGOLIS

I am honored to be serving another term on Montgomery City Council. I am encouraged that many have trust in me to serve their interests with the governance of the City of Montgomery. Elected officials in small cities play a pivotal role in shaping the community's present and future. We are conferred with the mandate of public service, carrying the weighty responsibility to represent the interests of you, the constituents, while fostering growth, prosperity, and inclusivity within our community. Understanding what to expect from your elected officials is crucial for fostering transparency, accountability, and effective governance.

So, what can you expect from me, your elected official? First, elected officials in small cities are relied upon to be accessible and responsive to the needs of their residents. Whether addressing concerns about infrastructure, public safety, or local policies, our citizens rely on their representatives to be approachable and attentive listeners who advocate for their interests.

Transparency is another cornerstone of governance. Residents have the right to be informed about the decisions being made on their behalf. Elected officials should prioritize open communication channels, public forums, and regular updates to ensure the community is well-informed and engaged in the decision-making process.

Moreover, integrity and ethical conduct are non-negotiable qualities of elected officials. Small cities thrive on trust and collaboration, and any hint of impropriety can erode public confidence and undermine the fabric of local democracy. We are neighbors and friends. Upholding standards of ethical behavior, avoiding conflicts of interest, and adhering to established codes of conduct are important for maintaining our resident's trust.

In addition to representing our townspeople locally, many small city officials serve as liaisons to regional and state authorities. I am a member of a county and a state organization. We must effectively communicate the needs and priorities of our community to higher levels of government while also staying informed about broader policy initiatives that may impact our city. Many expect, for effective leadership, an elected official must have a vision for the future. Your representatives should collaborate with residents and the business community to develop strategic plans and policies that promote sustainable development, economic growth, and the welfare of our residents. By fostering innovation and adaptability, we must strive to navigate the complexities of a changing world while safeguarding the unique identity and character of our historic city.

I hope I have summarized what you should expect from me as an elected official in a small city. And I feel we, as a Council, have hit the mark. Yet what is critical to understand is the bond or partnership between myself and you, the resident of Montgomery. The most critical component of performing my job as your representative is understanding that the communication role is a two-way street. I depend on your feedback to have an open dialog about important Montgomery Issues. Feel free to contact your elected officials.

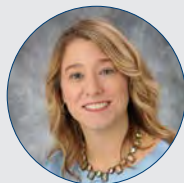
## COUNCIL MEMBERS



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Ron Messer



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Chris Dobrozsi



**Member**  
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## COUNCIL CORNER

### APRIL 17, 2024 WORK SESSION

Montgomery City Council met in its regular monthly Work Session on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at City Hall. Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m., with public comment welcomed on each item before City Council.

#### Pending Legislation

An Ordinance Establishing Schedules of Municipal Compensation (2nd reading)

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 34, Personnel Policies; Bond (2nd Reading)

#### New Legislation

An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance Of Not To Exceed \$6,000,000 Of Notes By The City Of Montgomery, Ohio, For The Purpose Of Making Public Infrastructure Improvements Within The City And Declaring An Emergency

An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 19, 1977 and Declaring an Emergency

An Ordinance Enacting New Section 150.0206 Prohibiting Recreational Marijuana Businesses As A Permitted Use Within The City Of Montgomery Zoning Code

A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Agreement With The Board Of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Ohio To Accept And Administer A Stormwater Infrastructure Grant

A Resolution Of Necessity To Implement The Huntersknoll Court Stormwater Sewer Project And Special Assessments

### RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

#### Approved Legislation

April 3, 2024

There was no legislation passed at this meeting.

These pieces of approved legislation can be reviewed on the City's website at [www.montgomeryohio.gov](http://www.montgomeryohio.gov) or in the Safety Center vestibule at 10150 Montgomery Road, Montgomery Ohio 45242.

## ADMINISTRATION



**City Manager**  
Brian Riblet



**Assistant City Manager**  
Tracy Henao



**Clerk of Council**  
Connie Gaylor

**Emergency**  
911

**Non-Emergency**  
• Police Dept.  
513-985-1600

• Fire Dept.  
513-985-1633

• Care Solace  
888-515-7881

**Public Works**  
513-792-8355

**Planning/Zoning/  
Building**  
513-792-8309

**City Hall**  
513-891-2424

## SPRING SHREDDING EVENT - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Environmental Advisory Commission will hold a free **Document Shredding Event on Saturday, May 18**, at the monthly cardboard recycling event. This event is held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Public Works Facility located at 7315 Cornell Road (across from Sycamore High School).

\*Please remove paper from notebooks and binders.

Paper clips and staples DO NOT have to be removed. No binder clips please. CDs or DVDs cannot be shredded.

To serve everybody efficiently, there will be a maximum of 3 boxes (copy paper size or similar) per person in line, and you must be present. Volunteers will be available to assist.

Materials will be shredded onsite.

## CITY RECEIVES AED DONATION FOR SWAIM PARK

The City of Montgomery would like to thank the Realtors with Heart and Project Heart ReStart.

REALTORS with Heart, a committee of the REALTOR Alliance of Greater Cincinnati, donated an Automated External Defibrillator or AED to Swaim Park. The Realtors with Heart's mission is to make Greater Cincinnati more heart-safe through CPR/AED Training, AED Placement, and Advocacy.

An Automated External Defibrillator, or AED, is used to deliver an electric shock to the heart and stop fibrillation. The sooner one is used following cardiac arrest, the more likely it will convert the heart's rhythm. An AED is very easy to use and should be used as soon as possible on any person who is receiving CPR. Turn on the AED, then follow the voice prompts from the AED. It will tell you exactly what to do until emergency responders arrive.

Realtors with Heart previously donated two AEDs to Montgomery. Those devices are at Dulle Park and the Recreation Annex.



## LEARN CPR WITH THE MONTGOMERY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Each second following sudden cardiac arrest is critical. That's why it's so important to take quick action. The Montgomery Fire Department offers quarterly classes to teach CPR.

**Our next class is Saturday, May 18, from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Montgomery Safety Center.**

**Basic Life Support for Healthcare Workers 8:00-10:00 a.m.  
HeartSaver CPR and AED 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
HeartSaver First Aid 12:00 -2:00 p.m.**

There is a fee to cover the cost of materials. For more information or to sign up, please call 513-985-1633.





## MEET ASHA, MONTGOMERY'S THERAPY DOG

The City of Montgomery is proud to introduce Asha, a one-year-old standard poodle and therapy dog who will be working closely with Montgomery staff.

Asha is available to all city staff but will primarily report to work each day at our Montgomery Safety Center. The City recognizes the vital role played by its first responders. They are constantly prepared to handle emergencies, and the City understands that the stress and strain of their demanding careers can impact their mental well-being. This is where Asha steps in, providing a source of comfort and emotional support after a challenging call.



The City would like to give a special Thank You and recognition to "The Silver Collar," a North Carolina-based and military veteran-owned business that trains therapy dogs for wounded veterans. The Silver Collar graciously donated \$15,000 worth of training for Asha.

As Asha gets comfortable with her role in the City, we will offer residents opportunities to meet her at community events and activities.

## MONTGOMERY PARTNERS WITH CARE SOLACE TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES FOR ALL RESIDENTS

### Beginning June 1

Montgomery has partnered with Care Solace to continue our commitment to provide accessible mental health and community-based resources for all residents. As a central hub of care, Care Solace serves as a critical liaison between first responders, justice systems, social agencies, and mental health providers.

With a team of 500+ dedicated Care Companions, Care Solace will quickly connect Montgomery residents

care/solace

to mental health care and substance use treatment. Available 24/7/365, Care Companions assist in over 200 languages and navigate the

challenges of finding care on behalf of residents, helping them find the perfect fit for their needs.

If you or a loved one need help connecting to care or community resources, please call 888-515-7881 or visit [caresolace.com/oh-montgomery](https://caresolace.com/oh-montgomery).



## SAVE THE DATE FOR AUGUST 29

The City of Montgomery is privileged to partner with the **Church of the Saviour at 8005 Pfeiffer Road** to host a panel discussion on suicide from a personal and professional perspective on **Thursday, August 29 at 6:30 p.m.**

During this important event, you will hear personal stories from people who attempted and survived suicide. You'll also hear from people left to cope after losing someone they love to suicide.

You don't want to miss this important evening, register now to secure your seat at [montgomeryohio.gov](https://montgomeryohio.gov).





# JOIN US FOR A HISTORIC WALKING TOUR TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

The month of May is designated as National Historic Preservation month. The National Trust for Historic Preservation established this event in 1973 and it is celebrated every year by cities, historical societies, preservation groups and various civic organizations throughout the country. Founded in 1795 by settlers from Montgomery, New York, the city has a rich history that has been preserved to create a strong sense of place. The downtown historic district is appreciated throughout the region and its unique character draws visitors to the restaurants, shops and services.

To preserve the city's cultural heritage, the Montgomery Landmarks Commission was established in 1976 by a group of citizens. The Commission has identified 32 Landmarks to commemorate the city's historical



beginnings. In addition, six of these buildings are also listed on the National Register of Historic Places. These Landmarks will be preserved for future generations as a tribute to Montgomery's past. The Commission also works to ensure new construction and development is architecturally cohesive with the historic district.

**If you are interested in learning more about the City's Landmarks, join Assistant City Manager, Tracy Henao for a historic walking tour on Friday, May 3rd at 1 p.m. at Universalist Church. Can't join us, but would still like to learn more? More information can be found on the City's website at [montgomeryohio.gov](http://montgomeryohio.gov). A history book can also be viewed online or purchased at City Hall for only \$5.**

## BIG RIG GIG

TOUCH - HONK - EXPLORE

JUNE 4

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Montgomery Square Shopping Center

[www.montgomeryohio.gov](http://www.montgomeryohio.gov)





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# FISHING CONTEST

SATURDAY JUNE 1 9:00 - 11:00 AM

AGES 1 - 15



TODD POND AT SWAIM PARK

This contest is a fun family activity, sponsored by the City of Montgomery and the Montgomery Kiwanis. The contest is catch and release. Prizes awarded for biggest fish, smallest fish, and most fish caught in each group.





## MONTGOMERY ON THE MOVE



If you've been to a recent event or driven by City Hall, you've probably seen our Montgomery on the Move vehicle. This former ambulance, now a mobile city hall, was taken out of service due to its age. We've transformed the vehicle by removing the medical equipment and adding a sliding window on the side.

The vehicle is now wrapped with the Montgomery Lamppost and logo, ready to answer your questions and provide information about upcoming events. We're bringing our services to you, making it easier for you to stay informed.

Look out for our Montgomery on the Move vehicle this summer at the Big Rig Gig, Touch a Truck, Bastille Day, and other popular events. We'll also be hosting Pop-up Playdates in the Park and other smaller events throughout the summer. If you see the vehicle out, stop by say hi and take a look inside.

Soak Up the Fun

# SUMMER Bash

**SAVE THE DATE**

**FRIDAY JUNE 7TH**

**3:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

**FOOD, FUN, & LIVE MUSIC**

**MQ**

MONTGOMERY QUARTER

9328 Montgomery Road  
Montgomery, OH 45242

## JOIN A COMMISSION

The City of Montgomery includes many boards and commissions on which residents serve voluntarily. Two Commissions have vacancies.



The Beautification and Tree Commission advises the Mayor and City Council on fostering and promoting beautification in Montgomery. It meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at the Public Works building on Cornell Road. The Commission sponsors several events including beautification week, plant swaps, and hanging basket planting.



The Sister Cities Commission works towards "bringing the world together one friendship at a time." Montgomery's Sister City is Neuilly-Plaisance, France. The Commission meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall and sponsors several events, such as Bastille Day and the July Fourth Parade.

No special qualifications are required to volunteer for any Montgomery Board or Commission. For more information, go to [montgomeryohio.gov](http://montgomeryohio.gov), and to apply, contact Connie Gaylor at 513-792-8314 or [cgaylor@montgomeryohio.gov](mailto:cgaylor@montgomeryohio.gov).

## MIKE GERTZ JOINS THE MONTGOMERY PUBLIC WORKS TEAM!



The City of Montgomery proudly welcomes Mike Gertz to our Public Works Department. Mike is a graduate of Lakota West High School. After graduation, he went to work for the City of Sharonville as a part-time employee for a year in their parks department.

In his spare time Mike likes to play basketball and football, work on cars, and fish with his friends. He is a triplet. Mike also has a 10-year-old sister, and he enjoys bowling with her and taking her to the movies. Mike loves working for Montgomery and is excited and eager to begin his career with the City.

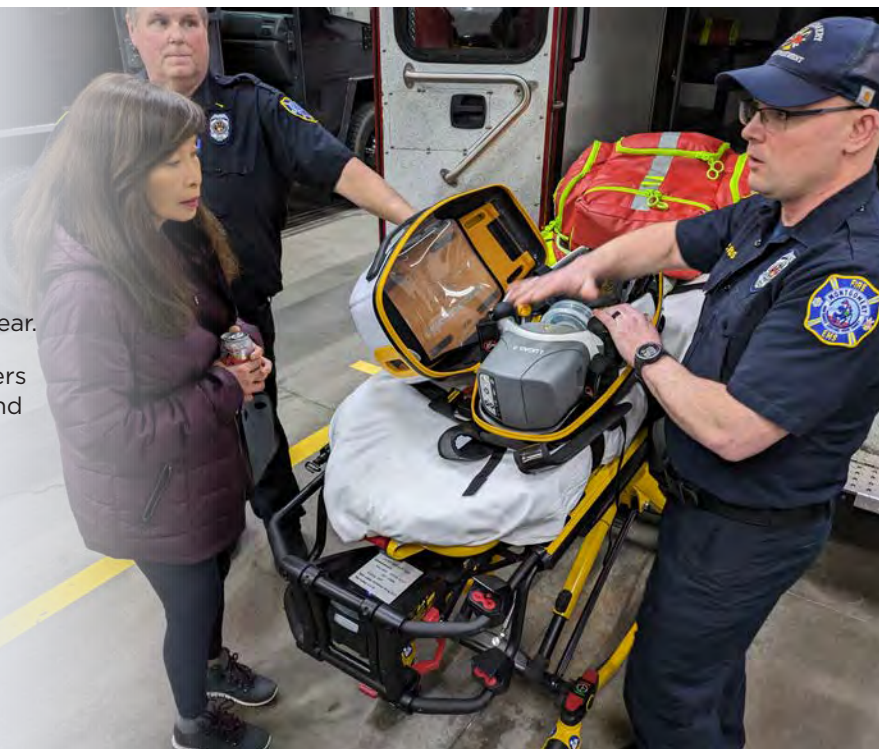
Congratulations Mike! We are glad you are here.

## SAFETY CENTER WINS FAVORITE MCLA SESSION

The Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy class of 2024 voted Session 8: Homeland Safety and Security in Your Own Backyard as their favorite. City departments compete in an internal competition each year, hoping to be voted for best session. The vote was very close this year.

During session 8, MCLA students met with Police Officers and Firefighter/Paramedics. They were able to try on and test equipment for themselves.

Find your favorite session. Secure your place in this behind-the-scenes look at Montgomery. There are ten very interactive sessions each Thursday evening from January - March. Register now at [montgomeryohio.gov](http://montgomeryohio.gov) or contact Amy Frederick at 513-792-8358 or [afrederick@montgomeryohio.gov](mailto:afrederick@montgomeryohio.gov).





## JOIN MONTGOMERY FOR A MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE ON MEMORIAL DAY

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, the City of Montgomery invites you to pause to remember those who have died in military service.

We invite you to join Master Sergeant Richard Schnitz (USAF Retired), who will play Taps at Hopewell Cemetery at 3:00 pm. Dick served in the US Air Force for 24 years. During his military career, he maintained and flew on C-130 cargo aircraft while serving in the Vietnam War. His military career also took Dick to Taiwan, Japan, the Philippines, and Germany.

Dick began playing Taps in 2021 outside City Hall as a tribute to the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. He is part of a network of people, known as Taps Across America who play on Memorial Day at 3:00 pm. Dick will now perform at Hopewell Cemetery to accommodate a larger crowd.



## INDEPENDENCE PARADE UNIT APPLICATIONS

Strike up the band, design a float, or decorate a classic car for Montgomery's parade!

The City of Montgomery is proud to present the Independence Day Parade on **Thursday, July 4, at 10:00 a.m.** Residents, neighborhood associations, and local businesses are invited to be a part of Montgomery's Independence Day Celebration. Applications for parade entries can be found at [montgomeryohio.gov](http://montgomeryohio.gov) and are due by Friday, June 14.

For more information or questions, please contact Julie at [jmachon@montgomeryohio.gov](mailto:jmachon@montgomeryohio.gov) or at 513-792-8316.



## WE'RE LOOKING FOR VETERANS FOR THE JULY 3 PATRIOTIC CONCERT

It's a Montgomery tradition to honor our veterans. During the Blue Ash Montgomery Symphony Orchestra Concert on July 3, veterans will be recognized for their service. In addition, up to three veterans will be honored during opening remarks as the mayor reads about their lives. If you are a veteran or know of a veteran who lives in the Montgomery/Blue Ash area and may be interested in being honored at this event, please contact Recreation Director Julie Machon 513-792-8316 or [jmachon@montgomeryohio.gov](mailto:jmachon@montgomeryohio.gov). The City of Montgomery would like to honor them for their service to our country.





## OUR VOLUNTEERS SHINE!

Thank you to the record number of volunteers who turned out to help plant 380 hanging baskets that make Montgomery such a beautiful city! Along with the City Public Works staff, these volunteers spent a morning preparing flower baskets that will continue to grow in the City's greenhouse until the weather gets warmer. This event is sponsored by the Beautification and Tree Commission.



## FAMILY CHALLENGE WINNERS

Congratulations to the Vernick Family who won our Family Pool Membership! This was the Vernick's second year participating in the challenge. Some of the notable items on their checklist were donating food and household items to charities, serving at Matthew 25 Ministries, and baking and delivering plates of cookies to their neighbors.

Even completing just one of the challenges makes for a better community - we hope you had fun bringing a warm glow of light to others!



**SUMMER SWIM LESSONS**

Build confidence and lifelong skills!  
We offer summer group swim lessons!

**JUNE 3 - July 27**

\$62 per session, registration opens May 3rd at 8:00am  
All levels welcome: Advanced, Improvers, Beginners

**ENROLL NOW!**  
[montgomeryohio.gov](http://montgomeryohio.gov)

36th Annual

**EXPOSURE:**

**MONTGOMERY**

**Photography Competition**

Sponsored by:

Exhibition at  
Terwilliger Lodge

Sat, May 4 from 12-4  
Sun, May 5 from 1-3

Awards Presentation  
Sun, May 5 at 2:30

Presented by:

CITY OF **MONTGOMERY**  
Arts Commission



## UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Mark your calendar for the following volunteer opportunities!



### Beautification Day

(Families, Groups, Anyone!)

**When:** Saturday, May 11, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

**What:** Help plant the beautiful flower beds throughout the City streets and parks.

### Safety Village Assistants

(Middle School/High School Age)

**When:** June 10-14, and June 17-21.

**Shift Times:** 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Where:** Montgomery Elementary

**What:** Assist Pre-Kindergarteners with safety training.

### Independence Day Parade & Festival

**When:** July 4

**Where:** Montgomery Park

**What:** Parade Float Organizers (adults) 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Games 10:45 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

(great for students, families, or adults)

Beer Booth (adults 21+) 10:45 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Visit [montgomeryohio.gov/volunteer](http://montgomeryohio.gov/volunteer) for more details or to sign up. If you have questions or if you can't remember your log-in information, please contact Wendy Grethel [wgrethel@montgomeryohio.gov](mailto:wgrethel@montgomeryohio.gov) or 513-891-2424.



## MAY IS STROKE AWARENESS MONTH DO YOU KNOW THE SIGNS?

A stroke occurs when the blood supply to part of your brain is interrupted or reduced, preventing brain tissue from getting oxygen and nutrients. Brain cells begin to die in minutes. A stroke is a medical emergency, and prompt treatment is crucial. Early action can reduce brain damage and other complications. Effective treatments can also help prevent disability from stroke.

### Symptoms

If you or someone you're with may be having a stroke, pay particular attention to the time the symptoms began. Some treatment options are most effective when given soon after a stroke begins.

### Signs and symptoms of stroke include:

- **Trouble speaking and understanding what others are saying.** You may experience confusion, slur your words or have difficulty understanding speech.
- **Paralysis or numbness of the face, arm or leg.** You may develop sudden numbness, weakness or paralysis in your face, arm or leg. This often affects just one side of your body. Try to raise both your arms over your head at the same time. If one arm begins to fall, you may be having a stroke. Also, one side of your mouth may droop when you try to smile.
- **Problems seeing in one or both eyes.** You may suddenly have blurred or blackened vision in one or both eyes, or you may see double.
- **Headache.** A sudden, severe headache, which may be accompanied by vomiting, dizziness or altered consciousness, may indicate that you're having a stroke.
- **Trouble walking.** You may stumble or lose your balance. You may also have sudden dizziness or a loss of coordination.

### STROKE WARNING SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS



**F**ACE DROOPING



**A**RM WEAKNESS



**S**PEECH DIFFICULTY



**T**IME TO CALL

Seek immediate medical attention if you notice any signs or symptoms of a stroke, even if they seem to come and go or they disappear completely. Think "FAST" and do the following:

- **Face.** Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?
- **Arms.** Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward? Or is one arm unable to rise?
- **Speech.** Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Is his or her speech slurred or strange?
- **Time.** If you observe any of these signs, call 911 or emergency medical help immediately.

Call 911 or your local emergency number right away. Don't wait to see if symptoms stop. Every minute counts. The longer a stroke goes untreated, the greater the potential for brain damage and disability.



## GARDEN TOUR IN JUNE

Montgomery's Beautification and Tree Commission invites you to our Garden and Tree Tour. This is a unique opportunity to explore several stunning gardens, gain inspiration for your own garden, and connect with fellow gardening enthusiasts.

### Garden and Tree Tour

Sunday, June 23, from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Sign-in at the large gazebo at Swaim Park and pick up a map of the garden locations.

This year, the tour features a garden filled with native species of plants, a garden with hydrangeas in a charming setting, homeowners who built a pond in their yard during the COVID lockdown, and another garden filled with a thousand annuals. The Commission also features a pollinator garden and a permanent bed at Swaim Park.

Anyone attending the tour will sign in at Swaim Park and pick up a map to drive to each garden location. Enjoy the gardens at your own pace.



**ALOHA!**  
**HAWAIIAN**  
**LUAU**  
**DORA STREET PARTY**  
 Cooper & Montgomery Rd  
 June 22nd 6-10PM  
 montgomeryohio.gov  
 Featuring the band  
**Five**  
**O'Clock**  
**Friday**

**CITY OF MONTGOMERY**  
 A CHARMING PAST. A GLOWING FUTURE.

*All American Independence Day!*

- ★ **Blue Ash Montgomery Symphony Concert**  
 Wednesday, July 3, 7:30 p.m.  
 Montgomery Park
- ★ **Parade** Thursday, July 4, 10 a.m.  
 Cooper & Montgomery Roads
- ★ **Festival** Thursday, July 4, 11 - 2 p.m.  
 Montgomery Park

Sponsored by: **BESL BADEN & CHRISTY JONES REALTY** **exp**

www.montgomeryohio.gov or call 513-792-8316 for more information.



## SPRING PLANT SWAP ON MAY 4

The City of Montgomery's Beautification and Tree Commission's annual Spring Plant Swap is **Saturday, May 4**, at the Montgomery Farmer's Market in the parking lot of Montgomery Elementary School (9609 Montgomery Road). **From 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

The plant swap is an excellent opportunity for gardeners to find homes for their divided perennials while choosing new garden varieties.

Please label your swaps with the plant's name and sun or shade preference. Remember to bring a container or bag to transport your new plants home.



The Montgomery Farmers' Market opens for the season **Saturday May 4 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Montgomery Elementary School Parking Lot. Shoppers can find fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, and specialty items. The Farmers' Market is open every Saturday through the end of October.

For more information including a list of vendors, visit [montgomeryfarmersmarket.org](http://montgomeryfarmersmarket.org)



## NON-NATIVE INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES IN MONTGOMERY

With Spring in full bloom, there has been a lot of attention paid to "Invasive Plant Species," which are non-native plants that can spread unchecked because they lack local natural deterrents to keep them in balance with other native species. Most non-native plants have been introduced for erosion control, landscaping, culinary and medicinal use, wildlife foods, and by accident.

Some common invasive species in Montgomery include: Honeysuckle, Callery Pear, Garlic Mustard, Lesser Celandine (looks like Dandelion), and Poison Hemlock (harmful to humans and looks like Queen Ann's Lace).



The ORF website shows pictures and provides detailed methods for controlling invasive species on your property. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources website (<https://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/plants-trees/invasive-plants>) also features pictures and descriptions of the habitats of these plants along with other useful information.

Should you find these plants on your property and they are getting out of control, deteriorating with age, and/or you want them removed for environmental reasons, consider removing and replacing them with hardy native plants. Local nurseries, landscapers, and the internet are all good resources for replacing invasive plants.

*"Invasive plants compete with and often crowd out native ones, leading to decreased biodiversity, poorer habitats for wildlife and lower water quality, among other issues. According to the U.S. Forest Service, 'invasive species have contributed to the decline of 42% of U.S. endangered and threatened species.'"*

**Ohio River Foundation's (ORF) Website**

<https://ohioriverfdn.org/news/how-to-control-invasive-species-on-your-property/>

Contributed by Greg Brodrick, Environmental Advisory Commission member.

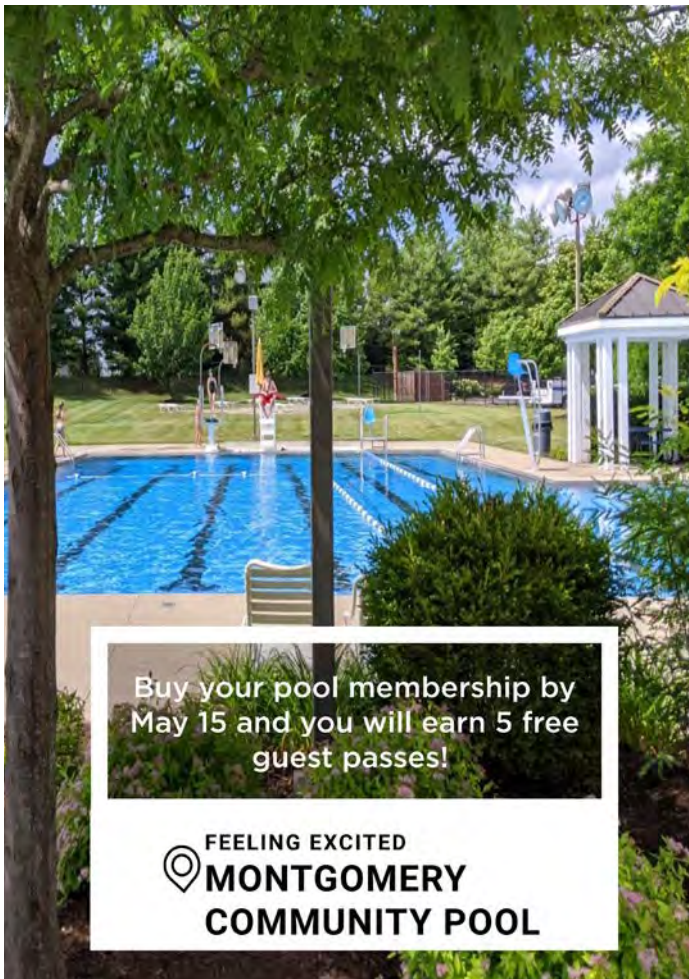


## CROSSWALK SAFETY TIPS

We want everyone to be safe while walking in the City of Montgomery. There are many paths and sidewalks for everyone to enjoy, but at some point, on your journey, you may need to use a crosswalk.

**Here are some safety tips for crosswalks that will help make it safer.**

- Whenever possible, use a marked crosswalk that has a signal.
- Wear bright and reflective clothing, especially after dusk.
- Do not assume that being in a crosswalk will protect you from an accident.
- Stop at the curb and look left, right, and left again for vehicles. Stopping at the curb alerts drivers that you intend to cross.
- Watch out for vehicles that are turning at an intersection.
- Do not step off the curb if there is a vehicle approaching close to you. By law, vehicles must be given sufficient time to stop for a pedestrian. This means that if a vehicle is within a certain distance, it may not be able to stop in time, so it's best to wait until it's safe to cross. Make eye contact with drivers before crossing, and never assume they see you or that they are paying attention.
- Do not look at your phone while you are crossing the street.







## GROUP FITNESS

### Group Fitness Class Schedule 2024 - Session C

Day	Class Name	Dates of Session	Session Length	No Class	Time of Class	Res.	Non-Res.
Mon.	Mixed Level Yoga	5/6 - 6/24	7 classes	5/27/24	9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	\$42	\$56
Mon.	Chair Yoga	5/6 - 6/24	7 classes	5/27/24	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	\$42	\$56
Mon.	Yang Style Tai Chi	5/6 - 6/24	7 classes	5/27/24	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	\$70	\$80
Tue.	Cardio Strength and Stretched	5/7 - 6/25	8 classes		9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	\$48	\$64
Tue.	Tai Chi	5/7 - 6/25	8 classes		10:20 - 11:20 a.m.	\$80	\$90
Tue.	Pilates	5/7 - 6/25	8 classes		6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	\$48	\$64
Wed.	Mixed Level Yoga	5/8 - 6/26	8 classes		9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	\$48	\$64
Wed.	Beginner Level Yoga	5/8 - 6/26	8 classes		11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	\$48	\$64
Wed.	Bootcamp	5/8 - 6/26	8 classes		6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	\$48	\$64
Thur.	Cardio Strength and Stretched	5/9 - 6/27	8 classes		9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	\$48	\$64
Thur.	Restorative Yoga	5/9 - 6/27	8 classes		11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	\$48	\$64
Thur.	Pilates	5/9 - 6/27	8 classes		6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	\$48	\$64

Please visit the fitness page at [montgomeryohio.gov](http://montgomeryohio.gov) for class descriptions, important information and registration.

## DID YOU KNOW MONTGOMERY PARKS OFFERS WALKING TRAILS

Walking is not just a free and easy activity; it's also a powerful tool for improving or maintaining your overall health. It's time to lace up your shoes and start reaping the benefits.

The City of Montgomery has nearly 100 acres of parks to enjoy. At each of the parks listed below, you will see walking path signs that indicate the distance of the outermost loops of the trails within each of those parks.

### Several of our parks offer walking trails:

- Dulle Park - .67 miles of walking trails
- Johnson Nature Preserve - .35 miles of walking trails
- Montgomery Park - .36 miles of walking trails
- Pioneer Park - .54 miles of walking trails
- Swaim Park - .39 miles of walking trails
- Weller Park - .64 miles of walking trails



May is the perfect time to step outdoors, walk, smell the flowers, and really enjoy our Montgomery parks.



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## Historic Walking Tour

Friday, May 3 at 1 pm  
Universalist Church  
Free



## MAY 2024 EVENTS

All event dates are subject to change or cancellation. Check the website and social media for the most up-to-date information.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <b>May is Mental Health Awareness Month</b>			1 Council Business Session, City Hall, 6:00 p.m.	2	3 History Tour, Universalist Church, 1:00 p.m.	4 Photo Exhibition, Tenwilliger Lodge, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. Spring Plant Swap, Montgomery Farmers Market, Montgomery Elementary School Parking Lot 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
5 Montgomery Photo Contest, Terwilliger Lodge, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	6 Planning Commission, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	7 Beautification and Tree Commission, Public Works Facility, 8:30 a.m.	8 Landmarks Commission, City Hall 6:00 p.m.	9 Parks and Recreation Commission, Montgomery Park, 5:30 p.m.	10	11 Beautification Day, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Public Service Recognition Week						
12 <b>Mother's Day</b>	13	14 Environmental Advisory Commission, City Hall, 5:00 p.m.	15 Council Work Session, City Hall 6:00 p.m.	16	17	18 Document Shredding and Cardboard Recycling, 7315 Cornell Road 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. CPR/First Aid Certification Class, Montgomery Safety Center, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
National Police Week						
19	20 Arts Commission, City Hall, 5:00 p.m. Planning Commission, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	21 Sister Cities Commission, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	22	23	24	25 Montgomery Community Pool opens, 10:00 a.m.
National Public Works Week						
26 <b>Memorial Day,</b> City Offices closed, Trash pick up as usual	27	28 Diversity & Inclusion Commission, City Hall, 4:00 p.m. Board of Zoning Appeals, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	29	30	31	<b>May is Historic Preservation Month</b>