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## COUNCIL MESSAGE

### TRAFFIC BY RON MESSER

What seven letter word strikes terror in the hearts of drivers? **T R A F F I C**. I, like many of us, have experienced this terror. Even here in our great city, where we received an overall 97% satisfaction rating in our last residents' survey, traffic was one of the top four things that was singled out for improvement. Here are just a few of the traffic comments.

*"Traffic congestion in the downtown area during morning and evening rush hours."*

*"Traffic congestion: Montgomery Road in the downtown area is a prime example."*

*"Traffic is the most significant problem. Traffic lights specifically need to be timed."*

*"Traffic in the downtown area. The traffic gets backed up regularly, and the addition of new businesses and residences risk making it significantly worse."*

Your input was received and acted upon. We have since built and are using 2 roundabouts that are not only proven to reduce serious accidents, but also reduce exhaust pollution by moving traffic more efficiently, thus reducing delay. However, we still have the challenge of moving over 29,000 vehicles per day on Montgomery Road. Many of us have been in a situation where we have been sitting, for what seems like an eternity, either on Montgomery Road, or a side street, when there is little or no traffic in the direction that has the green light.

To meet this challenge, city council has approved and included in the budget the implementation of smart traffic lights and systems that utilize the latest technology on real time traffic data collection and then programs the signal to maximize traffic flow efficiency. These ITS (intelligent traffic systems) have been tested and implemented in several cities in the U.S. One of the best examples is in Pittsburgh where over 200 smart signals were added resulting in a 26% decrease in traffic flow time, a 21% decrease in exhaust emissions, and a 41% decrease in wait times at intersections.

We are in the process of implementing our ITS by adding 12 smart traffic signals that identifies traffic, then uses a sophisticated algorithm to calculate and set a timing pattern. This pattern is also communicated to the other traffic signals so they can in turn adjust their timing to optimize flow. This is truly technology at its best, and it's forward thinking with the potential to communicate to smart vehicles and electronic devices that are projected for the future.

We are currently fine tuning our new smart traffic lights and expect them to be operational and adapting / learning before the end of this year. There will still be a high volume of traffic on Montgomery Road, but we heard you and we are working to improve with some of the best technology and expertise available.

In the meantime, always remember to buckle-up and drive safely.

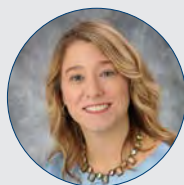
## COUNCIL MEMBERS



**Mayor**  
Ron Messer



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Sasha Naiman



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**Member**  
Chris Dobrozsi



**Member**  
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**Member**  
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**Member**  
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## COUNCIL CORNER

### AUGUST 21, 2024 WORK SESSION

Montgomery City Council met in its regular monthly Work Session on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at City Hall. Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m., with public comment welcomed on each item before City Council.

#### Pending Legislation

A **Ordinance** Repealing Section 33.01 Of The Code Of Ordinances Creating An Investment Committee And Establishing Its Authority (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

#### New Legislation

A **Resolution** To Adopt Recommendation of the Montgomery Tax Incentive Review Council with Respect to The Compliance of All Tax Increment Financing Districts Within the City of Montgomery

A **Resolution** Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Federal Local Let Project Agreement With The Ohio Department Of Transportation For The Project Known As The HAM US 22 15.22 Montgomery Road Resurfacing project

A **Resolution** Requesting the County Auditor to Make Advance Payments of Taxes Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 321.34

### RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

#### Approved Legislation

##### August 7, 2024

##### RESOLUTION 16 2024

A **Resolution** Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Accept The Opioid Settlement And Enter Into The Participation Agreement With Opioid Distributor Kroger Co. **(passed 7-yes, 0-no)**

##### RESOLUTION 17 2024

A **Resolution** Establishing City Contributions To Employee Health Savings Accounts And Health Reimbursement Accounts For Plan Year 2024-2025 **(passed 7-yes, 0-no)**

##### RESOLUTION 18 2024

A **Resolution** Amending and Restating the Investment Policy for the City of Montgomery **(passed 7-yes, 0-no)**

##### RESOLUTION 19 2024

A **Resolution** Authorizing Membership In The Ohio Purchasing Council Of Governments **(passed 7-yes, 0-no)**

##### RESOLUTION 20 2024

A **Resolution** Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract With Prodigy Construction For Construction Services For Facilities In Weller Park **(passed 7-yes, 0-no)**

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



## CITY TO CONDUCT LIMITED FALL CURBSIDE BRUSH PICK-UP

The Montgomery Public Works Department will collect brush and limbs over a five-week period starting on September 9. Each pick-up week is determined by the regular trash collection schedule. **Please place brush at the curb on the Sunday evening of your collection week.**

| Trash Day | Brush Pick-Up Week   |
|-----------|----------------------|
| Monday    | Week of September 9  |
| Tuesday   | Week of September 16 |
| Wednesday | Week of September 23 |
| Thursday  | Week of September 30 |
| Friday    | Week of October 7    |

### GUIDELINES

- Any material placed curbside after the chipper crew passes will not be picked up.
- Our crew will not pick up brush with nails, metal, stones, or excessive dirt.

- Vines and branches with thorns will not be picked up.
- Limbs may be of any length and between 1/2 inch and 8 inches in diameter. Place shorter branches, twigs, and clippings in yard waste bags or cans for Rumpke to pick up
- Place brush and limbs in small piles along the curb with the “cut” ends toward the street. Do not create large stacks with cut ends going in different directions
- Brush piles that are tied into bundles or are tangled will not be picked up.
- Do not place stumps, root balls, and logs out for curbside brush collection. These may be placed out for Rumpke waste collection on your regularly scheduled day. Each item cannot weigh more than 60 lbs.

For more information, please contact City Hall at 513-891-2424.

**MONTGOMERY**

# Montgomery Car Show

Live Band: Tyler Christopher presenting "The Ultimate Elvis Show!"  
 Montgomery Inn BBQ Sandwiches  
 Beer, Awards at 6:30pm

Sat, Sept 14, 4-7 p.m.

Montgomery Square Plaza

A big thank you to our generous sponsors!



## 🐾 K9 Kerplunk 🐾

Labor Day, Monday, Sept 2  
 Montgomery Community Pool  
 5-8pm

Free for Pool Members  
 \$3 per dog Non-Members

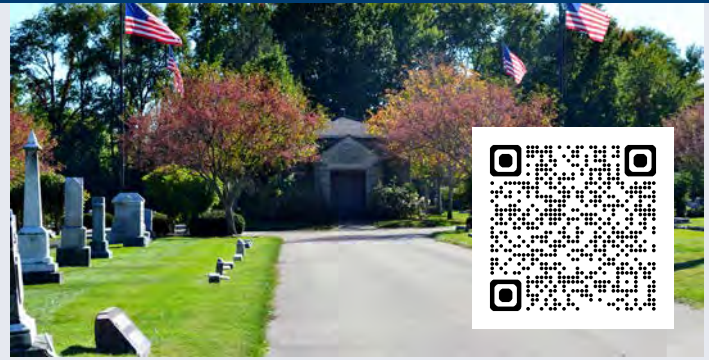
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Families and their K9 companions can finish the summer with a dip in the pool.  
 Dogs must be people friendly, non-aggressive towards other dogs, and under control.

## CITY SEEKS YOUR INPUT ON HOPEWELL CEMETERY

For decades, Hopewell Cemetery has been chosen as the final resting place for many in our Montgomery and surrounding communities. Hopewell Cemetery encompasses eleven acres and has over 6,000 graves. The sale of grave sites has always provided a revenue stream to assist the city in the overall maintenance and operations of the cemetery. However, fewer than forty grave sites are available for purchase, and that revenue stream will be gone.

City Administration began working with KZF Architects to research alternative burial options at Hopewell Cemetery that will create a new revenue stream essential to maintaining and operating the cemetery. One option is adding a columbarium to include cremation niches tastefully constructed within the cemetery.



Your input is crucial in shaping the future of Hopewell Cemetery. We invite you to take a simple survey to share your thoughts and ideas. The survey will be available for your feedback until October 1. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Please use the QR code or login at [montgomeryohio.gov/Hopewell-cemetery-survey/](http://montgomeryohio.gov/Hopewell-cemetery-survey/) to access the survey.

We appreciate your engagement and feedback.

## MCLA: YOUR BACKSTAGE PASS TO MONTGOMERY

Imagine the Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy as your exclusive backstage pass to the City. This unique class offers participants a rare behind-the-scenes glimpse into the City and its various departments.

The class is comprised of 10 diverse sessions, each offering a deep dive into different aspects of our city, from the Public Works Department and Safety Center to our rich History and Development, and the Tax Department. Classes begin on January 9 and are scheduled for every Thursday evening from 5:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to connect with City Council, City Staff, and your fellow residents.

Deadline to apply is November 1. For more information, contact Amy Frederick at [afrederick@montgomeryohio.gov](mailto:afrederick@montgomeryohio.gov) or call 513-792-8358.



*"It was a fun night! I didn't know that I would enjoy learning everything about pot holes, salt brine mixtures and water run off. But I did."*

*Public Works & Recreation*

## RECYCLING TIP HOW TO RECYCLE PLASTIC CLAMSHELL CONTAINERS

By Donna Schwartz, EAC member

Please do not put plastic clamshell containers in your Rumpke Recycling Bin. Rumpke does not have a vendor who is able to recycle these plastics. So, they are sorted out and placed back on a truck headed for the landfill.

The good news is that there are two ways you can recycle your clamshell containers:

1. The Cincinnati Recycling and Reuse Hub ([cincinnati recycling and reuse hub.org](http://cincinnati recycling and reuse hub.org)) accepts all rigid #1-#7 and "no-number" plastics (including clamshell containers),



sorted by number. The address is 911 Evans Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45204. Open Thursday 12-6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

2. You can also drop off articles at the Symmes Safety Center on the first Saturday of the month 10 a.m.-noon at 8871 Weekly Lane, 45249. They accept all items the "Hub" collects for free. The Symmes Safety Center is located just north of The City of Montgomery.

Photo courtesy of Adrienne Davidson  
Information from [Rumpke.com](http://Rumpke.com) and [cincinnati recycling and reuse hub.org](http://cincinnati recycling and reuse hub.org)

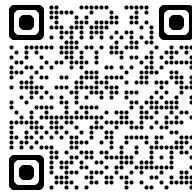


## FREE PROGRAM OFFERS ONE-STOP DROP FOR RESPONSIBLE RECYCLING

With renewed purpose in protecting the environment, the City of Montgomery Environmental Advisory Commission is encouraging residents to recycle more. On **Saturday, Sept. 21 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.**, the Environmental Advisory Commission is sponsoring a **One-Stop Drop for Responsible Recycling** at the Public Works facility, 7315 Cornell Road. The free event will provide families an easy way to dispose of items that have been sitting around the house.

Donations will benefit:

- Matthew 25 Ministries
- Goodwill Industries
- Habitat for Humanity
- Operation Giveback



**This event will include a limited collection of household batteries and certain types of Styrofoam. Please see the website for further details.**

**It will not offer shredding.**



In an effort to provide the most up-to-date information, the City has an easy to navigate webpage, [onestop.montgomeryohio.org](http://onestop.montgomeryohio.org), devoted to this event, which lists all accepted and non-accepted items for each vendor.

Please check this webpage for more information or call City Hall at 513-891-2424 with any additional questions.

# NIGHT SKY STAR PARTY

Friday, Sept 20th  
Pioneer Park

8:00-9:00 p.m.  
Cincinnati Observatory Presentation for kids.  
Join the wait list.

9:00-10:00 p.m.  
Cincinnati Observatory Presentation for adults only.

Both presentations will allow time for viewing through the telescope.

Free, registration required. Choose only 1 program.  
Maximum of 50 participants. Held rain or shine.  
Register at [montgomeryohio.gov](http://montgomeryohio.gov).

Presented by the Montgomery Parks & Recreation Commission in conjunction with the Cincinnati Observatory.

Saturday, September 28th from 3-6PM  
Teams of 4 will compete for prizes including best team shirts  
Registration is now open

## THE AMAZING MONTGOMERY RACE

presented by Montgomery Parks and Recreation Commission

[montgomeryohio.gov](http://montgomeryohio.gov)  
\$40 per team of 4  
all teammates must be 21 and over

## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE OCTOBER 17 MENTAL HEALTH PRESENTATION

Mark your calendars to attend the last community mental health presentation for the year on **Thursday, October 17** presented by Julie K Harmon, LPCC-S, LSW, CCM with the Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Ms. Harmon will speak on the topic of **Supporting Youth in a Mental Health Crisis and Beyond**.



Social Worker. She is a Certified Court Manager through the National Center of State Courts.

Reserve your seats by calling City Hall at 513-891-2424 or scan the QR Code.



The presentation will be held at **Terwilliger Lodge, 10530 Deerfield Road beginning at 7:00 p.m.**

Ms. Harmon has been in the helping field for over 35 years holding various positions in the mental health, substance abuse and criminal justice field. Currently she works at Cincinnati Children's Hospital with the Psychiatric Intake Response Center as a Clinical Counselor and Outreach/ Training Coordinator. Ms. Harmon is licensed in Ohio as a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor and Licensed



## 3RD QUARTER ESTIMATED TAXES DUE

This is just a reminder that 3rd quarter Montgomery tax payments are due on September 15, 2024.

Estimated payments are required by our code. To avoid any penalty or interest, a minimum of 90% of a taxpayer's 2024 liability must be remitted by January 15, 2025. This can be paid by going to [www.ritaohio.com](http://www.ritaohio.com) and paying through your



MyAccount or by clicking on FastPay. Third-quarter statements will be mailed to you from the Regional Income Tax Agency around the first week of August.

If you have any questions about your statement, you can reach the Regional Income Tax Agency at 1-800-860-7482 or call the Montgomery Tax Office directly at 513-792-8333. We are happy to help!

## Lanterns & Landmarks Historical Tour

**October 19  
6 - 9 p.m.**

This tour offers educational and fun stories about the landmarks and the people of Montgomery. Before the walking tour, participants will have an opportunity to enjoy heavy appetizers and beverages, including wine, inside Universalist Church.

Cost is \$20 per Resident / \$25 per Non-Resident.  
This event is limited to adults ages 21 and older.  
Registration opens September 5 at [montgomeryohio.gov](http://montgomeryohio.gov)





## SAVE NATIVE POLLINATORS

**B&T TALK:** *“Learning to Love Our Land: Managing our Yards to Save Native Pollinators”*

**When:** Tuesday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Terwilliger Lodge, 10530 Deerfield Road

Presented by Doug Gilbert, Wildlife Ecologist & Co-Founder of Love Our Land

**Free!**

Join Montgomery’s Beautification and Tree Commission to discover the crucial role of pollinators and learn how you can help protect them.

Wildlife ecologist Doug Gilbert will lead our discussion on establishing spaces filled with diverse and healthy native plants that support robust native pollinator communities.



Doug will talk about the best ways to manage landscapes for pollinators and biodiversity in general. As a wildlife ecologist, Doug focuses on conserving rare, threatened, and endangered species, particularly birds, bees, and rare plants. He is also the co-founder of Love Our Land, a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering

connections between people and nature and empowering them to make positive changes for nature in their communities.

To register call City Hall at 513-891-2424 or scan the QR Code.



## GET THE DIRT ON BACKYARD COMPOSTING

**October 3, 2024 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Montgomery City Hall, 10101 Montgomery Road**

Hamilton County ReSource will be teaching this introductory seminar on backyard composting for those who are curious, just getting started, or for those who are already composting but would like a refresher and extra tips!

For those who wish to attend and purchase a Composter and Kit there is a \$25 fee. The kit includes an 80-gallon kitchen collector pail, and guide. The kit’s retail value is \$125. The kits are available for the first 30 registrations. There is no fee for those who only wish to attend and do not wish to purchase the kit.

To register, call City Hall at 513-891-2424 or scan the QR Code.





VIVA  
**MONTGOMERY**  
*Vegas in the Village Returns*  
 Sept. 5, 5-9 p.m.

*Here's How to Play*

**STEP 1**

**Start at the The Remington Room, 7813 Ted Gregory Lane.** Pick up a passport containing a map and a list of participating businesses. The first 350 participants will receive a bag.



**Start Here**

**STEP 2**

**Visit as many participating businesses as you can and get your passport stamped.** Many of our businesses have games and goodies for you. One stamp equals one raffle ticket.



**Visit Businesses**

**STEP 3**

**Go to Montgomery Quarter Park (8328 Montgomery Road) - at 8:30 pm.** We'll turn your passports into raffle tickets. You must be present to win.



**Win Prizes**

*Participating Businesses*

- Activate Brain and Body
- Artemis Bistro
- Audible Elegance
- The Art Spark
- BruBurger Bar
- CareCore at Montgomery
- Comey and Shepherd
- Corner Pub
- The Dermatology, Laser & Vein Center
- Designer Items and More
- Downtown Girl
- The European Café
- Fifth Third Private Bank
- Forno Osteria & Bar
- Frame House Gallery/ Kathy's Corner
- Gilded Indigo
- Gleisinger Sylvester Group
- Gloss Salon
- Haute Chocolate
- Kitchen Social
- Lilac & Lily
- Livery
- LuAnne's Boutique & Day Spa
- Montgomery Public House
- MQ Residences
- Nora Fink Personal Stylist
- Ohio CBD Guy
- Peaches Skincare
- Playlist Yoga
- Robinson Sotheby's International Realty
- Taglio
- The Remington Room
- Totally Communicating
- Vora & Vine
- Woodhouse Day Spa
- You to the Rescue
- Your World Consignment
- Z Place for Wine

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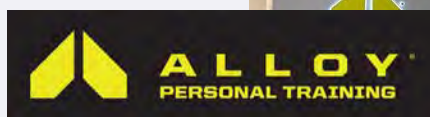


# Spotlight

## ON MONTGOMERY BUSINESSES

### CITY OF MONTGOMERY WELCOMES ALLOY PERSONAL TRAINING

If you're looking for a personalized workout, Alloy Personal Training Montgomery is for you. It is located at 10032 Montgomery Road in Suite B and is owned by Montgomery residents Kevin and Elizabeth Fischio. Membership includes personal training, nutrition guidance, individualized workouts, and accountability and support.



"At Alloy, our appointment-based, personal training in a small group approach offers you all the benefits of individualized coaching at a fraction of the cost and with way more scheduling flexibility," said Elizabeth Fischio. "Our trainers tailor the Alloy programs to each client who walks through our door — no matter their fitness level."

To learn more about Alloy Personal Training, go to their website at [alloypersonaltraining.com/location/montgomery-oh/](http://alloypersonaltraining.com/location/montgomery-oh/) or call or text at 513-935-3509.

"Helping others achieve a healthier and active lifestyle is key to a happier and more prosperous life," said Elizabeth. "It is not just about the latest fitness fads out there. We welcome people of all fitness levels, specifically, the ages of 40+ and not just the younger fitness fanatics that many gyms target."

### MONTGOMERY WELCOMES THE ART SPARK

The Art Spark aims to inspire creativity in children. It is located at 7809 Cooper Road, Suite 200. The facility offers art classes, camps, birthdays, after-school programs, and events for children aged 18 months to 12 years old.

#### THE ART SPARK

*A Creative Classroom*

The owners of The Art Spark, Jackie and Emily, previously worked at a similar business called The Imaginattic in Montgomery. They have always cherished the close-knit community, vibrancy, and family-oriented businesses that Montgomery has to offer. When they opened The Art Spark in another community 14 years ago, their goal was to make Montgomery their home. In fact, Emily is already a resident of Montgomery.

"Our studio encourages students to ask questions, solve problems creatively, and utilize art materials to achieve unique solutions," said Emily.

"Whether painting large-scale murals, sculpting food and dishes from around the world, or deciding what it looks like inside a rainbow, imagination is ignited for every child who has the opportunity to learn and grow at The Art Spark," said Jackie.

To learn more about The Art Spark go to their website at [theartspark.com](http://theartspark.com). Email is the best way to get in touch with Emily and Jackie at [create@theartspark.com](mailto:create@theartspark.com).





## BEING PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY TAKES ADVANCE TIME AND PLANNING

When an emergency strikes and you aren't prepared, some of your basic needs may not be met. Any information that is available regarding preparing for disaster responses places the responsibility on the individual to be capable of being self-sustaining for a minimum of three days. Local governments plan to be self-sufficient for at least three days as the State and Federal Governments have instructed local governments that additional support for the community will take 72 hours once a disaster declaration is recognized.

**The role of local government in a disaster is twofold: response and recovery.** Response includes acts performed by police, fire, and public works personnel that deal with the rescue of individuals, maintaining law and order, opening roadways, and securing areas that are not safe. Additionally, considerations for food, water, shelter, and providing coordinated communications is a role of local government with private sector partners such as the American Red Cross.

Recovery efforts focus on rebuilding the infrastructure once the direct dangers of the disaster have passed. The recovery phase may take months to years to complete. During both the response and recovery phases, the local government must track all expenditures of labor and materials for reporting to state and federal authorities to determine if a disaster qualifies for federal loans and grants that can assist during the recovery phase. Additionally, local government works to return the community back to its pre-disaster status as normal operations continue in the community regardless of the response and recovery of the disaster.

**The role of the citizen is to plan ahead for a disaster by creating a plan of how they can be self-sufficient for a minimum of three days or longer.** This plan should be an "all-hazards" plan that can adapt to warm or cold weather, sheltering in place or evacuation if so ordered, etc., to name a few possible situations to consider. Food, water, batteries, a transistor radio, flashlights, medications, and other personal necessities should be readily available to sustain your family. An electrical generator should be considered, especially if someone in your home has special needs requiring a constant supply of electricity. Additionally, part of your plan should involve checking on family and neighbors to ensure their well-being and safety. The US Department of Homeland Security has provided an excellent source of information on how you can prepare. Ready.gov provides good general information as well as considerations for the elderly and for pets.

**The City of Montgomery has a working disaster plan that has served the community well in several situations.** The "all-hazard" approach to the disaster plan makes the plan adaptable to many different possible scenarios and is the recognized approach to disaster planning. City Staff have trained in the National Incident Management System provided by the federal government and works closely with other communities and the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency. The City staff annually participates in an exercise that tests the disaster plan. All this assists the City in being prepared to handle emergencies and disasters as needed. Please do your part and take the time to plan and gather the needed supplies required during an emergency. It will help you and your family.



## SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION, WATCH FOR SCHOOL BUSES ON THE ROAD

The relaxed days of summer are over, and school is back in session. This means increased traffic on the roads, including school buses. In Ohio, it's important to remember that drivers in both directions are required to stop at least 10 feet from the front or rear of a stopped school bus that is picking up or dropping off passengers.



### Stopping for a school bus

- Yellow flashing lights on a school bus mean slow down, and the bus is preparing to stop. Students are likely waiting to get on the bus or ready to exit the bus.
- Red flashing lights mean stop. Vehicles should stop at least 10 to 20 feet behind the school bus as children are getting on or off. Stay stopped until the red lights stop flashing and the bus begins moving.

### When to stop on the roadway for a school bus

- Drivers must stop in both directions on a two-lane road.
- On a road with fewer than four lanes, all traffic approaching a stopped school bus from either direction must stop at least 10 feet from the front or rear of the bus and remain stopped until the bus begins to move or the bus driver signals motorists to proceed.
- On a road with four lanes or more, traffic proceeding in the same direction as the school bus must stop.

Please help us keep children safe by reviewing the laws with every driver in your household.

Information provided by Ohio Department of Education & Workforce

**Family Festival**

FALL FUN

**Harvest Moon**

Hayrides, craft, facepainting, food vendors, games, petting zoo, pony rides, live music, and new this year, a pumpkin carver!

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

**Saturday**  
**OCT 5, 4 - 8 p.m.**  
**Swaim Park**

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**PAINTBALL TRIP**

**Sycamore School's Out Day**  
**FRIDAY, OCT 25**

Kids ages 10-14

Registration opens Sept 5 and closes on Oct 18.

Cost: \$65 and includes: paintball equipment, pizza lunch, drinks, snacks

Meet at the Swaim Park Small Shelter (upper level lot off Cooper Road)  
Kids will travel by bus to Paintball Country.  
Call 513-792-8316 with questions.

Register starting at 9:00 am on Thursday, Sept 5 at [www.montgomeryohio.gov](http://www.montgomeryohio.gov)



# OUR VOLUNTEERS SHINE!

Thanks to all our volunteers who came out to help at the 4th of July Parade and Festival AND also the Bastille Day Celebration! Through the rain and the sunshine, our volunteers make it possible for these traditions to continue. We really value their time and hard work to maintain Montgomery's small-town charm!

## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

### One Stop Drop Recycling

**When:** Saturday, September 21 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Public Works (7315 Cornell)

**What:** Help people unload donations from their cars and place in appropriate bins. Students under 16, must have a chaperone.

### Amazing Race

**When:** Saturday, September 28 from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Various locations throughout Montgomery

**What:** Volunteers judge the completion of station challenges performed by the competing teams.



### Harvest Moon Fall Festival

**When:** Saturday, October 5 from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Swaim Park (Zig Zag and Cooper Rds.)

**What:** Assist with crafts, activities, and games.

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.

MONTGOMERY ARTS COMMISSION PRESENTS  
**LIVE AT THE UNI**  
REGISTER AT [MONTGOMERYOHIO.GOV](http://MONTGOMERYOHIO.GOV)

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|  <p><b>OCT. 8:</b><br/>Transatlantic music:<br/>Sylvain Acher,<br/>Rob Allgeyer, Nick Fryer,<br/>John Zappa in a musical journey<br/>around the world with Brazilian,<br/>French, gypsy and jazz music</p>                   |  <p><b>OCT. 29:</b><br/>James Taylor:<br/>201 with "The Three Bald Guys"<br/>Inside the songs of the<br/>Grammy-winning<br/>singer-songwriter by Tom Steele,<br/>Josh Steele and Rick Hagee<br/>{sold out, join the wait list}</p> |
|  <p><b>NOV. 12:</b><br/>Jazz vocalist Lynne Scott with<br/>Phil Degreg, piano, Aaron Jacobs, bass<br/>and John Taylor drums with a lyrical<br/>journey of the Great American Songbook<br/>{sold out, join the wait list}</p> |  <p><b>SUNDAY, DEC. 15:</b><br/>Jazz Vocalist Mandy Gaines<br/>and Friends spreading<br/>holiday cheer!<br/>{sold out, join the wait list}</p>   |

## Downtown Montgomery Walking Food Tour

With its array of standout restaurants,  
Montgomery is a delicious destination for  
food lovers throughout the region!

**Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**  
SEPTEMBER TOURS ARE SOLD OUT  
BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR ANOTHER SERIES OF TOURS THIS SPRING!

Thank you to our participating restaurants!















**Presented by the  
Montgomery Arts Commission**





Photos by Stacy Shoff

## SWIM TEAM CONCLUDES SUCCESSFUL SEASON

This summer Montgomery Makos finished in 2nd place in Division 2 at the Tri-County Swim League Championships. Led by coaches Jon, Erin, Sarah, Madeline and Elsa, the Makos broke records and saw many personal bests! The Makos wouldn't be successful without all its volunteers and sponsors. Thank you to GastroHealth, Cassinelli, Shanker & Associates Orthodontics and Salt Run Veterinary Hospital. Congratulations to all our swimmers. Four of our age groups received the highest points within the division at Championships: 6 & Under Boys, 7-8 Girls, 9-10 Girls, 9-10 Boys.

While we had lots of memorable swims over the season, below is a list of our swimmers who placed in the top 3 in the small team division at Championships:

### 1st Place

**Anna Recker**, 6 & under Girls 25m Freestyle  
**Iyla Gajera**, 6 & under Girls 25m Backstroke  
**Ainsley Metzger**, 7-8 Girls 25m Backstroke  
**Emma Pierson**, 7-8 Girls 25m Butterfly  
**Emma Pierson**, 7-8 Girls 100m Individual Medley  
**Rebecca Christman**, 9-10 Girls 50m Backstroke  
**Rebecca Christman**, 9-10 Girls 50m Butterfly  
**Delfina Korte**, 9-10 Girls 50m Breaststroke  
**Delfina Korte**, 9-10 Girls 100m Individual Medley  
**Julia Ridgway**, 11-12 Girls 50m Freestyle  
**Julia Ridgway**, 11-12 Girls 50m Butterfly  
**Julia Ridgway**, 11-12 Girls 100m Individual Medley  
**Elyse Ridgway**, 13-14 Girls 50m Breaststroke  
**Ava Meier**, 13-14 Girls 100m Individual Medley  
**Owen Meier**, 9-10 Boys 50m Freestyle  
**Owen Meier**, 9-10 Boys 50m Breaststroke  
**Owen Meier**, 9-10 Boys 100m Individual Medley  
**AJ Ridgway**, 9-10 Boys 50m Backstroke

**AJ Ridgway**, 9-10 Boys 50m Butterfly  
**Parker Metzger**, 11-12 Boys 50m Backstroke  
**Parker Metzger**, 11-12 Boys 50m Breaststroke  
**Parker Metzger**, 11-12 Boys 100m Individual Medley

### 2nd Place

**Iyla Gajera**, 6 & under Girls 25m Freestyle  
**Ainsley Metzger**, 7-8 Girls 100m Individual Medley  
**Delfina Korte**, 9-10 Girls 50m Freestyle  
**Shafer Metzger**, 9-10 Girls 50m Breaststroke  
**Kennedy Coffaro**, 9-10 Girls 50m Butterfly  
**Rebecca Christman**, 9-10 Girls 100m Individual Medley  
**Elyse Ridgway**, 13-14 Girls 50m Freestyle  
**Ava Meier**, 13-14 Girls 50m Backstroke  
**Jack Webber**, 7-8 Boys 25m Backstroke  
**Jack Webber**, 7-8 Boys 100m Individual Medley  
**AJ Ridgway**, 9-10 Boys 50m Freestyle  
**Brandon Butcher**, 13-14 Boys 50m Freestyle  
**Ben Bergan**, 13-14 Boys 50m Breaststroke  
**Ben Bergan**, 13-14 Boys 50m Butterfly  
**Ben Bergan**, 13-14 Boys 100m Individual Medley

### 3rd Place

**McFerran Sturgis**, 7-8 Girls 25m Backstroke  
**Mazzy Shoff**, 11-12 Girls 50m Breaststroke  
**Kina Peiris**, 11-12 Girls 50m Butterfly  
**Eliana Kwon**, 11-12 Girls 100m Individual Medley  
**Elyse Ridgway**, 13-14 Girls 50m Backstroke  
**Theo Moffat**, 6 & under Boys 25m Freestyle  
**Beckett Kwon**, 6 & under 25m Freestyle  
**Jack Webber**, 7-8 25m Freestyle  
**Brandon Butcher**, 13-14 Boys 50m Backstroke  
**Brandon Butcher**, 13-14 Boys 50m Butterfly  
**Owen Benedict**, 13-14 Boys 50m Breaststroke

## BLUE ASH MONTGOMERY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT

**Sunday, September 1st, 7 p.m.**  
**Tom Stone Amphitheater, 4309 Cooper Road, Blue Ash**

Trumpets and Drums! We will round out our summer season with a big and brassy program for Labor Day weekend culminating with the 1812 Festival Overture by Tchaikovsky. This concert is free.







## GROUP FITNESS

### Group Fitness Class Schedule 2024 - Session E

| Day   | Class Name                    | Dates of Session | Session Length | No Class | Time of Class           | Res. | Non-Res. |
|-------|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------|-------------------------|------|----------|
| Mon.  | Mixed Level Yoga              | 9/9 - 10/21      | 7 classes      | 9/2/24   | 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.       | \$42 | \$56     |
| Mon.  | Chair Yoga                    | 9/9 - 10/21      | 7 classes      | 9/2/24   | 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | \$42 | \$56     |
| Mon.  | Yang Style Tai Chi            | 9/9 - 10/21      | 7 classes      | 9/2/24   | 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.   | \$70 | \$80     |
| Tue.  | Cardio Strength and Stretched | 9/3 - 10/22      | 8 classes      | -        | 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.       | \$48 | \$64     |
| Tue.  | Tai Chi                       | 9/3 - 10/22      | 8 classes      | -        | 10:20 - 11:20 a.m.      | \$80 | \$90     |
| Tue.  | Pilates                       | 9/3 - 10/22      | 8 classes      | -        | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.        | \$48 | \$64     |
| Wed.  | Mixed Level Yoga              | 9/4 - 10/23      | 8 classes      | -        | 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.       | \$48 | \$64     |
| Wed.  | Beginner Level Yoga           | 9/4 - 10/23      | 8 classes      | -        | 11:00 - 12:00 a.m.      | \$48 | \$64     |
| Wed.  | Bootcamp                      | 9/4 - 10/23      | 8 classes      | -        | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.        | \$48 | \$64     |
| Thur. | Cardio Strength and Stretched | 9/5 - 10/24      | 8 classes      | -        | 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.       | \$48 | \$64     |
| Thur. | Restorative Yoga              | 9/5 - 10/24      | 8 classes      | -        | 11:00 - 12:00 p.m.      | \$48 | \$64     |
| Thur. | Pilates                       | 9/5 - 10/24      | 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.

## FALL PLANT SWAP

Montgomery's Beautification and Tree Commission invites you to trade perennials at the Fall Plant Swap on Saturday, September 28, at the Montgomery Farmers' Market from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Please label your plant's shade or sun preference. Also, remember to bring a bag or container to transport your new plant home.

This free event provides an excellent opportunity for everyone to share their divided perennials while selecting new garden varieties.





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## K9 Kerplunk

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Montgomery Community Pool  
5-8pm  
Free for Pool Members  
\$3 per dog Non-Members

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## SEPTEMBER 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  |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|
| 1<br>BAMSO Labor Day Concert, Tom Stone Amphitheater, Blue Ash, 7:00 p.m.   | <b>Labor Day</b> 2<br>City offices closed; trash pick up as usual<br>K-9 Kerplunk, Montgomery Community Pool, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.<br>Pool closes for the season | 3  | 4<br>Council Business Session, City Hall, 6:00 p.m.                 | 5<br>Vegas in the Village, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m., Historic Downtown Montgomery | 6   | 7   |
| 8<br><b>Grandparent's Day</b>   | 9<br>Fall Brush Collection for residents with Monday trash collection<br>Planning Commission, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.  | 10<br>Beautification and Tree Commission, Public Works, 8:30 a.m.<br>Environmental Advisory Commission, City Hall, 5:00 p.m. | <b>Patriot Day</b> 11<br>Landmarks Commission, City Hall, 6:00 p.m. | 12<br>Parks & Recreation Commission, Swaim Park, 5:30 p.m.                | 13  | 14<br>Car Show, Montgomery Square Plaza, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.   |
| 15  | 16<br>Fall Brush Collection for residents with Tuesday trash collection<br>3rd Qtr. 2024 City Taxes Due   | 17<br>Sister Cities Commission, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.   | 18<br>Council Work Session, City Hall, 6:00 p.m.                    | 19  | 20<br>Star Party, Pioneer Park, 8:00 p.m. | 21<br>One Stop Drop Recycling Event, 7315 Cornell Road, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  |
| 22<br>Fall Brush Collection for residents with Wednesday trash collection<br>Arts Commission, City Hall, 5:00 p.m.<br>Planning Commission, City Hall, 7:00 p.m. | 23<br>Arts Commission, City Hall, 5:00 p.m.<br>Planning Commission, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.  | 24<br>Diversity and Inclusion Commission, City Hall, 4:00 p.m.<br>Board of Zoning Appeals, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.              | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28<br>Fall Plant Swap at Montgomery Farmer's Market, Montgomery Elementary parking lot, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.<br>Amazing Montgomery Race begins at Weller Park, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. |
| 29  | 30<br>Fall Brush Collection for residents with Thursday trash collection  |  |   |   |   |   |