



LOCAL BUSINESSES NEED OUR SUPPORT THIS WINTER

Winter is coming, and with it, new challenges for Montgomery's businesses. Many of Montgomery's businesses have turned to outdoor dining, events, and sales to continue to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, as the temperature drops, so does the opportunity for outdoor activities. Businesses whose livelihood involves interacting with other people, such as restaurants, entertainment venues, salons, and retailers, are particularly vulnerable. Here are some ways you can help our small businesses during these particularly difficult months:



- **Shop Local:** Consider shopping from local businesses, both online and offline. Holiday shopping could be a lot more gratifying, knowing you are doing your part to support Montgomery businesses!
- **Order delivery or pickup from local restaurants:** Ordering pickup or delivery from nearby restaurants is a great way to support your local small businesses to help ensure they will be there once the crisis has passed. Try calling the restaurant or ordering directly from their website rather than third-party apps so the business can avoid fees.
- **Tip a little extra:** Don't forget to tip your service worker a little extra, if you can. Many service workers rely on tips as a primary source of income and are among the

most impacted by quarantining. Plus, they are working hard to ensure you're still getting what you need while trying to make sure it arrives safely and uncontaminated. A few extra bucks here and there will go a long way!

- **Buy gift cards:** One way to put immediate cash into your local small business is by purchasing a gift card or gift

certificate for future use. Don't forget gift cards make a great holiday gift!

- **Share on social media:** Encourage your friends and followers to support local businesses by sharing their posts so those in your circle can see them and help too. Sharing a post won't cost you anything more than a click, and it may encourage support from others in the community. Leaving good reviews for your favorite local businesses is another great way to support business and can lead to more potential customers and more business.

Helping one another is what we do in Montgomery. It is what makes our community special. So whether you are a new or longtime resident, let's show our businesses some collective warmth as the weather turns cold!

IT COULD BE WORSE.....



Ken Suer
City Council

So far, COVID-19 has had a significant impact on the world and our country. It is bad, and it may get worse before getting better. Everyone in Montgomery has been affected in some way; however, my grandparents experienced something even worse...

- The 1918-1919 influenza pandemic during WWI was the most severe in recent history.
- 675,000 Americans died of influenza during the pandemic, ten times as many as in the war. Of the U.S. soldiers who died in Europe, half fell to the virus and not to the enemy.
- WWI killed some 20 million people worldwide. The 1918-1919 flu killed between 50 and 100 million worldwide. The toll of history's worst pandemic surpasses all the military combat deaths in WWI & WWII combined.
- Back then, there was no flu vaccine or antibiotics to treat secondary bacterial infections.
- They didn't even know it was a virus. Viruses weren't discovered until the 1930s because they didn't have powerful enough microscopes. As a result, testing wasn't just hard to come by. It simply didn't exist.

- In many places, only the rich could afford to visit a doctor.
- Aspirin was a standard "treatment," but many people died from toxic doses.
- Control efforts at the time included isolation, quarantine, good personal hygiene, use of disinfectants, and limitations on public gatherings. Sound familiar?
- Victims died within hours or days of developing symptoms, their skin turned blue, and their lungs filled with fluid causing suffocation.
- Bodies piled up as the massive deaths of the pandemic ensued. Besides the lack of healthcare workers and medical supplies, there was a shortage of coffins, morticians, and gravediggers. In many places, mass graves were dug by steam shovels and bodies buried without coffins.
- The flu took a heavy toll, wiping out entire families. Funeral parlors were overwhelmed. Many people had to dig graves for their own family members.

How is Montgomery doing right now compared to all of this?

- For some families, the pandemic may well have been tragic already. For others, coping is difficult and disruptive. For yet others, perhaps it is so far just an inconvenience.
- Our business community overall seems to be surviving, but there are certainly companies that are struggling to stay afloat.
- The schools are functioning but definitely altered.
- The City has had to cancel some large events but has managed to provide other events with success, such as the Reverse Parade on July 4.
- City services are maintained, and we are not laying off employees.
- Projects like the Montgomery Quarter, the Roundabout, and others are proceeding according to plan.

No one knows what the future holds, but right now, Montgomery is in pretty good shape overall - despite the pandemic. So, keep up the social distancing, hand washing, and mask-wearing. Avoid large gatherings. Don't be a "covidiot." Let's keep Montgomery as healthy as possible!



LET'S LIGHT UP MONTGOMERY!

It has not been easy to hold community events this year. Let us all work together to make the holiday season extra festive by Lighting Up Montgomery!

Participation is easy. Add some festive lights to your house or property to help light up our community. If you already light up your home, consider adding a few more to brighten up the holidays!

Take a photo and share your bright holiday display to lightupmontgomery@montgomeryohio.org. We will share your photo on the City's Facebook and Instagram pages!

COUNCIL CORNER

Montgomery City Council met in its regular monthly Work Session on October 21, 2020 at City Council Chambers and via teleconference.

Pending Legislation

An Ordinance Modifying Section 132.14, Noise, of The Montgomery Code of Ordinances (2nd reading)

An Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of The City of Montgomery, State of Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021 (2nd reading)

New Legislation

None

RECENT COUNCIL ACTION - Approved Legislation

October 7, 2020

ORDINANCE 14 2020

An Ordinance Amending Tax Incentive Agreement with The Board Of Education Of The Sycamore Community School District For The Montgomery Quarter Project And Declaring An Emergency (passed 6-yea, 1-abstain)

ORDINANCE 15 2020

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 11, 2020 To Increase the Authorized Limits for The Issuance of Special Obligation Revenue Bonds of The City of Montgomery And Declaring an Emergency (passed 6-yea, 1-abstain)

RESOLUTION 33 2020

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Penn Care Incorporated for the purchase of a 2020 Braun E450 Chief XL Type III Ambulance. (passed 7-0)

RESOLUTION 34 2020

A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by The Hamilton County Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to The County Auditor (passed 7-0)

RESOLUTION 35 2020

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into A Contract with Cargill, Inc. for the Purchase of De-Icing Rock Salt for the 2020-2021 Season (passed 7-0)

RESOLUTION 36 2020

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into A Labor Agreement with The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Ohio Council 8, AFL-CIO for Wages and Benefits for Employees within the Department of Public Works from September 1, 2020 Through August 31, 2023 (passed 7-0)

RESOLUTION 37 2020

Resolution Authorizing A 2020 Cares Act Local Jurisdiction Agreement (passed 7-0)

These pieces of approved legislation can be reviewed on the City's website at www.montgomeryohio.org

MONTGOMERY DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA BEGINS ON NOVEMBER 1

Montgomery City Council recently approved legislation establishing a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) for commercially zoned property within the Heritage District, the Old Montgomery Gateway District, The Marketplace, and Montgomery Quarter. This new initiative will allow patrons 21+ to purchase alcoholic beverages in a designated cup from permitted establishments and carry the drinks within a defined area.

The addition of the DORA to the community will provide an opportunity to continue to build on Montgomery's lively, pedestrian-friendly environment in designated walkable areas. The initiation of the DORA will support local businesses with increased foot traffic allowing patrons to enjoy beverages outside - enhancing an outdoor social atmosphere.

What are the rules?

- DORA hours are Monday through Thursday 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., Friday from 5:00 p.m. to midnight, Saturday from noon to midnight, and Sunday from noon to 9:00 p.m. Special hours of DORA operation will be allowed as designated in advance by the City Manager for holidays and/or special events.
- A plastic, reusable, designated cup is to be used for alcoholic beverages within the DORA. DORA cups can be purchased at participating establishments for a nominal fee.
- Participating DORA businesses will be identified by a DORA window cling.
- Establishments will have maps showing the limits of the DORA, a DORA boundaries map will be posted on the City's website, and signs will also be located at key egress areas of the DORA indicating 'No Alcohol Beyond This Point'.
- Once a DORA beverage has left an establishment, it must be consumed before entering another participating business. Empty cups may be taken into another participating establishment for another beverage.
- The Police Department will conduct routine patrols and will enforce responsible behavior. The boundaries of the DORA will be strictly enforced. Alcoholic beverages may not be carried outside of the boundary area or patrons are subject to legal consequences.

The City received approval for establishing the DORA through the Ohio Department of Commerce, which goes into effect on November 1, 2020. Additional DORA information can be found at www.montgomeryohio.org.



VILLAGE HALL

Did you know that the building at 7816 Cooper Road used to be Village Hall? This small building was built in 1925 using money collected from fees during Prohibition days. The 600 square foot building served as Village Hall and the village jail for 44 years before the current City Hall was built in the 1960's on land donated by the developer of Montgomery Heights Subdivision and Montgomery Square Shopping Center. If you look at the windows of the building at 7816 Cooper Road, you can still see the bars from the old jail cell.





DO YOUR PART TO KEEP STORM DRAINS CLEAN

Winter snows and spring rains increase the amount of drainage going into your storm drains. Where does the water go? Simple, it goes straight into local streams, which drain to the Little Miami River and ultimately the Ohio River.

Storm drains can become clogged with excess leaves, tree branches and trash, which can lead to storm drain backups that flood streets, yards and possibly even basements.

Do your part to keep local waterways clean by being sure to clean up yards, disposing of trash properly, and encourage your neighbors to do the same.

Think: “Only rain in the drain”

If you make sure that only rain goes down the drain, you can do your part to protect local streams and rivers, now and for future generations.

Here are some simple steps to keep storm drains and waterways clean:

- Never dump motor oil, chemicals, pet wastes, soapy water, paint or anything else down the storm drain.
- Don't rake leaves or blow lawn clippings into the street. Direct them back into the lawn so the clippings can be added to a compost bin. Use a mulching mower.
- Limit the use of fertilizer, pesticides and herbicides.
- Keep a tight lid on trash cans and recycling bins, especially during windy days.

For more information visit the Hamilton County Stormwater District's website at hcswd.org.

UNLIMITED YARD WASTE COLLECTION STARTS NOV. 2

Unlimited Yard Waste Collection will begin on Monday, Nov. 2, and will end on Dec. 26, 2020. Also, the City will provide unlimited yard waste collections during the first three Saturdays in January to coincide with the Christmas tree and wreath collection.

GUIDELINES

- Place leaves in regular 30-gallon trash cans, paper leaf bags, or yard waste totes (available through Rumpke).
- 30-gallon yard waste cans/totes have a 75 lb weight limit. Once temperatures fall below freezing, all waste **must** go into bags as the moisture causes the cans/totes to freeze.
- Loosely place yard waste in trash cans or paper yard waste bags. Label yard waste totes as yard waste. Yard waste placed in unmarked totes will **NOT** be picked up.
- Place yard waste on the opposite side of the driveway from the trash and leave the lids off the cans. No plastic bags will be picked up.
- Bundle brush in 4-foot by 2-foot bundles fastened with cotton twine. The weight limit is 50 lb per bundle.

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- A single cut limb of 4-foot in length and no larger than 6 inches in diameter laid at curb.

- Place all limbs smaller than 2 inches in diameter in a can or a bundle. Limbs should not reach more than 1 foot above the height of the can.

If there is a schedule change, a CodeRed telephone message may be delivered.

During unlimited collection, yard waste stickers are not required.

If you have questions, please refer to the City's website, montgomeryohio.org, or call 513-891-2424.



TAX OFFICE IMPLEMENTS NEW SECURE EMAIL SYSTEM

In January of 2020, the tax office partnered with Data Motion to provide a digital platform for Montgomery residents and businesses to upload their tax information, communicate with the tax office, and review their returns safely and simply. The secure portal makes it easier to exchange sensitive messages and files with a single click. Users receive a secure email message directly to their email inbox.



Since implementation, over 200 tax accounts have utilized the portal to send returns quickly and securely. If you would like more information about communicating with the tax office electronically, please visit montgomeryohio.org for more information and to sign up.

ONE-STOP-DROP: A RECORD-SETTING YEAR...THANKS TO YOU!

The One-Stop-Drop for Responsible Recycling and Document Destruction Day was held on Saturday, September 26, was a record-breaking success!

By the numbers:

- 317 - vehicles participated (the most ever!)
- 400 - gallons of paint were collected for Matthew 25 Ministries
- 8000 - pounds of paper were collected and shredded by Royal Document Destruction (This after 15,000 - pounds were shredded in June!)
- 1 - 1/2 dumpsters of cardboard were collected
- 1 - 16' Box Truck was filled for Habitat for Humanity's Restore
- 1 1/2 - 26' Box Trucks were filled for Goodwill Industries
- 471 - pounds of alkaline batteries were collected for recycling

School supplies and gently used coats and mittens were also donated to Operation Give Back.

We thank our participating partners: Goodwill, Habitat for Humanity Restore, Matthew 25 Ministries, and Operation Give Back for their help and charitable efforts. We also thank Royal Document Destruction for their participation.

Thank you for participating! And special thanks to the following Environmental Advisory Commission members and volunteers!

Mark Laskovics	Donna Schwartz	Mary Ann Folz
Alice Aguilar	Elaine Cohen	Greg Broderick
Carol Suer	Nathan Lehrer	Doug Lehrer
David Schrank	Kaia Heitkamp	Madison McCown
Paige Walker		





NEW LIFE FOR RECYCLED PRODUCTS

In 2019, Montgomery residents recycled 998.21 tons of metal, glass, plastic and paper. Ever wonder what happens to these items after the Rumpke truck drives away? Rumpke sorts through and sells acceptable material to global manufacturers who recycle them into new products. Here's a breakdown of what they become by material type.

RECYCLED ITEMS	BECOME...
Plastic Bottles You can now recycle any bottle with a mouth smaller than rest of the container!	#1 (PET) - Plastic strapping, carpet, and bottles #2 (HDPT) - Drainage pipe, packaging, profile and sheet extrusion, film, personal health care and various other products #3-# 7 - Sorted and reused by type, ex. #4 plastic is used in production of paint cans
Aluminum Cans	Can sheet, to become new cans
Steel Cans	New steel products such as appliances and automotive parts
Glass	Fiberglass insulation, containers such as mayonnaise and jelly jars, beer, wine and spirits bottles
Newspaper	New newspaper, magazines & textbooks; Also exported to various fiber markets
Mixed Paper	Brown paper towels; Also exported to various fiber markets
Office Paper	Commercial paper towels
Cardboard	Boxes and liners for new boxes, rolls and liner board for new boxes

For details on what you can recycle, checkout www.montgomeryohio.org/pages/recycling.

EAC COLLECTS STRANDED HOLIDAY LIGHTS AND EXTENSION CORDS



The City of Montgomery Environmental Advisory Commission will be accepting holiday decoration lights (stranded) and extension cords at its monthly cardboard recycling event starting in November. This Recycling Event occurs on the Third Saturday of each month at the Public Works facility, 7315 Cornell Road, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The addition of these items further supports the City's recycling efforts to reduce the amount of trash going into landfills.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

JOIN IN THE HOLIDAY DECORATING FUN!

Become part of an incredible volunteer team effort to decorate the downtown of Montgomery for the holiday season. Join the Montgomery Woman's Club, the Beautification & Tree Commission, and the Public Works Department in completing this project.

HOLIDAY DECORATING WORKSHOP

(adults/teens/families)

When: Saturday, November 7, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Where: Recreation Annex (10115 Montgomery Road)

Help to prepare holiday decorations for display.



DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY DECORATING

(adults)

When: Tuesday, November 10, 9:30 a.m.

Rain Date: Wednesday, November 11, 9:30 a.m.

Where: Meet at the Universalist Church on the corner of Montgomery and Remington Roads

Help to hang holiday decorations.

Come and devote your time to one of the City's landmark projects. Any amount of time at either or both phases of the project would be greatly appreciated.



HOLIDAY IN THE VILLAGE

(Adults/Teens)

When: Saturday, December 5, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Where: Universalist Church at the corner of Montgomery and Remington Roads

Assist with event activities.

For more specific information about any of these volunteer opportunities or to get on the volunteer rosters, contact Volunteer Coordinator DeAnna Gross at 513-792-8329 or dgross@montgomeryohio.org.



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TRY A NEW PATH OF INVOLVEMENT - JOIN A COMMISSION

The City is looking for individuals to commit to being more involved in the leadership of their community. The following City commission is in need.

Beautification and Tree Commission

The Beautification and Tree Commission annually develops and updates a plan for the care of trees, shrubs, and flowers in all public areas. It advises the Administration and the City Council on the prudent and productive use of financial resources for the purposes within its charge. The Commission proposes programs, submits an annual budget, supervises such undertakings as authorized by City Council, and reports its progress annually on projects and activities within its responsibility. Commission activities include Beautification Week flower planting, Garden Tour, Arbor Day Celebrations, Tree City USA recognition, Plant Swaps, Downtown Holiday Decorating, and hanging basket planting and tree workshops. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

There are no special qualifications required to volunteer for any Montgomery Board or Commission.

For further information and/or to apply for the open position, contact DeAnna Gross, volunteer coordinator, at 513-792-8329 or dgross@montgomeryohio.org.



Beautification and Tree Commission members volunteer to plant hanging baskets.

CITY SEEKS DONATION OF OFFICIAL HOLIDAY TREE

The City of Montgomery is looking for a potential holiday tree to be placed in the downtown heritage district for the upcoming holiday season. If you think you might have the perfect tree, which has outgrown its location on your property, consider donating it to the City for the annual holiday celebration. Contact Terry Willenbrink at 513-792-8320 or twillenbrink@montgomeryohio.org to donate.

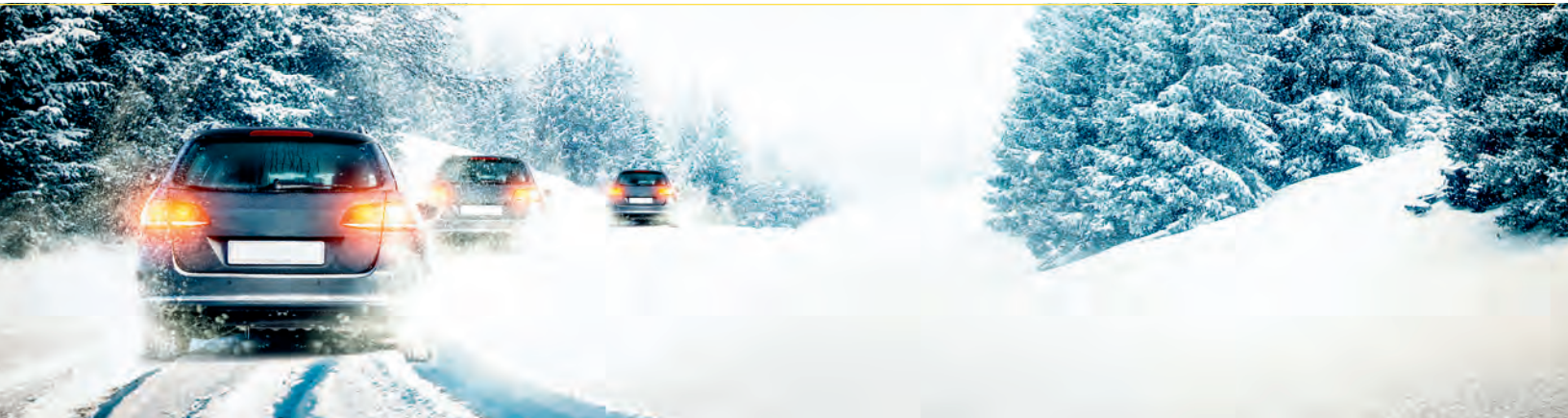


2021 MONTGOMERY CALENDAR COMING SOON

City staff members are currently wrapping up the finishing touches on the 2021 Montgomery Calendar. 2021's theme is "Montgomery: A Tree City USA." The theme draws attention to Montgomery's long history of being designated as a Tree City.

Look for an envelope in the mail from the City of Montgomery during the last week of November. The envelope will contain the 2021 Calendar and the December Montgomery Bulletin.

Thank you to the Sycamore Community Schools for their partnership in creating the calendar.



STAY ALERT DURING WINTER WEATHER

When winter weather is predicted, keep your family safe by following these safety tips.

- Before winter approaches, prepare an emergency kit:
 - Rock salt or more environmentally safe products to melt ice on walkways
 - Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment
 - Sufficient heating fuel, like dry, seasoned wood for your fireplace
 - Adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm
- Power outages are common during a winter storm. If you use a generator, keep it outside and away from windows and doors.
- Bring pets inside during winter weather.
- Have a carbon monoxide alarm at home, especially if using a generator!
- Winter storms can last anywhere from a few hours to a few days. Stay indoors and dress in warm layers. Don't forget mittens, a hat, and a scarf.
- Check on your neighbors – especially if they are elderly or have access or functional needs.
- Prepare your vehicle before the winter season begins. Check your brakes, tires and battery as well as check that all fluids are at proper levels.
- Prepare your home to keep out the cold with insulation, caulk, and weather stripping.



Always be aware, prepared, and notified to avoid being caught off guard by severe weather. Sign up for Alert Hamilton County to receive weather updates and emergency information via text, call, and email. To sign up for Alert Hamilton County, you must also sign up for Smart911, a life-saving technology that allows you to give vital information to 9-1-1 dispatch before an emergency. Sign up today at alerthc.org.

Source: Hamilton County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

WATCH OUT FOR SEASONAL THIEVES

Drive through any neighborhood in Montgomery, and chances are you will see several vehicles delivering packages. These packages are dropped off on countless doorsteps and are an easy target for opportunistic criminals. They are often referred to as “Porch Pirates” and steal thousands of packages throughout the country. These types of crimes are reported to the Montgomery Police Department every year. Below is a list of suggestions that will minimize the possibility of becoming a victim.

TIPS TO SECURE PACKAGES:

1. **Purchase a package drop box** - These are decorative lockboxes that conceal packages and are available from several different vendors.
2. **Install security cameras** - Cameras are a deterrent for criminals and can give law enforcement good investigative leads. Consider cameras monitoring your driveway also for license plates.
3. **Deliver to office or work** - This is a good option because generally, someone can accept the package.
4. **Garage access** - A one-time code can be given to some delivery companies to open your garage door and leave the package.
5. **Require signature** - This makes sure that the package is not left on the doorstep; however, it can be frustrating if you continually miss the delivery.
6. **Track packages** - Knowing when your package will arrive allows you to minimize the amount of time it spends on the doorstep.
7. **Arrange for someone to pick it up** - If you get delivery notifications, arrange for a friend, family member, or neighbor to pick up the package.
8. **Awareness** - Be alert to these activities and watch for suspicious vehicles and unfamiliar people. Jot down a license number if you suspect suspicious activity for the police to follow-up.

If you suspect a package has been stolen, please contact the Montgomery Police Department at 513-985-1600 and report it. You should also contact the seller and delivery company to make them aware of the incident.





SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. Smoke alarms are a vital part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

Here's what you need to know!

- A closed-door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home.
- Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- Today's smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to many fire conditions yet mitigate false alarms.
- When a smoke alarm sounds, get outside, and stay outside.
- Replace all smoke alarms in your home every ten years.
- No smoke alarms were present in three out of every five (60%) home fire deaths.
- In fires in which the smoke alarms were present but did not operate, more than two of every five (43%) of the smoke alarms had missing or disconnected batteries.
- Dead batteries caused one-quarter (25%) of the smoke alarm failures.

Testing smoke alarms

- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- Make sure everyone in the home understands the sound of the smoke alarm and knows how to respond.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning to keep smoke alarms working well.
- Smoke alarms with non-replaceable 10-year batteries remain effective for up to 10 years. If the alarm chirps, warning that the battery is low, replace the entire smoke alarm right away.
- Smoke alarms with any other type of battery need a new battery at least once a year. If that alarm chirps, warning the battery is low, replace the battery immediately.



Congratulations to Montgomery resident, Julie Hamel for winning the Holiday Card contest!

"We were delighted with Ms. Hamel's submission. It not only captured the season, but also features our iconic light post. We are excited to share the artwork with the community this festive season," noted Art Commission Chair Greg Leader.

RECREATION TO → GO

Want to have some creative and fun activities to do at home this Fall?

Recreation To Go provides a complete kit with boredom busters that will keep the kids entertained while home from school for Fall break!

Each Rec To Go kit is \$5 and will include two to three age appropriate activities per kit for kids to enjoy at home.

Once registration closes, Rec To Go kits will be assembled and available for pick up around Nov 18. Recreation staff will reach out to all registered Rec To Go participants regarding kit pick up.

Recreation To Go - Happy Fall Y'all

- ➡ Ages 6-8
- ➡ Ages 9-12
- ➡ Ages 13 & up

Register today at montgomeryohio.org to receive themed, interactive activities for your child to enjoy at home.

Registration Closes November 4, 2020



BLUE ASH MONTGOMERY SYMPHONY VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION CONCERT

Join BAMSO as we honor our Veterans through a special live streamed ceremony and concert. We will be joined by local Veterans both on stage as performers as well as through narrative. You will hear moving stories, poems read by the students from EH Greene school, as well as a musical tribute you will never forget. Tune in to listen to The Armed Forces Medley, Victory at Sea, God Bless America and other moving selections. Links to this celebration ceremony and concert, funded by The City of Blue Ash, can be found on Wednesday, November 11th at 10:00 am.

<https://www.blueash.com/>

<http://bamso.org/>

<http://www.montgomeryohio.org/>

Montgomery Park Explorer

Montgomery Tree Explorer

Enjoy the Montgomery Park Explorer and the Montgomery Tree Explorer programs together as a family. These free programs include workbooks for ages 2 to 5 and ages 6 and up. The workbooks provide participants with a variety of activities that will engage them in learning about local Montgomery parks and trees in a fun and active way.

Pick up workbooks at City Hall or download at montgomeryohio.org



Once completed, participants can turn in the workbooks any time, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Montgomery City Hall, 10101 Montgomery Road.

A member of the City recreation team will review the workbook and follow up with the participant. Completed workbooks will be given back to the participant to keep along with a certificate and patch.

For more information on these free programs, contact Sarah Fink, recreation specialist, at 513-792-8317



Tree Lighting

Saturday, Dec. 5
5:00 p.m.
Neully -
Plaisance Plaza



Stay tuned for
more socially
distanced
activities
during time.

Winter Coloring Contest

Contest runs Nov. 2 - 20, 2020

Age Groups: Preschool, Kindergarten,
First-Second Grade, Third-Fourth Grade,
and Fifth-Sixth Grade.

Let your creativity show. Go wild with markers, crayons, glitter, sequins or whatever an imaginative child can think of with this coloring contest.

Coloring sheets will be available at Montgomery City Hall or online at montgomeryohio.org starting Nov. 2

Turn in your masterpiece to City Hall by Nov. 20 at 4:30 p.m.

**Prize Categories: Most Creative,
Best Use of Color and Overall Skill.**



FITNESS

Experience updated group exercise equipment and classes. All equipment needed for classes is provided.

Registration for 2020 - Session E of fitness classes is open. Please visit the fitness page at montgomeryohio.org for class descriptions, important information and registration.

Please contact Sarah Fink, recreation specialist, by emailing sfink@montgomeryohio.org or by calling 513-792-8317 with any questions you may have.

Fitness Class Schedule 2020 - Session E

Day	Class Name	Dates of Session	No Classes	Session Length	Time of Class	Res.	Non-Res.
Mon.	Mixed Level Yoga	10/19 - 12/14	11/9	8 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Tue.	Cardio Strength and Stretched *	10/20 - 12/15	11/10	8 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Tue.	Tai Chi	10/20 - 12/15	11/10	8 classes	10:20-11:20 a.m.	\$80	\$90
Tue.	Pilates	10/20 - 12/15	11/10	8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45
Wed.	Mixed Level Yoga	10/21 - 12/16	11/11	8 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Wed.	Beginner Level Yoga	10/21 - 12/16	11/11	8 classes	10:45-11:45 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Thur.	Cardio Strength and Stretched *	10/22 - 12/17	11/12 , 11/26	7 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$35	\$40
Thur.	Pilates	10/22 - 12/17	11/12 , 11/26	7 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$35	\$40

* Cardio Strength and Stretched (formerly known as 20/20/20 - same great class, new name!)

Participant safety and well-being are our top priorities. Staff have been working to make necessary modifications to classes and are implementing updated health and safety protocols.



TIPS TO SAFELY EXERCISE AT NIGHT

For those who like to run, bike or walk outdoors, it's important to take extra safety precautions at this time of year. With daylight savings time, sunset creeps up sooner and sooner. Sunset is now just after 7:00 p.m. Darkness increases the likelihood of accident or injury while working out. One is less visible to others, and vision is restricted.

Here are three tips to help maximize your safety and minimize your risk of injury while exercising in the dark.

- 1) Move in the Right Direction:** Bike with traffic and run against traffic. This rule of thumb applies to all times of the day. Running against the flow of traffic allows people to watch everything coming their way – cars, buses, bikes, etc. Runners with their back to an oncoming swerving vehicle don't have a chance to react. Use a sidewalk for running or walking, stay out of the street, and out of the way of traffic. Unlike running, bike speeds of 10 mph and faster create a dangerously short reaction time for drivers headed in the opposite direction. So, riding with the flow of traffic is the safe bet.
- 2) Be Reflective:** Reflective clothing and gear help cyclists, runners, and walkers stand out.
- 3) Brighten the Day:** Keep clothing bright and in contrast to the surrounding environment to ensure high visibility.



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NOVEMBER 2020 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 Daylight saving time ends - Fall back one hour Change smoke alarm batteries	2 Kid's Winter Coloring Contest begins online Beautification and Tree Commission, TBD, 9:00 a.m. Planning Commission TBD, 7:30 p.m. Unlimited Yard Waste Collection begins	3 Election Day	4 Council Business Session City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	5	6	7 Holiday Decorating Fluffing Day, Recreation Annex, 9:30 a.m.
8	9	10 Holiday Decorating Day Universalist Church, 9:30 a.m. Environmental Advisory Commission City Hall, 5:00 p.m.	11 Veterans Day Landmarks Commission TBD, 7:00 p.m. Holiday Decorating Day Universalist Church, 9:30 a.m. (rain date)	12	13	14 CPR/First Aid Certification Class CANCELLED
15	16 Planning Commission TBD, 7:30 p.m.	17 Sister Cities Commission TBD, 6:30 p.m.	18 Council Work Session City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	19	20	21 Cardboard Recycling 7315 Cornell Road 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
22	23 Arts Commission TBD, 5:00 p.m.	24 Board of Zoning Appeals TBD, 7:00 p.m.	25 Sycamore Community Schools Thanksgiving Break Begins	26 Thanksgiving Day City Offices closed, trash pick-up as usual	27 City offices closed, trash pick-up as usual	28
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