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# BULLETIN

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## CITY INVESTIGATES PROPOSED ROUNDABOUT

### The City of Montgomery seeks input on the design of a proposed roundabout at the Pfeiffer and Deerfield Roads intersection.

The City's engineering consultant, Strand Associates, is beginning the design process of a proposed single-lane roundabout to replace the four-way stop at the intersection of Pfeiffer Road and Deerfield Road.

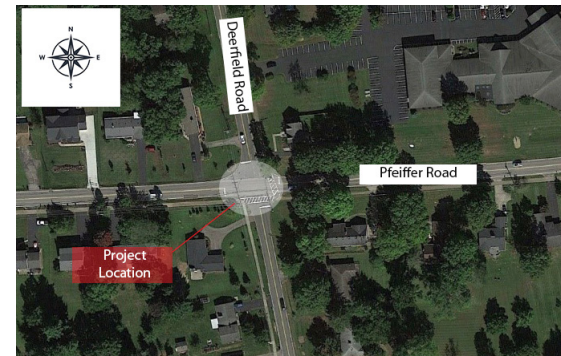
The purpose of implementing a roundabout at this location is to improve traffic flow, air quality, and safety. The project has been

selected for the Highway Safety Improvement Program grant funding for engineering and right-of-way acquisition, and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant funding for construction. Construction on this project is anticipated to occur in 2022.

Look for further updates on this project in an upcoming Bulletin and on the City's website, including an announcement about a future open house for the proposed roundabout design.

Regular updates will be provided on

the City's website as work progresses. For additional information on this or other projects, please contact Gary Heitkamp, public works director, at 513-792-8321 or [gheitkamp@montgomeryohio.org](mailto:gheitkamp@montgomeryohio.org).



## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION HOSTS SAVE THE FOOD SEMINAR

The Montgomery Environmental Advisory Commission will host a Save the Food Seminar on Thursday, March 19, at 6:30 p.m. at Montgomery City Hall. This interactive seminar, taught by Jenny Lohmann of the Hamilton County Solid Waste District, will focus on ways to reduce wasted food. Ms. Lohmann will teach how to prevent food waste while incorporating other waste reduction and recycling tips. She will discuss proper food



storage, identify cultural shifts such as portion distortion, and the misconceptions behind date labeling of foods. Attendees will leave armed with the information and resources needed to prevent wasting and an understanding of the true value of our resources.

To register for this informative seminar, go to [montgomeryohio.org/save-the-food/](http://montgomeryohio.org/save-the-food/).

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## BETHESDA NORTH HOSPITAL - INVESTING IN THE NEXT 50 YEARS



**Chris Dobrozsi**  
Mayor

Bethesda North Hospital held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open the Harold M. & Eugenia S. Thomas Comprehensive Care Center on January 16. The \$80 million facility is the new front door to the hospital campus, and its innovative design sets the tone of the world-class care that will be provided within its four walls.

The Center will be home to easily accessible integrated care and service all under one roof. This includes the TriHealth Cancer Institute Clinic, The Mary Jo Cropper Family Center for Breast Care, TriHealth Heart Institute, and Imaging and Lab Services. All of this was made possible by a generous donation by Harold and Eugenia Thomas.

It was truly an honor to participate in the opening ceremony along with my fellow council members as well as several of the City's dedicated staff. As I listened and learned about all the world-class health care that existed on campus, as well as the expanded health care services to

be available in the new facility, I realized that we are all truly fortunate to have this level of health care right here in the city of Montgomery. Hoping we never need it - but feeling comfort knowing that it exists so close to home.

Bethesda North Hospital Campus opened its doors in the city of Montgomery in 1970, in a pioneering move to bring healthcare where its clients were living - the rapidly expanding suburbs. The site was previously the Radabaugh Farm and Homestead, and the hospital occupies approximately 88 acres of land. In addition to its pioneering location, the hospital also included a new model to the healthcare industry, including leadership in mammography, inpatient psychology, cardiac care, full-time emergency room service and an outpatient surgery center on the campus.

Throughout the years, Bethesda North Hospital has been a community-minded partner and has grown to become the single largest employer in the city of Montgomery, with over 3,200 employees. In terms of operational beds, the hospital has 360 adult beds, 12 newborn Level II beds and 51 bassinets. Last year, Bethesda North Hospital registered over 52,600 emergency department visits, delivered over 3,800 babies, and performed over 800 heart surgeries.

I can only imagine the vision, risk, and determination it took 50 years ago to build a new hospital right here in the city of Montgomery; nor can I imagine the same vision, risk, and determination it took 25 years ago when Bethesda North Hospital joined TriHealth - one of the most integrated health care systems in the United States. I witnessed, first-hand, this same vision, risk, and determination at the ribbon-cutting for the Harold M. & Eugenia S. Thomas Comprehensive Care Center as the doors opened to the world-class health care leading the way to the next 50 years - right here in the city of Montgomery.

Do you know what businesses call the former Montgomery Community Fire Company building home? This building was the second home to the Montgomery Community Fire Company. The Fire Company used to be located on Shelly Lane, in the building now occupied by Don's Auto, but moved to this location on Cooper Road in 1967. The Fire Company did not move to the Safety Center at the corner of Hopewell and Montgomery

Roads until 1996 after becoming the City of Montgomery Fire Department in 1992 by a vote of City Council. Today, Elizabeth Grace Home and My Body of Change are found at 7809 Cooper Road.



The fire company on Shelly Lane - now home to Don's Auto.



The Montgomery Community Fire Company on Cooper Road.

## COUNCIL CORNER

Montgomery City Council met in its regular monthly Work Session on February 19, 2020 at City Hall. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m., with public comment welcomed on each item before City Council.

### Pending Legislation

**An Ordinance** Amending Chapter 151.30 of The Code of Ordinance To Enact New Regulations For The Heritage Overlay District (2nd Reading)

### New Legislation

**An Ordinance** Enacting And Adopting The 2019 Recodification To The Code Of Ordinances And Declaring An Emergency

**A Resolution** Approving A Construction Agreement with Brandicorp, LLC For The Montgomery Quarter Public Improvements

**An Ordinance** To Amend Appropriations For Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Montgomery, State Of Ohio, During The Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2020

**An Ordinance** Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed \$20,000,000 Special Obligation Revenue Bonds Of The City Of Montgomery; Providing For The Pledge Of Revenues For The Payment Of Such Bonds; Authorizing A Trust Agreement Appropriate For The Protection And Disposition Of Such Revenues To Further Secure Such Bonds; Authorizing An Official Statement; Authorizing Other Necessary And Appropriate Documents; And Authorizing Other Actions In Connection With The Issuance Of Such Bonds This legislation authorizes the issuance of \$20,000,000 in TIF Bonds to support the public improvements for the Montgomery Quarter Project. The Bonds are to be repaid from payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) generated from the private improvements to be developed on the site. In a separate Service Agreement, these PILOT payments are pledged to support repayment of the bonds

### RECENT COUNCIL ACTION - Approved Legislation

#### February 5, 2020

##### RESOLUTION 7, 2020

A Resolution Estimating the Probable Amount of Public Monies to be Deposited, Setting a Date for the Designation of Public Depositories and Authorizing Notice

##### RESOLUTION 8, 2020

A Resolution Declaring a Moratorium on the Collection of Building and Zoning Permit Fees for Solar Installations

These pieces of approved legislation can be reviewed on the City's website at [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org).

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR APRIL

### Basket Planting (Adults)

Tuesday, April 7, 9:00 a.m. - 11/11:30 p.m.  
Public Works Building 7315 Cornell Road

**Help plant the hanging baskets that will decorate the city**

For more specific information about this short-term project, contact DeAnna Gross at 513-792-8329 or [dgross@montgomeryohio.org](mailto:dgross@montgomeryohio.org).





## 2019 WINTER SEASONS OF BEAUTY AWARD WINNER SELECTED

The City of Montgomery Beautification and Tree Commission has awarded the 2019 Winter Seasons of Beauty award to Todd and Christy Majeski of Escondido Drive.

The window boxes, designed by WOW Window Boxes, were planted with greenery, red berries, and fresh magnolia leaves. For an extra holiday “pop,” ornaments and glitter spray were added to catch the sunlight and glow throughout the day. The door garland and small pines were lit at night with simple white lighting. Wreaths hung from each window, and urns were decorated with entertaining upside-down elf legs and colorful, glittery accents. The entire home celebrated the

arrival of winter with both a classical and whimsical nod to the holiday season.

The *Seasons of Beauty* award recognizes homes in Montgomery with special front yards, window boxes, and planters that peak during certain seasons as well as those homes with decorative features that celebrate the “season” or holiday.

Nominate your home or neighbor’s home by emailing a photo and short description to [aaronkellenberger@gmail.com](mailto:aaronkellenberger@gmail.com). The spring award winner will be selected in March/April and will be announced in the May Montgomery Bulletin.

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

The Montgomery Public Works Department will provide a spring curbside bulk brush collection of brush and limbs and is scheduled to begin on April 6. This collection period will be conducted over a five-week period. Each pick-up week is determined by the regular trash collection schedule. Please have brush out at the curb by Sunday evening of your collection week.

Trash Day	Brush Pick-Up Week
Monday	Week of April 6
Tuesday	Week of April 13
Wednesday	Week of April 20
Thursday	Week of April 27
Friday	Week of May 4

### GUIDELINES

Residents are required to place brush curbside on the Sunday immediately prior to the scheduled collection week as material placed curbside after the chipper crew has passed will not be picked up.

- Brush containing nails, metal, stones or excessive dirt will not be picked up.

- 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. Shorter branches, twigs and clippings should be placed in yard waste bags and/or cans to be picked up by Rumpke on your regular waste collection day.
- Brush and limbs must be placed at the edge of the road or along the curb behind the sidewalk with the “cut” ends of brush toward the street in small piles. Please do not create large stacks or interwoven piles with “cut” ends placed in different directions as this makes the material difficult for crews to separate for collection.
- Brush piles that are tied into bundles or are tangled will not be picked up.
- Stumps, root balls and logs are **not** to be placed curbside for brush collection, but may be placed out for Rumpke waste collection on the regularly scheduled day. Each item must not weigh more than 60 pounds.

For additional information, please contact City Hall at 513-891-2424. The fall brush pickup schedule will be published in the September bulletin and starts Sept. 14.

**Tips to organize the brush and the pick-up schedules are also on the Montgomery website, [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org).**

## HELP US IMPROVE CITY WEBSITE

Have you ever visited the City of Montgomery website, [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org)? Did you find the information that you needed?

Relevant City website statistics point to increasing use.

- The website receives over 300,000 visits per year. In the 2015 resident survey, 79 percent rated the website as useful, but much has changed in five years.
- Nearly 60 percent of all pool memberships, class registrations, and park facility reservations are now conducted online.
- Website visitors using mobile devices has increased from 35 percent in 2015 to 58 percent today, and this trend will continue.

The City of Montgomery website contains:

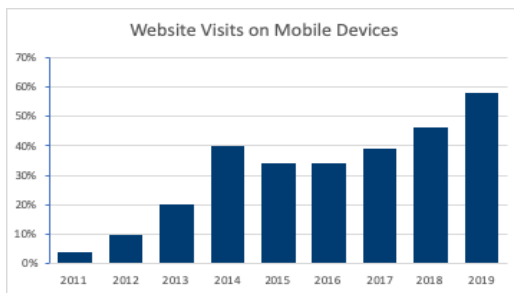
- Nearly 700 pages of content for all types of visitors, including residents, guests, and businesses.
- Services offered include pool memberships, lodge, and park shelter reservations, and recreation and event registrations.

- Content such as City Council agendas, legislation, and meeting dates.
- Links to an extensive history of Montgomery, including a podcast about the 1999 tornado.

These data points are just a brief glimpse into the wide range of the content that is available on the City website.

Over the next several months, the City of Montgomery will be reviewing the current website to improve digital services and make the website a useful tool for our residents and visitors.

We would love to hear your feedback. Please complete the short survey on Open Town Hall at [montgomeryohio.org/pages/open-town-hall](http://montgomeryohio.org/pages/open-town-hall) to share your ideas. We look forward to hearing from you!



## ENJOY A NEW ROLE – JOIN A COMMISSION

The City is looking for individuals to make the commitment to be more involved in the leadership of their community. The following City Commissions might be the place to do so. The initial step in getting involved, is to attend an upcoming meeting of the commission to learn more about their project work and to meet the current members.

There are no special qualifications required to volunteer for any Montgomery board or commission.

For further information and/or to apply for an above position, contact DeAnna Gross, volunteer coordinator, at 513-792-8329 or [dgross@montgomeryohio.org](mailto:dgross@montgomeryohio.org).

### Arts Commission

Members foster and promote the visual and performing arts within our City. The Commission 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 are authorized by City Council and reports its progress annually on projects and activities within its responsibility. Programs and events include the Photo Contest, Live at the Uni Concert Series, July 3 Patriotic Concert, a public art project and a kids' art program. **Meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m.**

### Environmental Advisory Commission

Members provide education and information to the public and are a resource for the City on yard waste, recycling, storm water management, water resources management, air pollution control, noise pollution control, soil and landscape protection and protection of flora and fauna. Commission members assist with Adopt-a-Spot, Cardboard Recycling, City-wide garage sale, One-Stop-Drop, and educational programs. **Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m.**

## YARD WASTE COLLECTION TO RESUME MARCH 2

Beginning March 2, weekly Rumpke yard waste collection will resume at no charge for all one and two-family residential homes.

The program limits collection to three bags, cans, or bundles at each residence (or one 90-gallon yard waste toter). Extra bags, cans or bundles require one \$3.00 Rumpke waste sticker per item. Additional 90-gallon toters will require three stickers each after the first toter. Stickers are available at Montgomery Kroger or Montgomery City Hall during regular business hours.

Loosely place yard waste in trash cans or in paper yard waste bags, which are commonly available at grocery or hardware stores. **Do not** place bags in the curb lane on the street. If you place the material in a



garbage can or toter, please label it as “yard waste,” so it is not inadvertently collected as trash. **Do not** dispose of plants in plastic planter tubs, separate plants for yard waste and plastic for recycling.

Place yard waste on the opposite side of the driveway from regular trash. Leave the lids off cans containing yard waste. Freezing conditions seal the lids, which does not allow for easy removal of yard waste. **No plastic bags will be accepted.**

The brush should be bundled in sizes up to 4 feet in length and 2 feet in diameter. Fasten the organic material with cotton twine (No wire or plastic ties, please).

Limbs need to be cut into 4-foot lengths and no larger than 6 inches in diameter.

## PARK SHELTER RESERVATIONS OPEN MARCH 2

Reservations of Montgomery park shelters will be available on Monday, March 2, at 8:00 am through Saturday, Oct. 31. Park shelter reservations may be made online or in-person at City Hall. Reservations are not available over the phone.

Park shelter reservations are only available to Montgomery residents, businesses, and employees of

Montgomery businesses. Nonresidents may use the shelters on a first-come, first-serve basis as long as there is no reservation. A reservation list is posted at each park shelter.

For further information, please call Montgomery City Hall at 513-891-2424. Reservations can be made online at [montgomeryohio.org/pages/reserve-a-shelter/](http://montgomeryohio.org/pages/reserve-a-shelter/).



## RECYCLING REMINDERS

Are you an avid recycler who diligently makes sure to dispose of your items in your recycle cart? Are you placing these items in a plastic bag when you do recycle? If you are, your items will not go to the recycling facility but rather are being placed in the landfill.

As a reminder, plastic trash bags are not recyclable, so items placed in them are not dumped and sorted by Rumpke. Keep in mind that single-stream sorting

technology allows each household to mix all of the recyclables in the Recycle cart. There is no need to separate items. **As a rule of thumb, place all items into the container loose and not in plastic trash bags.**



If you need a reminder of what can be recycled, visit the following link to view all acceptable items, and remember, no bags needed! Learn more at [montgomeryohio.org/pages/recycling/](http://montgomeryohio.org/pages/recycling/).

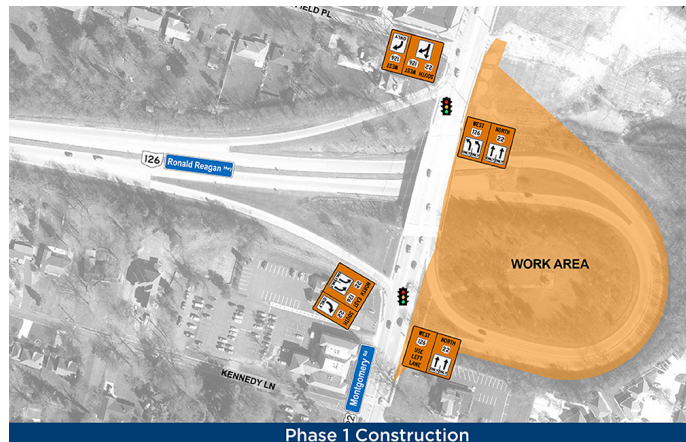
## ROUNDBOUT CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN IN MARCH

Construction of the roundabout project at the intersection of Montgomery Road and Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway will begin in March. The contractor, John R. Jurgensen, will start by widening the pavement of the Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway ramps on the west side of Montgomery Road. This work should only take a week or two. After this work, "Phase 1" of construction will begin, which involves a significant change in existing traffic patterns.

The Northbound Montgomery Road ramp onto Westbound Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway and the Eastbound Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway ramp onto Northbound Montgomery Road access points will close.

Two temporary traffic signals will be installed on Montgomery Road at the ramps located north and south of the bridge.

Modifications will be made to the traffic signage and pavement striping on Montgomery Road to arrange this new traffic pattern.



The temporary traffic signal on the north side of the bridge will be for all Montgomery Road traffic approaching from the north and south to access Westbound Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway. The temporary traffic signal on the south side of the bridge will be for all Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway traffic approaching from the west to proceed either north or south on Montgomery Road. Anticipate "Phase 1" construction to last four to eight weeks.

Expect delays during construction. Please use an alternate route if one is available. More details on the construction phasing and schedule will be provided on the City's website at [montgomeryohio.org/montgomery-roundabout-information/](http://montgomeryohio.org/montgomery-roundabout-information/) and in future Montgomery Bulletins.

Regular construction updates will be provided on the City's website as work progresses. For additional information on this or other projects, please contact Gary Heitkamp, public works director, at 513-792-8321 or [gheitkamp@montgomeryohio.org](mailto:gheitkamp@montgomeryohio.org).

## SAFELY CONTROL INSECTS

As spring approaches and insects become active, the use of pest-control measures will increase. Whenever using or having insecticides applied, please remember that most of these chemicals act as neurotoxins to both insects and other animals. The use of pesticides should be limited and well-controlled to protect both beneficial insects and other animals in and around your yard. These key points will help control insects.

- Employ good pest prevention practices by limiting or removing sources of food, water, and shelter for insects.
- Attract birds and other beneficial insects to your yard. These will naturally keep insect pests in check and be entertaining to watch.

- When applying pesticides, make very localized application by using traps or spraying locally around foundations. *Fogging should only be used in an enclosed environment where the pesticide is well-controlled and exposure to humans or pets is avoided for the recommended amount of time for the fog to settle and penetrate.*
- For yard-wide infestation of grubs, consider natural treatments such as Milky Spore or beneficial nematode treatments. These natural treatments are much safer than pesticides and effectively control grubs.
- Plant plants that repel insects – several plants repel insects, including mosquitos. These should be considered in place of widespread pesticide use, and they

brighten up your yard as well! As far as repellants go, it is always better to use a localized repellent rather than the widespread application of insecticides.

Please remember, overuse of insecticides is hazardous to our environment and those around us. Over-spraying and fogging destroy beneficial insects, weakens our natural habitat, and is an annoyance to our neighbors. A little forethought, creativity, experimentation and tolerance can go a long way to protecting our environment and preserving the harmony of nature.

See website article for weblinks to more information.

Source: National Pesticide Information Center at Oregon State University and [gardeningknowhow.com](http://gardeningknowhow.com)



## WHEN TO CALL 911?

**It's important to know what to do in a medical emergency—it can save a life.** One of the first questions to ask is whether the situation you are dealing with is truly an emergency that requires a trip to the emergency department. According to the American College of Emergency Physicians, these items below are all warning signs of a medical emergency.

- Bleeding that will not stop
- Breathing problems (difficulty breathing, shortness of breath)
- Change in mental status (such as unusual behavior, confusion, difficulty arousing)
- Chest pain or pressure
- Choking
- Coughing up or vomiting blood
- Fainting or loss of consciousness
- Any loss of movement of your leg, arm or face
- Any loss of coordination or problems with balance
- A feeling of committing suicide
- Head or spine injury
- Severe or persistent vomiting or diarrhea
- Sudden injury due to a motor vehicle accident, burns or smoke inhalation, near drowning, deep or large wound, etc.
- Sudden, severe pain anywhere in the body
- Sudden dizziness, weakness, or change in vision
- Swallowing a poisonous substance
- Upper abdominal pain or pressure

### Call 911, if the person you are helping:

- Is unconscious, gasping for air, or not breathing.
- Is experiencing an allergic reaction, chest pain, uncontrollable bleeding, or any other symptoms that require immediate medical attention.
- Could be injured if they are moved (such as if they have been in a motor vehicle accident or have a neck injury).

### Call 911 if you are experiencing a medical emergency and are alone

- Do not drive yourself to the hospital if you are having severe chest pain or severe bleeding.
- Do not drive to the hospital if you think you might faint or if your vision is impaired.

For certain medical emergencies, such as a heart attack or stroke, taking an ambulance is safer because paramedics can deliver life-saving care on the way to the hospital.

To prepare yourself and your family for an emergency, here are steps to take:

- Know where the closest emergency department is and the fastest way to get there.
- Post emergency phone numbers by the phone, such as the poison control center, your doctors' phone numbers, and contacts for neighbors or nearby friends or relatives.
- If you have a chronic medical condition, wear a medical ID tag.
- If you are elderly and live alone, get a personal emergency response system.

Information provided by TriHealth, Cincinnati, Ohio; and Montefiore Nyack Hospital, Rockland County, NY.



**Firefighter/Paramedics Brian Brownfield (left) and Brian James are prepared to attend to your medical emergency if ever needed.**

Note: If you are not sure whether the situation is truly an emergency, call 911 and let the dispatcher decide whether you need emergency help. The 911 dispatcher will be able to tell you what to do until help arrives, such as providing step-by-step instructions to help someone who needs CPR or first aid, or who is choking.



## FOLLOW THESE SPRING CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

As you plan outdoor spring activities and vacations, remember that **this is an opportune time for crime**. Homes are often unlocked with open windows and doors, garages, and autos. Valuables – cell phones, briefcases, purses, laptops, and bikes – are often left in plain view. Blooming trees and shrubs can block streetlights and the Police Department’s view from the street into your yard and home.

### Learn to keep crime at bay with these tips for enjoying a safe spring season.

“**Locks, lights, and neatly trimmed shrubbery**” are keys to home and personal security.

- **Install lighting**, such as motion lights or dusk to dawn detector lights, on the home’s exterior.
- **Trim shrubbery** around your home to eliminate hiding places.
- **Be sure that door locks are sturdy, functioning, and of the proper type**, such as a dead bolt or key to key, where glass is present. Have all locks keyed to only one key.
- Be sure that double-hung casement and sliding **windows function and lock properly**.
- Your **address should be clearly visible** from the street for emergency and identification purposes.
- **Close and lock your garage door** when you are not nearby. Place valuables stored in the garage in a locking device not visible from the street when the garage door is open.
- **Do not leave bikes unattended**. Lock your bikes, even if you are going to be away for only a few moments.

- **Alarm Systems** are effective if installed by a licensed company. Use the alarm system even if you go out for a short time.
- If you sleep on the second floor of your home, **keep all first-floor doors and windows closed and locked**.
- **Vacation planning** is extremely important. Use light timers and notify the Police Department when you leave by calling 513-985-1600 to be put on the “Vacation Watch” list. Have a neighbor or friend keep an eye on your home and pick up mail and newspapers.
- **Spring Break** has presented a new problem of teens giving their friends the garage access codes, so the friends have a place to party. The parents are unaware, and this can present some unwanted surprises. Have this conversation with your teens and request neighbors watch the home for you while you are away.
- **Be aware of your surroundings and those around you** when you walk, jog, or bike.
- Always **secure your vehicle when unattended** and secure personal property such as radar detectors, GPS devices, cell phones, purses, money, and any other valuables. These items should be placed in the trunk or taken with you.
- Look into exterior **home video options** such as doorbell video cameras such as Ring or Nest. These act as a deterrent and are an effective apprehension tool. Systems are now very affordable.

Remember, every theft is a crime of opportunity. By following the listed tips, you can reduce the possibility of becoming a victim. For more information, contact the Montgomery Police Crime Prevention Specialists, Officers Martin, Guilkey, or Sgt. Plaatje, at 513-985-1600.



## PLANNING AHEAD FOR TAX FILING

Here is some important information to know as you prepare to file your Montgomery return.

The due date for filing Montgomery tax returns is April 15, 2020

Montgomery has mandatory filing. All residents are required to file regardless of age or income minimum, with the exception of individuals who have established retired status with the Montgomery tax office.

The following additional forms **must** be included to process your return: the front page of your Federal 1040

form, Federal Schedule 1, and copies of **all** W-2 forms. Late filing penalties may be charged for incomplete returns.

Tax forms and instructions are available on the tax page of the City website at [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org).

The tax office staff is available to assist with the preparation of your Montgomery return. Anyone who needs assistance can visit the tax office anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. No appointment is necessary.

Questions? Call 513-792-8333 to speak to a staff member.



## SPRING RAINS BRING STORMWATER AND RUN-OFF

Stormwater management plays an important role in reducing the chance of flooding inside your home. Homeowners should be aware of the drainage system on their property to ensure that it is properly functioning. Most residential lots utilize a swale system to move water away from and around the home. Below are some key factors to understanding your drainage system.

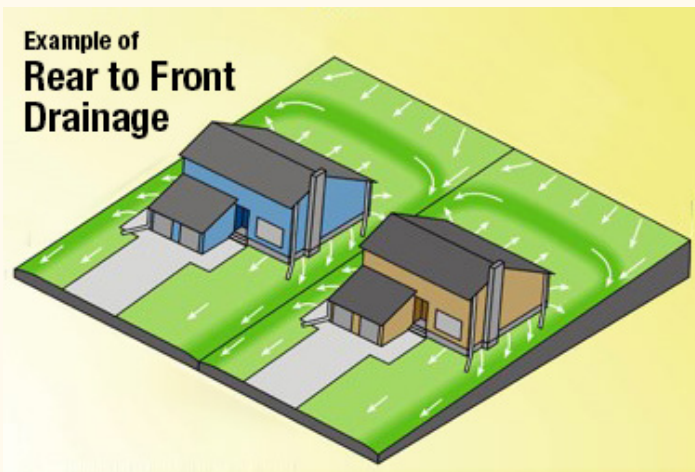
### Drainage swales:

- Are shallow-sided, sloped ditches designed to carry surface run-off from a property, towards the nearest street, catch basin or stormwater retention basin, or downhill property.
- Are typically located along common property lines and sometimes at the back of a lot.

- Should be graded and maintained following the approved lot grading plan.
- Must be unobstructed and free draining. Residents are encouraged not to place sheds, landscaping, or any other obstructions in a drainage swale.
- Be cautious when planting trees in a swale, as over time, a large tree can adversely impact drainage.
- Keep fences at least six inches above the bottom of a swale to allow water and small debris to pass under it.

For questions related to lot drainage, please contact Nick Miller, construction compliance inspector, at 513-792-8322, or Melissa Hays, zoning and code compliance officer, at 513-792-8347.

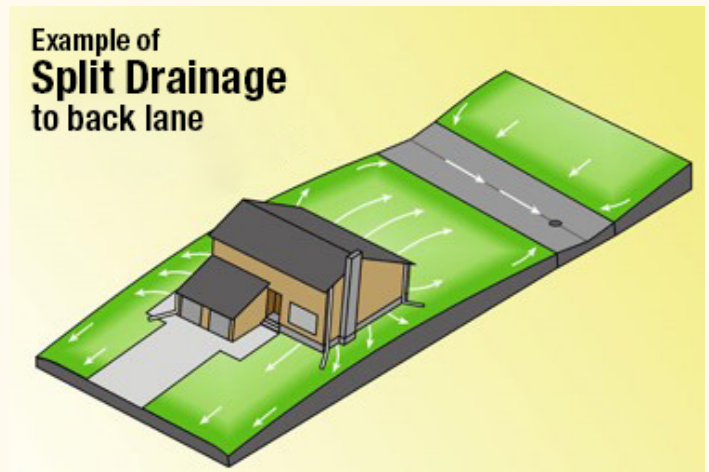
There are generally two types of lot drainage:



### Rear-to-front drainage

- The rear lot line is the high point on the lot.
- Surface water on the property is drained to side yard swales along the common lot line and out the front of the property toward the street.

Image credit: City of Winnipeg, Water and Waste Department



### Split drainage to a rear yard swale

- The highest elevation is set near the midpoint on the property.
- Surface drainage then flows to the street and to the rear lot line onto a rear yard swale.

## SEEKING VETERANS FOR JULY 3 PATRIOTIC CONCERT

The sound of the Armed Forces Salute by the Blue Ash Montgomery Symphony Orchestra is a tradition on July 3 as veterans are recognized during this part of the concert. In addition, during the opening remarks, a few veterans are honored as the mayor reads about the life of a veteran. If you are a veteran or if you know of a veteran who lives in the Blue Ash Montgomery area who may be interested in being seated by the orchestra and recognized during the opening remarks, please contact Mary Jo Byrnes at 513-702-2979, mjbyrnes1@gmail.com or Julie Machon at 513-792-8316, jmachon@montgomeryohio.org. The City of Montgomery would like to honor them for their service to the country.



## SPONSOR A COMMUNITY EVENT IN 2020

Want to feature your business on the City website or in the Montgomery Bulletin? Want to be a part of the hometown community events that make Montgomery truly unique? Want to support the Montgomery community with a sponsorship contribution?

The City of Montgomery's recreation team is planning the City's annual special events for 2020. With the various events, including the July 3 Concert, July 4 Festival, Bastille Day, Car Show, and Dogfest and K-9 Kerplunk, there are many sponsorship opportunities available to organizations of any size. Businesses interested in discussing sponsorship opportunities should contact Julie Machon at 513-792-8316 or jmachon@montgomeryohio.org.



## YOUTH 20 SUMMER CAMPS 20

Please visit the Youth Programs page at <a href="http://montgomeryohio.org">montgomeryohio.org</a> for detailed information and registration for each summer camp.		<b>TENNIS</b> WELLER PARK AGES 5-15 JUNE 1, 3, 8, 10	<b>BOARD GAME DEVELOPMENT</b> TERWILLIGER LODGE AGES 8-14 JUNE 15-19
<b>KIDS YOGA</b> RECREATION ANNEX AGES 7-8 JUNE 15 & 17	<b>KIDS YOGA</b> RECREATION ANNEX AGES 9-11 JUNE 16 & 18	<b>JR. NINJA WARRIOR</b> NATI NINJA GYM AGES 5-14 JUNE 22-26	<b>E-SPORTS TOURNAMENT</b> TERWILLIGER LODGE AGES 8-14 JULY 6-10
<b>CREATIVE ARTS</b> TERWILLIGER LODGE AGES 6-12 JULY 13-17	<b>MULTI SPORTS</b> WELLER PARK AGES 5-10 JULY 20-24	<b>SOCCER</b> WELLER PARK AGES 5-10 JULY 20-24	<b>LEGO ROBOTICS</b> TERWILLIGER LODGE AGES 8-14 JULY 27-31

For questions please contact Sarah Fink at [sfink@montgomeryohio.org](mailto:sfink@montgomeryohio.org)

33rd Annual  
PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



Sneak Preview Reception  
SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020

Reception & Awards  
SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

Adult & Student Entries Accepted  
MARCH 2-27

Judges:

Liz Dufour, Cincinnati Enquirer Visual Journalist

Emily Hanako Momohara, Cincinnati Art Academy Associate Professor

H. Michael Sanders, University of Cincinnati Blue Ash Electronic Media Communications

Find rules and requirements @  
[montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org)

"Pages" by Victoria Wesloh



"Ruby Reduced" by Emily Hertlein





Visit



Relax





Jump in



Slide down

Join us at the Montgomery Community Pool this summer!  
Pool season memberships go on sale at 8:00 a.m. on March 4 at [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org)

All equipment is provided for these classes.

## Kids Yoga Programs

Looking for a class where your child can release some energy and strengthen their bodies while also learning how to focus and feel calm using fun breathing and relaxation techniques?

Join us for kids' yoga where they will learn fun new poses, yoga games, relaxation stories and so much more!  
All skill levels and abilities are welcome.

**Parent / Child Yoga**  
 Ages 3-6  
 Thursdays 3/26 - 4/16  
 10:30 - 11:00 am  
 \$30 Residents  
 \$35 Non-Residents

**Kids Yoga**  
 Ages 6-8  
 Mondays 3/23 - 4/27  
 4:00 - 4:45 pm  
 \$40 Residents  
 \$45 Non-Residents

Classes will be held at the Recreation Annex Building located at 10115 Montgomery Rd.

Registration available at [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org)

For more information please contact Sarah Fink at [sfink@montgomeryohio.org](mailto:sfink@montgomeryohio.org)

# MAKOS SWIM TEAM 2020

In 2019, the Montgomery Makos Swim Team completed a great season and the Makos had their largest team ever. Join the 170+ team of swimmers who will all work toward skill development and summer fun. The Makos Swim Team is a great way to make new friends in the community. Strengthening your swimming skills, in a fun team atmosphere, is the bonus.

Type	Mini Makos	Junior Team	Makos regular, full team	Teen Rate - Swim team
Age	4- 6	5-10	5-18	13 and up
Time commitment	6 weeks June 8 - July 15 12 practices	8 weeks May 26-July 18 16 practices	8 weeks May 26-July 18 39 practices	Same as regular, full team Makos
Scheduled Practice Time	Mondays and Wednesdays 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.	2 practices Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:15 - 11:00 a.m.	5 practices per week Monday through Friday 1 hour between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Practice times will be announced mid/late May.	↓
Meet Participation	1-2 home mini meets Date and time TBD	1-2 home mini meets Date and time TBD Plus, Any Invitationals you choose, Date/time TBD There is a fee to partici- pate in each invitational	All home and away meets, invitationals  Dates of meets will be announced in April	
Championships at Miami University	No participation	May participate If swimmer participated in 2 meets (mini and/or Invitational)	Yes	
Geared for:	First time swimmers Understand what a team is like Have fun, enjoy swimming Work toward swimming a lap without stopping	Families that need/want a lesser commitment to practice, & less commit- ment with meets	Swimmers to have fun and improve their personal skills.	
Coaching Staff	2020 swim team coaches	→		
Fee	\$60 Per swimmer	\$75 Per swimmer	\$115 first swimmer \$90 additional swimmers	\$57.50 This is a 50% discount on full team
Pool Membership Required for all types	Required Full season	Required Full season	Required Full season	\$67.50 This is a 50% discount on a single full season membership
Service Deposit	None	None	\$75	None
Parent Participation	No volunteer commitment	Parent volunteer 1 work session	Parent volunteer 5 work sessions	No volunteer commitment

## When does registration begin?

	RETURNING FULL MAKOS swim team member from the 2019 season:	RETURNING JUNIOR AND MINI MAKOS team member from the 2019 season	NEW to the team or a past member not from the 2019 pool season:
Registration begins:	March 4 - March 13, 8:00 a.m.	March 23, 8:00 a.m.	March 25, 8:00 a.m.

## Register online at [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org).

For more information contact City Hall at 513.891.2424. Join the Makos this year and make a summer of great memories!

### Other dates to note:

Monday, April 20, 6:30 p.m. Parent Informational Meeting, Terwilliger Lodge, Dulle Park.

Saturday, May 2, stop by between 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Suit Fitting, Swaim Lodge, Swaim Park





## FITNESS

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

**Registration for 2020 - Session B of fitness classes is open.** Please visit the fitness page at [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org) for class descriptions, important information and registration.

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

Fitness Class Schedule 2020 - Session B						
Day	Class Name	Dates of Session	Session Length	Time of Class	Res.	Non-Res.
Mon.	Mixed Level Yoga	3/9 - 4/27	8 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Tue.	Cardio Strength and Stretched *	3/10 - 4/28	8 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Tue.	Tai Chi	3/10 - 4/28	8 classes	10:20-11:20 a.m.	\$80	\$90
Tue.	Pilates	3/10 - 4/28	8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45
Wed.	Mixed Level Yoga	3/11 - 4/29	8 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Wed.	Beginner Level Yoga	3/11 - 4/29	8 classes	10:45-11:45 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Wed.	Chair Yoga	3/11 - 4/29	8 classes	12:00 -1:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45
Thur.	Cardio Strength and Stretched *	3/12 - 4/30	8 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Thur.	Pilates	3/12 - 4/30	8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45

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

## PENG ZU QI GONG WITH HONG YANG

Join us as we explore Peng Zu Qi Gong during a special weekend workshop. This ancient imperial qi gong set is a powerful way to gather energy and heal the body, leading to better health and a tranquil state of mind. It is easy to learn and perfect for tai chi participants wanting to improve their relaxation and skill. This workshop is open to beginners and more advanced practitioners. This workshop is led by Master Trainer Ralph Dehner and guest instructor Hong Yang. Hong Yang grew up in China in Yang Village and started her formal Tai Chi and Qi Gong training at the age of 5. Hong is a seven-time International champion in Tai Chi Forms, Sword and Push-Hands. She is also a Ph.D. candidate in Yi Ching Philosophy.

This workshop will be held at the Recreation Annex on March 20-22, 2020. The cost is \$250 per person. Please visit [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org) for more details and to register.

*Please note: This is a skill-builder workshop that is intended to teach qi gong for self-care only and does not certify participants to teach.*





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MARCH 2020 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Beautification & Tree Commission Public Works 9:00 a.m. Planning Commission City Hall 7:30 p.m. Yard Waste Pick up Resumes	3	4 Council Business Session City Hall 7:00 p.m. Pool memberships on sale today	5	6	7
8 Daylight saving time begins, spring ahead one hour Change batteries in smoke detectors BAMSO Concert, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 10345 Montgomery Road, 7:00 p.m.	9	10 Environmental Advisory Commission City Hall 5:00 p.m.	11 Landmarks Commission City Hall 7:00 p.m.	12 Parks & Recreation Commission City Hall 6:30 p.m.	13	14
15	16 Planning Commission City Hall 7:30 p.m.	17 Sister Cities Commission City Hall 6:30 p.m.	18 Council Work Session City Hall 7:00 p.m.	19 Save the Food Event City Hall 6:30 p.m.	20	21 Cardboard Recycling 7315 Cornell Road 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
22	23 Arts Commission City Hall 5:00 p.m.	24 Board of Zoning Appeals City Hall 7:00 p.m.	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				