



CONSTRUCTION BEGINS AT MONTGOMERY QUARTER

Site preparation for Phase 1 of the Montgomery Quarter project is substantially complete, and two parking garages are underway. The construction of the parking garages by Gateway Partners Montgomery, LLC, is the next step in bringing the long-awaited development to fruition and will allow for vertical construction of buildings to begin. Phase 1 includes plans for a boutique hotel, office, retail and restaurant space, condominiums, and luxury lifestyle apartments. The new mixed-use neighborhood will complement the Heritage District, provide vitality to the area, and serve as a spectacular gateway into the city that will enhance the entire community for current and future residents, businesses, and visitors.

Construction continues on the roundabout at the terminus of Ronald Regan Cross County Highway. The existing traffic pattern will remain in place throughout the winter

months, with construction resuming in the early spring. It is anticipated that the roundabout will be complete in early summer of 2021.

For more information on this project, contact Tracy Henao, Assistant City Manager / Acting Community Development Director, at thenao@montgomeryohio.org or 513-792-8312.



A LOOK BACK TO LOOK AHEAD



Craig Margolis
Vice Mayor

The year 2020 was one for the history books. I think we could all agree it has been a unique and challenging year, and our thoughts go out to anyone who has suffered a loss due to the pandemic. Through it all, the City has been steadfast in continuing to provide services and be here when you need us. Sometimes we had to deliver the usual services in unusual ways.

Here is a brief look at some of what we have done over the year and how we have reacted.

Public Meetings

Because of the emergency order issued by the State of Ohio, the City adopted hybrid meetings. The meetings are conducted using Zoom, teleconference, and also in person. This format has given the citizens of Montgomery a chance to participate in their government from the comfort and safety of their homes and ensured the City that public input was being heard.

Keeping Tradition

How do you maintain a long-standing tradition of the Independence Day Parade during a pandemic? With a healthy dose of creativity, of course! City Staff reimagined the parade by reversing it. Instead of people crowding the streets to see parade floats drive by, the floats remained stationary while the viewers drove past. The idea was so innovative it was picked by such media outlets as NPR, Fox News, and the BBC. All -the traditional participants were there, circus clowns, the fire department, and community organizations.

Why I Love My Community

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee activities have gained region-wide recognition through the nomination of the CLIMB award by the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber and a Local Government Innovation Award during the 2020 Alliance for Innovation Transforming Local Government Conference. These awards recognize organizations that develop inclusive communities and build on the belief that diversity builds a successful and attractive community.

The Project Takes Shape

The Montgomery Quarter and roundabout projects have made significant progress. Construction is well underway in the midst of much economic uncertainty. The development team announced the first anchor tenant and is busy securing additional tenants. The roundabout is on schedule and is anticipated to be complete by early summer 2021.

Working as a Team

The City government workplace was in the news again, winning, for the second year in a row, a Top Workplace award by the Cincinnati Enquirer. This award does not occur by accident. It is the result of continuous improvement and consistent efforts to create a top workplace culture. The team attends High-Performance Organization training, engages in extensive cross-training, and is directed by our skilled City Manager.

City Boards and Commissions Continued

Because of stay-at-home orders and a reluctance to congregate, the Arts Commission re-invented the Live at the Uni event. It adapted it to Zoom technology bringing first-class musical performances to the confines of our homes.

Fright Night for the Family with a Twist

Borrowing on the Independence Day reverse parade success, the Halloween Haunted Trail event attracted almost 1,000 autos filled with children and adults. The trail followed a serpentine path through Weller Park and passed by haunted ambulances, ghosts, and goblins.

Our Community Rallies to Assist Local Businesses

The City announced monetary relief for the local businesses in the form of grants to assist operations. We all cherish and depend on the local suppliers and businesses that make up our community.

Working to Keep You Informed

The City created a new website, reflecting that most viewers are using their cell phones to gather information. The makeover is designed to foster greater communication and make retrieving information easier.

Dusting Off My Crystal Ball - Here Are Some Predictions

City staff continues to innovate and re-invent how a government delivers services and engages with its' residents.

The Montgomery Quarter project will continue to attract new tenants, and the roundabout at Ronald Reagan Highway and Montgomery Road will upgrade the city infrastructure. The structures will emerge from the ground, and the project will be a success.

Scientists will create a vaccine that keeps a virus in check, allowing us to get back together.

City staff will build on the last year's innovation to provide new ways of engaging our residents to be involved with the community.

We will be able to travel again. We can then safely explore the world or even reconnect with a familiar restaurant in downtown Montgomery.

Let us have a safe and prosperous new year.

COUNCIL CORNER

Montgomery City Council met in its regular monthly Work Session on December 16, 2020 as a hybrid meeting at City Hall and via teleconference. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m., with public comment welcomed on each item before City Council.

Pending Legislation

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

New Legislation

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Reaffirm the City's Contract with National Inspection Corporation for Professional Services to Serve as Building Official and to Provide Plan Review and Field Inspection Authority and Services for the City's Building Department for the Calendar Year 2021

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with CT Consultants, Inc. for Professional Services Related to General Engineering and Architectural Services for Calendar Year 2021

A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a 2021 Spartan/Summit Metro Star Rescue Pumper from Summit Fire Apparatus and Custom Rescue Fabricators

A Ordinance Appropriating \$500,000 From the Vintage Club TIF Fund For Fiscal Year 2021 As Authorized By Amended Senate Bill #4

RECENT COUNCIL ACTION - Approved Legislation

November 18, 2020

RESOLUTION 39, 2020

A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 9, 2020 Approving A Modification to The Construction Agreement With Brandicorp, LLC For The Montgomery Quarter Project Improvements **(passed 5-yea, 1-abstain, 1-absent)**

December 2, 2020

RESOLUTION 40, 2020

A Resolution Adopting a Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for The City of Montgomery **(passed 6-yea, 1-abstain)**

RESOLUTION 41, 2020

A Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to The Current Contract with Donnellon, Donnellon and Miller for Legal Services to The City of Montgomery **(passed 7-yea, 0-nay)**

ORDINANCE 17, 2020

An Ordinance Authorizing and Ratifying A Declaration of Covenants and Reservation of Public Easements and A Memorandum of Understanding for A Lease Within the Montgomery Quarter Project Site and Declaring an Emergency **(passed 6-yea, 1-abstain)**

ORDINANCE 18, 2020

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 **(passed 6-yea, 1-abstain)**

December 16, 2020

ORDINANCE 19, 2020

An Ordinance to Modify Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the City of Montgomery, State of Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2020 **(passed 6-yea, 1-abstain)**

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

MONTGOMERY WELCOMES CINCINNATI TAEKWONDO ACADEMY

Cincinnati TaeKwonDo Academy is a modern martial arts training center that focuses on teaching traditional TaeKwonDo as well as true leadership skills. Classes have been structured for maximum results and enjoyment. Students, of course, learn all of the Kicks, Strikes and Blocks of TaeKwonDo, PLUS true self-defense training and escape techniques. Also, each 10-week training cycle focuses on one of 5 Core Tenets:

- Leadership
- Knowledge
- Strength
- Respect
- Commitment

New students being accepted at the Montgomery, OH Location!

Location/Contact Information:

9301 Montgomery Rd.-Lower Level, Cincinnati, OH 45242

Tel: 513-791-6333

www.cincinnatiaekwondoacademy.com



YOU TO THE RESCUE RESALE BOUTIQUE NOW OPEN

You To The Rescue, Inc, is a 501(c)(3) non - profit donation based upscale resale boutique located at 9510 Montgomery Road. They rehome unwanted men's, woman's, children's clothing, accessories, home goods, pet items, and small furniture to benefit animals in the Cincinnati tri-state area. Currently, their net proceeds benefit the Animal Adoption Foundation, located in Ross, Ohio. Donations are accepted during store hours, Monday-Friday 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 11:00 am. - 3:00 p.m.

Save money while enhancing the life of a shelter dog or cat. A \$10 purchase provides microchipping, \$45 provides life-saving vaccinations, and a \$65 splurge covers a spay/neuter.

Being a non-profit, You To The Rescue relies heavily on volunteers for processing donations, steaming clothing, tagging, and restocking inventory.

For additional information, contact Founder, Amy Miller at 513-476-9877 or by email at youtotherescue@gmail.com.



CITY ENCOURAGES THOUGHTFUL INFILL DEVELOPMENT THRU AWARD PROGRAM

Montgomery has witnessed a significant amount of infill redevelopment over the past twenty years, including over 300 single-family teardowns and rebuilds. In 2018, the City sought feedback regarding the impacts of single-family infill redevelopment through a residential re-construction questionnaire. A portion of respondents indicated concern with the incompatibility of new homes in established neighborhoods. In response to this feedback, the City will be encouraging builders to design homes to better blend with the neighborhood and consider the environmental impacts of a teardown by promoting the annual **Sensitive Infill Award**.

Nominees will be required to submit a nomination form and provide information regarding how their project took into consideration the existing contextual surroundings, including massing, size, scale, and architectural features. In addition, the City will evaluate the use of green building techniques, recycling of materials, and tree preservation. The City looks forward to implementing this new award in 2021, highlighting infill projects that demonstrate building cohesiveness and environmental sensitivity. For more information on this program, please contact Melissa Hays, zoning and code compliance officer, at mhays@montgomeryohio.org.



CITY AWARDS RELIEF GRANTS TO 25 LOCAL BUSINESSES

In November, the City rolled out the Montgomery Cares Small Business Relief Grant program to help businesses prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. The program offered potential grants of \$2,500 or \$5,000 to Montgomery businesses. The City committed \$150,000 to the program. Interested applicants were required to complete an application demonstrating it meets the eligibility criteria and provide an explanation of how the funds will be used. Awards were distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until grant funding was exhausted. The City received a total of 33 applications and awarded 25 relief grants totaling \$87,500.

GRANT RECIPIENTS INCLUDED:

- Bones Burgers
- Brooklyn Pizza and Pasta
- Prestige Travel
- The Corner Pub
- Houdini's Room Escape
- Sacksteder's Interiors
- MEI Japanese Restaurant
- Toast and Berry
- Barre 3 Studio
- Auto Salon
- Tandoor
- Go Bananas Comedy Club
- Frame House Gallery
- Sukhothai
- Downtown Girl
- Artemis Mediterranean Bistro
- The Belle and Bear
- Prestige Travel
- Forno Osteria and Bar
- The Growing Room
- Pilates Center of Cincinnati
- Health Academy Chiropractic
- Glen Lovitt State Farm Insurance



The Montgomery business community was extremely appreciative of the program and had the following comments:

"I can't thank the City enough for making the Small Business Grant available! November and December are normally the worst months of the year for us, and this year it will be significantly worse. With the City's help, I now feel confident that Prestige Travel will make it through this catastrophe. This once more solidifies our decision to locate and work in Montgomery!" - Dave Hershberger, Prestige Travel

"We love being part of this community, and we're incredibly grateful for the Small Business Grant and the support we've received from the City of Montgomery. The grant helps to ease the burden of the additional financial obligations required to operate a safe restaurant during the pandemic." - Scott Schmidt, Toast and Berry

As our small businesses continue to face an unprecedented economic disruption due to the Coronavirus outbreak, please continue to support our Montgomery businesses by shopping local.

DINNER AROUND THE WORLD RECIPE COLLECTION

The Montgomery Sister Cities Commission is unable to hold the traditional gathering for the Dinner Around the World event in 2021. However, we still would love to share the great tastes that have been part of this event for so many years.

Instead of an in-person event, we would like for the community to share recipes so everyone can enjoy the great flavors in the safety of their home and for many years to come.

To participate, complete the Dinner Around the World Recipe Form on the City website, montgomeryohio.org.

The Sister Cities Commission will collect all the recipes and share them with the community in early February 2021.



CITY SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY GRANT

The City of Montgomery is currently seeking applications for the Service to the Community Grant program. This grant program is open to all not-for-profit and local service organizations with innovative ideas and the skills necessary to execute creative community projects benefiting or engaging the citizens of Montgomery.

Service to the community is defined as providing a beneficial service, project, or event that engages or improves Montgomery residents' quality of life.

A maximum of \$2,500 may be awarded to any one applicant. Past grant recipients include the Montgomery Farmers' Market, Operation Give Back, Honor Flight Tri-State, and Sycamore Junior High.

To review the grant application, visit montgomeryohio.org, and search "Service to the Community Grant." Applications are due by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2020.

Please contact Matthew Vanderhorst, community and information services director, at 513-792-8323 or mvanderhorst@montgomeryohio.org with any questions.

CITY HONORED WITH 2020 CLIMB AWARD

The City of Montgomery was recently honored with the CLIMB (Cincinnati Lifts Inclusion and Minority Business) Award presented by the Cincinnati Business Courier. The CLIMB Award honors individuals and organizations in Greater Cincinnati who have helped the region achieve greater heights of success through building a diverse workforce, championing equitable practices, and developing inclusive cultures.

"We are honored to be recognized by the Cincinnati Business Courier for the CLIMB award. The award reflects the hard work of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee to help make Montgomery a welcoming community," said City Manager Brian Riblet. "Montgomery is a special community and the efforts of the Diversity and Inclusive Committee make it even better," said Mayor Chris Dobrozi.

Recognizing the changing demographics in the community, in 2018, the City of Montgomery created the Diversity and Inclusion Committee that quickly began acting. Education sessions and events designed to create space for community dialogue have attracted more than 300 people. The committee is led by citizen volunteers of various races, faiths, nationalities, ages, and life experiences and joined by City Council members and city staff including the City Manager and Police Chief. The city's Citizens' Leadership Academy also includes diversity and inclusion programming and to date has graduated 280 community members over 12 years.



Diversity and Inclusion Committee members Umama Alam, Benny Miles and Council member Gerri Harbison

TAKE YOUR NEW YEAR IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION - JOIN A COMMISSION

The City is looking for individuals to commit to being more involved in the leadership of their community. One of the following City Boards/Commissions might be the place to do so. The initial step in getting involved is attending an upcoming meeting of the Commission you are interested in to learn more about their project work and meet the current members.

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. 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.

Landmarks Commission

Members are responsible for the preservation of Montgomery's historical, architectural, and archaeological heritage. The Commission conducts research and provides continuing education to foster awareness of the City's heritage. It also makes recommendations to the Planning Commission and City Council on legislation and development matters that may affect the City's landmarks or heritage. Commission members assist with various annual special events. Meetings are scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

JANUARY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Fulfill that "I will volunteer more" resolution. All the lovely holiday decorations that have been gracing the City of Montgomery's downtown during the holiday season will need to come down and be stored for another year. Many hands make the task go quickly. Put it on your calendar to come and lend a hand:

What: Prepare greenery and bows for storage

When: Thursday, January 7, 2021 (rain date
Friday, January 8, 2021) at 10:00 a.m.

Where: City's Annex Building,
10115 Montgomery Road

For more information or to get on the volunteer roster, contact DeAnna Gross, volunteer coordinator at 513-792-8329 or dgross@montgomeryohio.org.



Montgomery Woman's Club member Nancy Cottrell readying decorations for storage

REMINDER TO REMOVE CONTAINERS FROM THE RIGHT OF WAY

Trash and recycling containers should not be placed at the curb earlier than 5:00 p.m. the day before pickup is scheduled, and containers should be removed from the curb by 9:00 p.m. the day of pickup.

Why does this matter? When trash cans are left out:

- Views from driveways can be blocked, resulting in a safety issue
- More debris gets into gutters and storm drains

Finally, placing trash containers back where they are stored during the week keeps neighborhoods clean and safe.

Homeowners may contact the City of Montgomery at 513-891-2424 for information regarding trash collection. More information is also found on montgomeryohio.org.

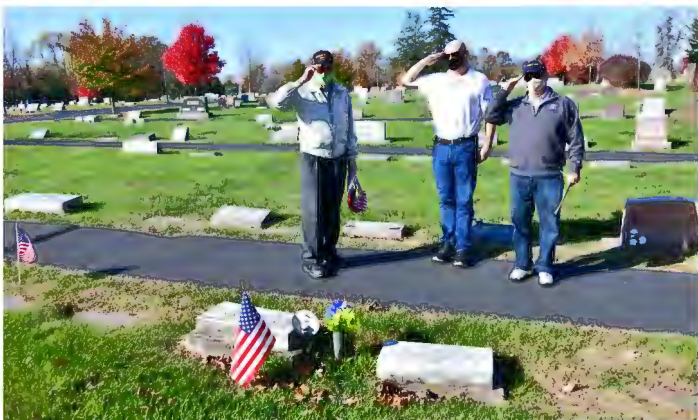


AMERICAN LEGION POST 630 HONORS VETERANS

American Legion Post 630, along with a host of volunteers, including City Council Member Mike Cappel, and Police Chief John Crowell, honored the graves of approximately 388 veterans by placing flags at their graves in time for Veterans Day. Hopewell Cemetery has veteran gravesites dating as far back as the Revolutionary War.

Post 630 consists of residents from Montgomery, Blue Ash, Madeira, Sycamore Township, Deer Park, Loveland, West Chester, and other local areas.

The City wishes to thank all the volunteers who came out to honor past veterans and to continue their patriotic service in our community. The City also thanks all current veterans for their dedication and service.



ARE YOU EFFECTIVELY MANAGING YOUR IN-HOME AIR QUALITY?

We spend most of our time indoors during winter with doors and windows closed. Keeping our indoor air clean is critical for our health, especially those who have asthma and allergies during this unprecedented time. Controlling dust, mold, tobacco smoke, emissions from gas stoves and central heating systems, as well as maintaining effective home ventilation, temperature, and humidity will help improve the air quality in your home.

Common sources of indoor pollution: dust, mold, humidity, asbestos, carbon monoxide emissions from central heating systems and gas stoves, radon, smoke and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) found in household items like disinfectants, air fresheners, paint, carpeting, adhesives, pesticides and wood preservatives.

Actionable Items: How can you improve the air quality in your home:

1. Change the AC filter and ensure air ducts are clean.
2. Reduce humidity and mold using dehumidifiers and exhaust fans.
3. Empty drip pans from window air conditioners and dehumidifiers.
4. Clean ceiling and floor fans frequently.
5. Use allergen-impermeable covers for mattresses and pillows.
6. Wash bedding at least once a week in hot water.
7. Vent the clothes dryer to the outside.
8. Vacuum regularly to reduce dirt and dust mites.
9. Groom pets regularly and frequently and use a vacuum with a HEPA filter.
10. Embrace home as a non-smoking place.
11. Avoid overwatering houseplants.
12. Use non-toxic household cleaning products.
13. Fix leaky plumbing to prevent moisture-causing mold.
14. Let in fresh air. Use an attic exhaust fan or crack open a window while cooking, running the dishwasher, or bathing to avoid toxic chemical build-up in the home.
15. Embrace a no-shoe policy and utilize doormats.



The Southwest Ohio Air Quality Agency handles air quality monitoring, permitting, and enforcement for Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, and Warren counties. Their website provides real-time air quality data, pollen and mold data, and outdoor air-related resources and information. For more information visit <http://www.southwestohioair.org/>.

RUMPKE EXPANDS RECYCLING COLLECTION - JANUARY 4, 2021

We are excited and very pleased to announce new items will soon be accepted in Rumpke's recycling program.

Starting in 2021, anyone participating in curbside recycling will now be able to recycle plastic tubs in Rumpke's recycling program. So, yogurt eaters rejoice! Bring on the butter tubs and toss in those fruit cups! All of these items will find new life through Rumpke's enhanced recycling program.

Rumpke will officially launch the new program on January 4, 2021.

Look for additional information to be shared by Rumpke and the City as we continue to partner with Rumpke to make our community a little cleaner and greener!

New Plastics Category



Bottles, Jugs & Tubs!
Reattach lids.
Yogurt & Fruit cups OK.

BEST MANAGED COMPANIES **RUMPKE**

EAC COLLECTS STRANDED HOLIDAY LIGHTS AND EXTENSION CORDS

The City of Montgomery Environmental Advisory Commission is expanding its monthly recycling collection of holiday decoration lights (stranded) and extension cords for the month of January. These items may be dropped off at the Public Works facility, 7315 Cornell Road, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Jan. 16. The addition of these items further supports the City's recycling efforts to reduce the amount of trash going into landfills.



UNLIMITED YARD WASTE CONTINUES AND HOLIDAY GREENERY PICK-UP BEGINS

Yard waste pick-up will resume on **January 2**, when it will be collected along with holiday greenery for the first three Saturdays in January.

Rumpke will collect all greenery and any remaining yard waste on the following three Saturday dates:

- **Saturday, January 2**
- **Saturday, January 9**
- **Saturday, January 16**

Christmas trees, wreaths, and swags can be placed at the curb along with yard waste and must be free of all plastic, flocking, tinsel, decorations, and wires. Wreaths or swags that have wires for support must be disposed of through regular trash. Residents are not required to use yard waste stickers. Please place all waste at the curb on Friday evening before the Saturday pick-up.

All yard waste must be placed in biodegradable bags in the event of snow due to freezing. Please be sure to place waste bags at the edge of your lawn and not in the street or gutter. If you have many yard waste bags, please group them in two or three rows deep along the curb or front of the yard. Please do not place bags from the end of your driveway towards your home. This placement will help the Rumpke crew gather the bags quickly and efficiently.

Regular yard waste collection resumes the first week in March.

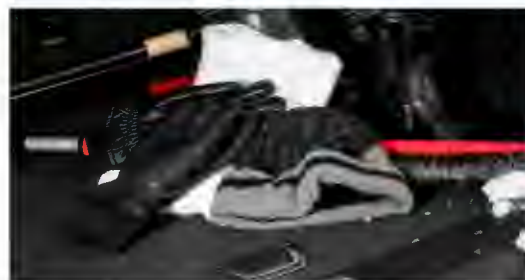


WINTERIZE YOUR HOME AND VEHICLE

If you have not already, winterize your home and vehicle before winter weather hits, so you are prepared for winter conditions.

Follow these tips to make sure your home and vehicle are ready for the cold, ice, and snow:

- Clean out gutters and downspouts, and drain all outside hoses. If possible, shut off outside water valves.
- Replace damaged roof shingles and fix loose gutters.
- Have chimneys inspected and cleaned before use.
- Insulate pipes exposed to cold. Drain any piping not required during the winter months.
- Have a professional inspect your furnace to ensure efficiency - replace the filter in your furnace.
- Have a professional take a look at your vehicle. If needed, get an oil change, fill up windshield washer fluid, and have your battery checked.
- Check your headlights, taillights, and turn signals. Replace foggy, hazy, or damaged lens covers to improve visibility.
- Check your windshield wipers. Replace wipers if they leave streaks of water on the windshield or if wiper blade rubber shows signs of cracking.
- Check the exhaust - replace or repair leaks and crimped pipes.
- Prepare winter emergency preparedness kits for your car. Add items such as blankets, an ice scraper, a cell phone charger, and plenty of food.



Always be aware, prepared, and notified so as not 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 Smart 911. This life-saving technology 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*

WINTER SCAMS CAN LEAVE YOU COLD

With the cold weather upon us, it is important to be alert and wary of door-to-door scams that crop up in the winter months. Watch out for “red flags” mentioned below when considering home improvements, such as having your furnace inspected, your chimney swept, your leaky roof repaired, your heating ducts cleaned, or snow removed from your driveway.

- Beware of the handyman who stops by unannounced because he was “in the neighborhood.” These scammers like to make a quick or faulty repairs and then disappear with your money.
- Never pay upfront! You are making it easier than ever for a fraudster to take your money and run. Some legitimate contractors may require a small deposit to begin the work, but contractors have credit lines for big-ticket items, and they do not need your cash upfront to purchase materials.
- Beware of special “limited time offers” that force you into acting quickly. Take the business’s information and do your research through the Better Business Bureau (www.bbb.org; 513-421-3015), or by checking other independent references before hiring.
- Be suspicious if you are told that you need a new furnace or a new roof after a brief inspection. It is a good idea to get a second opinion from another company before purchasing a big-ticket item.
- Regardless of what you purchase in your home, if you want to cancel it, act quickly. The federal trade commission dictates a three-day cancellation allowance for a refund on purchases over \$25.00, with some exceptions.

If you have any questions about potential scams, please contact the Montgomery Police Department 513-985-1600.

Contact: www.consumer.ftc.gov | Source: www.aarp.org



HOW TO STAY SAFE WHEN A POWER OUTAGE THREATENS



Take an inventory now of the items you need that rely on electricity.

Talk to your medical provider about a power outage plan for medical devices powered by electricity and refrigerated medicines. Find out how long medication can be stored at higher temperatures and get specific guidance for any medications that are critical for life.

Plan for batteries and other alternatives to meet your needs when the power goes out.

Sign up for local alerts and warning systems. Monitor weather reports.

Install carbon monoxide detectors with battery backup in central locations on every level of your home.

Determine whether your home phone will work in a power outage and how long battery backup will last.

Review the supplies that are available in case of no power. Have flashlights with extra batteries for every household member. Have enough nonperishable food and water.

Use a thermometer in the refrigerator and freezer so that you can know the temperature when the power is restored.

Keep mobile phones and other electric equipment charged and gas tanks full.



Keep freezers and refrigerators closed. The refrigerator will keep food cold for **about four hours**. A full freezer will keep the temperature for **about 48 hours**. Use coolers with ice if necessary. Monitor temperatures with a thermometer.

Use food supplies that do not require refrigeration.

Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Generators, camp stoves, or charcoal grills should always be used outdoors and at least 20 feet away from windows. Never use a gas stovetop or oven to heat your home.

Check on your neighbors. Older adults and young children are especially vulnerable to extreme temperatures.

Go to a community location with power if heat or cold is extreme.

Turn off or disconnect appliances, equipment, or electronics. Power may return with momentary “surges” or “spikes” that can cause damage.



When in doubt, throw it out! Throw away any food that has been exposed to temperatures 40 degrees or higher for two hours or more, or that has an unusual odor, color, or texture.

If the power is out for more than a day, discard any medication that should be refrigerated, unless the drug’s label says otherwise. If a life depends on the refrigerated drugs, consult a doctor or pharmacist and use medicine only until a new supply is available.

Take an Active Role in Your Safety

Go to **Ready.gov** and search for **power outage**. Download the **FEMA app** to get more information about preparing for a **power outage**.



PRESIDENTS DAY NINJA WARRIOR CAMP

Ages 10-14



Monday, February 15 from 1:00 - 4:00pm

Space is limited to 35 students with a minimum of 15.

Cost is \$55 per child

Instructed by American Ninja Warrior contestant James Wilson at Nati Ninja Gym, this camp will help kids develop upper body strength, core stability, balance and most importantly the confidence to take on life's mental and physical challenges.

Registration opens Jan. 4 online at montgomeryohio.org



We are looking forward to pool season 2021!

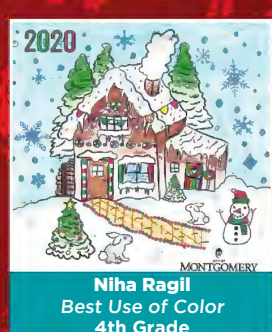
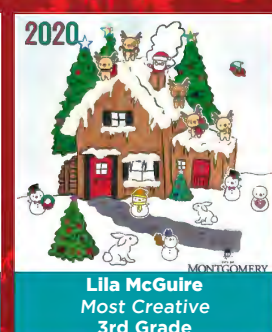
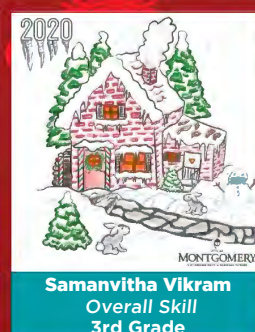
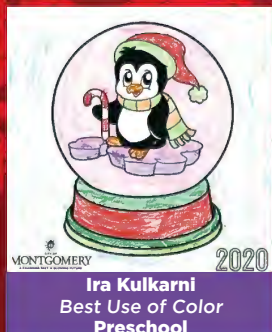
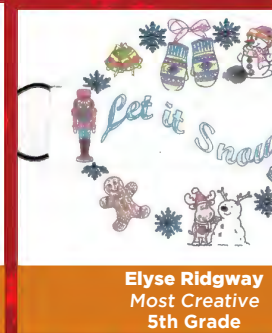
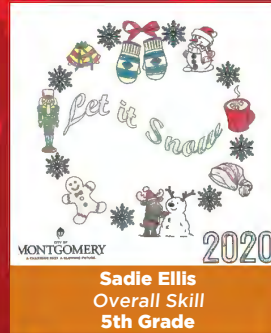
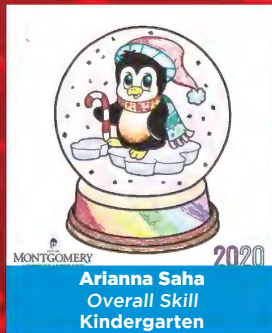
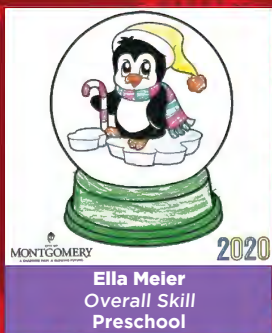
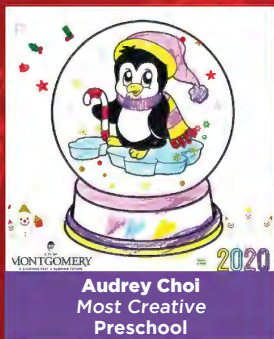
Look for more information about the

Montgomery Community Pool in the spring!

2020 WINTER COLORING CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

Approximately 181 wildly creative and artistic entries were received in the City's Annual Winter Coloring Contest. Some of the entries were adorned with glitter, cotton, greenery, and bows. Thank you to all those who entered the contest.

In total, we have 15 winners in the categories of Most Creative, Best Use of Color, and Overall Skill. Anvita Sahni was selected as the grand prize winner. She flipped the switch to light the Christmas tree and the streetscape along Montgomery Road. It was a great night to virtually share the spirit of the holiday season together in Montgomery.



Highlights of Recreation in 2020!



We adapted to the change in 2020 and we are looking forward to 2021!



FITNESS

Experience updated group exercise equipment and classes. All equipment needed for classes is provided. Registration for **2021 - Session A** 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 2021 - Session A

Day	Class Name	Dates of Session	Session Length	Time of Class	Res.	Non-Res.
Mon.	Mixed Level Yoga	1/11 - 3/1	8 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Tue.	Cardio Strength and Stretched *	1/12 - 3/2	8 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Tue.	Tai Chi	1/12 - 3/2	8 classes	10:20-11:20 a.m.	\$80	\$90
Tue.	Pilates	1/12 - 3/2	8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45
Wed.	Mixed Level Yoga	1/13 - 3/3	8 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Wed.	Beginner Level Yoga	1/13 - 3/3	8 classes	10:45-11:45 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Thur.	Cardio Strength and Stretched *	1/14 - 3/4	8 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Thur.	Pilates	1/14 - 3/4	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!)

The Recreation Annex building will be closed December 21 - January 8 due to the holidays, holiday decorating, and annual maintenance. We hope you have a wonderful holiday season and look forward to seeing you in 2021.

NEW YEAR'S FITNESS TIPS

With the start of a new year comes the opportunity for a new you and a fresh start. For many this means a time to refocus on health and fitness. Below are some tips to help kick start New Year's fitness goals and resolutions.

- **Goals** - Setting SMART goals will help one to stay focused and measure progress. Remember to ensure that fitness goals are specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and timely.
- **Motivation** - What is the motivation behind the fitness goal? Having a clear focus and motivation will keep one inspired throughout their health and fitness journey.
- **Grab a Friend** - Conquering new goals is always easier and more enjoyable when partnering with a friend or loved one. This allows for each to hold the other accountable and encourage them to achieve their fitness goals.





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JANUARY 2021 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 New Year's Day City offices closed, trash pickup will be delayed one day	2 Christmas Tree/Wreath Pick up, Unlimited Yard Waste Pick up No stickers required, remove all tinsel and other decorations
3	4 Beautification & Tree Commission, TBD 9:00 a.m.	5	6 Council Business Session, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	7 Holiday Decorating Take Down, Annex Building 10:00 a.m.	8 Holiday Decorating Take Down, Annex Building 10:00 a.m. (raindate)	9 Christmas Tree/Wreath Pickup, Unlimited Yard Waste Pickup No stickers required, remove all tinsel and other decorations
10	11 Planning Commission, TBD 7:30 p.m.	12 Environmental Advisory Commission, TBD 5:00 p.m.	13 Landmarks Commission, TBD 7:00 p.m.	14 Parks and Recreation Commission, TBD 6:30 p.m.	15 4th Qtr. 2020 City Tax Due	16 Christmas Tree/Wreath Pick up, Unlimited Yard Waste Pick up No stickers required, remove all tinsel and other decorations Cardboard Recycling 7315 Cornell Road 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, City offices closed, trash pickup as usual	19 Sister Cities Commission, TBD, 6:30 p.m.	20 City Council Work Session, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	21	22	23
24	25 Arts Commission, TBD 5:00 p.m.	26 Board of Zoning Appeals, TBD 7:00 p.m.	27	28	29	30
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