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# Montgomery Car Show

Saturday, Sept 18, 4-7 p.m.  
Montgomery Square Plaza



Food, Beer  
Live Band - Blair Carman & the  
Bellevue Boys  
Awards - Top 20 & Best of  
Show Awards

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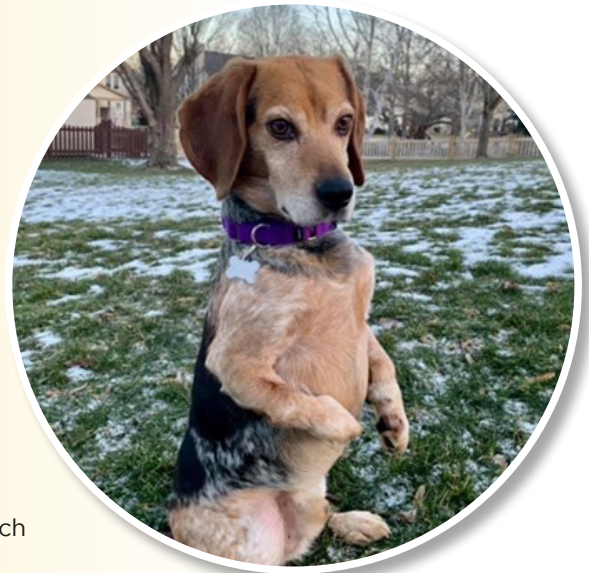
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## CONGRATULATIONS TO HOMER, MONTGOMERY'S 2021 TOP DOG!

Residents of all ages submitted their information and pictures of their dog to the Top Dog Contest this summer, letting us know how much their pooch means to them and why they should be named Top Dog! Our Dogfest Team selected Homer, an approximately 4-year-old prairie dog disguised as a beagle entered by Montgomery residents Beth and Brian Johnson. Our contest is purely for fun, and we thought the Johnson Family's entry for The Top Dog was just 'dog-gone' amazing!

According to the Johnsons, "Homer is a rescue that came from an overcrowding situation. Homer has different front feet, but it does not slow him down, and it doesn't prevent him from being a happy guy".

The Dogfest Team was inspired by the fact that Homer has overcome so much adversity in his life. Congratulations, Homer and the Johnson Family!



## A GREAT SEASON FOR THE MONTGOMERY MAKOS

**The Montgomery Makos had another excellent swim season this summer.**

135 local kids enjoyed strengthening their swimming skills alongside their friends and neighbors. In July, the Makos participated in the three-day Annual Tri-County League Swimming Championships at Miami University and two local swim clubs. This meet always brings the best in local area talent. Thank you to our coaches, parents, and swimmers for a great year!

## FREE PROGRAM OFFERS ONE-STOP DROP FOR RESPONSIBLE RECYCLING AND DOCUMENT SHREDDING

With renewed purpose in protecting the environment, the City of Montgomery Environmental Advisory Commission encourages residents to recycle more. On Saturday, Sept. 18, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., the Environmental Advisory Commission is sponsoring a One-Stop Drop for Responsible Recycling and Document Shredding Event at the Public Works facility, 7315 Cornell Road. The free event will provide families an easy way to dispose of items sitting around the house.

### **Donations will benefit:**

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

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

Document Destruction will be on hand to do onsite shredding. To serve everybody efficiently, a maximum of 3 boxes (copy paper size or similar) will be accepted per person in line, and you must be present. Certifications can be requested but will not be presented onsite.

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



## COUNCIL MESSAGE

### SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

BY VICE MAYOR CRAIG MARGOLIS

The phone rings at an unexpected time of day. The response to the conversation is surprise and shock. With emotions ranging from despair and bewilderment to “I saw the signs, but I felt helpless and did not know what to do.”

Those are just some of the reactions to hearing a loved one succumb to suicide, the 10th leading cause of death in the United States. Our family’s response was surprise and shock, yet other family members had noticed a change in demeanor all along but did not know what to do.

Most suicides are preventable. The individual usually desperately wants to live; they are unable to see the light and find the strength to cope with their perceived problem.

While the one individual tragically lost his life, the effect was felt amongst the remaining members of his family. Our feelings of helplessness were palpable. To some members, it was self-blame; to others, it was confusion and an attempt to inventory what else they could have done. If you suspect a family member has suicidal feelings:

- Take those feelings and actions seriously. Determine whether the person has the means, such as a weapon or medication.
- Have a conversation, understanding the perceived desperation of the situation while directing the person to seek assistance.
- Be willing to listen and assist the person in finding help.
- Be willing to stay with the person until the crisis has passed.

Suicidal thoughts can sometimes be linked to mental health issues. In 2019, the City administered the Community Health Assessment through WeTHRIVE! and found that mental health was one of the top three

concerns of residents. These concerns have only been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and have affected us all. Mental health is essential to the overall health of our community. Therefore, the City is currently partnering with TriHealth, Sycamore Schools, Twin Lakes Senior Living, and Operation Give Back in concert with Hamilton County Public Health and the WeTHRIVE! Initiative to determine ways these organizations can work together to serve as a conduit to assist people with the help they need and creating a healthier Montgomery community, body, mind, and soul.

Stay tuned for more information on this initiative in the future.

#### Warning signs of suicide can include:

- Increased use of alcohol or drugs
- Withdrawing from activities
- Isolating from family and friends
- Sleeping too much or too little
- Visiting or calling people to say goodbye
- Giving away prized possessions
- Aggression

Visit American Foundation of Suicide Prevention for additional risk factors and warning signs at <https://afsp.org/risk-factors-protective-factors-and-warning-signs>.

#### Contact information for help

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: **1-800-273-8255**
- Crisis Text Line: **Text HOME to 741741**
- The TREVOR Project: **1-866-488-7386**  
<https://www.thetrevorproject.org/>

## COUNCIL MEMBERS



**Mayor**  
Chris Dobrozsi



**Vice Mayor**  
Craig Margolis



**Member**  
Lee Ann Bissmeyer



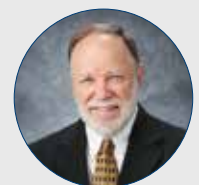
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**Member**  
Ron Messer



**Member**  
Lynda Roesch



**Member**  
Ken Suer

## COUNCIL CORNER

## AUGUST 18, 2021 WORK SESSION

Montgomery City Council met in its regular monthly Work Session on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at City Hall. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m., with public comment welcomed on each item before City Council.

## Tabled Legislation

**An Ordinance** Agreeing to Adjust the Boundaries Between the City of Montgomery, Ohio And the City of The Village of Indian Hill, Ohio Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 709.37 (Tabled-3rd Reading)

## New Legislation

**A Resolution** Amending Resolution No. 27, 2020 Establishing Contributions to Health Care Benefits

**A Resolution** Establishing City Contributions To Employee Health Savings Accounts And Health Reimbursement Accounts

**A Resolution** Accepting a Bid and Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract With J.K. Meurer Corporation for the Safety Center and Public Works Parking Lots Project

**An Ordinance** Accepting Publicly Dedicated Easement Rights For Driveway Access Improvements from Various Property Owners on Montgomery Road and Declaring an Emergency

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

## RECENT COUNCIL ACTION - Approved Legislation

## August 4, 2021

## RESOLUTION 22, 2021

**A Resolution** Amending Resolution No. 26, 2019 Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract With Dental Care Plus, Inc. To Provide Dental Insurance Coverage For Full-Time Employees **(passed 7-0)**

## RESOLUTION 23, 2021

**A Resolution** Authorizing an Assessment for The Removal of Dead Trees **(passed 7-0)**

## RESOLUTION 24, 2021

**A Resolution** Amending And Extending Resolution Nos. 4, 2020 and 32, 2020 Authorizing Expenditures For Design and Engineering Services To Complete The Development of The Montgomery Quarter Project **(passed 6, yea-1, abstain)**

## RESOLUTION 25, 2021

**A Resolution** Accepting A Bid And Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract With Prus Construction Company For The Montgomery Road Access Consolidation Project **(passed 6, yea-1, abstain)**

## RESOLUTION 26, 2021

**A Resolution** Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract With Compass Minerals America Inc. For The Purchase Of De-Icing Rock Salt For The 2021-2022 Season **(passed 7-0)**

## RESOLUTION 27, 2021

**A Resolution** Authorizing the City Manager to Accept the OneOhio Opioid Settlement and enter into the Participation Agreement with Opioid Distributors AmerisourceBergen, McKesson and Cardinal Health **(passed 6, yea-1, abstain)**

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

## ADMINISTRATION



**City Manager**  
Brian Riblet



**Assistant City Manager/  
Acting Community  
Development Director**  
Tracy Henao



**Clerk of Council**  
Connie Gaylor

## Emergency

911

## Non-Emergency

• Police Dept.  
513-985-1600

• Fire Dept.  
513-985-1633

## Public Works

513-792-8355

Planning/Zoning/  
Building

513-792-8309

## City Hall

513-891-2424





## MONTGOMERY A TOP WORKPLACE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW

Recently, the City of Montgomery was awarded the designation of a Top Workplace, 2021, by the Cincinnati Enquirer, in partnership with Energage, for the third year in a row.

Energage has been helping businesses, non-profits, and municipalities improve operations since 2006. The process includes employees taking a third-party survey, administered by Energage, with anonymity, which encourages employees to share freely.

"I am honored that our great organization was recognized as a Top Workplace again in 2021. It was not a surprise as I am privileged to work with a group of professionals who exhibit positive values and a constant desire to make Montgomery a great community," said City Manager Brian Riblet.

"Montgomery City Council is proud of the tremendous work culture that has been created within our staff. It is the dedication of our outstanding public employees that keeps our city a place that we are proud to call home," said Mayor Chris Dobrozsi.

When we have employees who are happy to work here, they are three times more engaged and stay twice as long as average employees. It is a win for both our staff as well as residents.

## TAX OFFICE RESIDENT SURVEY

In 2020 the Tax Office upgraded to Authority Tax, implemented a secure email portal for secure communications, and rolled out Tax Connect, an online E Filing system. Prior to E File, there were no means to process your return electronically or make tax payments online.

As a result of the recent automation, the Tax Office would like to invite you to participate in a short survey to gather feedback on your filing preferences. The survey will be available on our website beginning September 1st and will take approximately 1 minute to complete. Both the survey and results can be found on the City website at [montgomeryohio.gov/2021-tax-form-survey](http://montgomeryohio.gov/2021-tax-form-survey).

Your input is greatly appreciated and will help us make future decisions about Tax Office operations. Your responses will be anonymous, and the information collected will help us continue to improve our customer service for the community.

You are invited

*#IamMontgomery Dinner Party*

**Save the date!**

**Saturday, Oct 2**

6:00-8:30 p.m.  
location TBD  
Free

Hosted by the Diversity & Inclusion Committee  
For more information, contact Julie at 513-792-8316




## TRADE PERENNIALS AT THE FREE FALL PLANT SWAP

The City of Montgomery and the Beautification and Tree Commission's 23rd annual Fall Plant Swap:

- Saturday, Sept. 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Montgomery Farmers' Market in the Montgomery Elementary parking lot.
- The FREE event provides an excellent opportunity for community members to share their divided perennials while selecting new garden varieties.

Please label perennials with the plant name and its sun or shade preference. Bring your own bags or containers for transporting "swapped" selections.

For more information, call Terry Willenbrink, assistant public works director, at 513-792-8320.

This event is subject to change or cancellation depending on future orders from the State of Ohio or County Board of Health.



## MCLA: "THE BEST COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE YOU'LL EVER HAVE!"

The Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy (MCLA) is now accepting applications for the 2022 session. Oversubscribed for the last 12 years, MCLA is designed to move individuals from being residents to become actively engaged citizens. MCLA, locally developed and nationally recognized, allows residents to realize a dimension few will ever see.

Ten unique workshop experiences comprise the program. Each workshop goes beyond the classroom and into the community to make the Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy an encounter no resident should miss. Space is limited. For more information, or to apply, visit [montgomeryohio.gov/montgomery-citizens-leadership-academy](http://montgomeryohio.gov/montgomery-citizens-leadership-academy) or contact Amy Frederick, communications and engagement coordinator, at [afrederick@montgomeryohio.gov](mailto:afrederick@montgomeryohio.gov).



MCLA member practices their surgical skills on the da Vinci Robot.



## TAPESTRY BY HILTON COMING TO MONTGOMERY QUARTER

The development team of Brandicorp, Neyer Properties, and Jeffery R. Anderson Real Estate, Inc. has secured The Tapestry by Hilton brand for the boutique hotel planned for Montgomery Quarter. The boutique hotel will feature multiple event spaces, a uniquely designed lobby bar, and 118 luxury guest rooms. In coordination with Hilton, the development team will design and curate the guest experience to highlight the uniqueness and energy of the Montgomery area. With a construction start date in late 2022 and an opening planned for May 2024, The Tapestry by Hilton hotel will set the standard for approachable luxury in the eastern suburbs of Cincinnati.

The Montgomery Quarter is a premier mixed-use development that, in addition to the boutique hotel, will feature about 38,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space, 260,000 square feet of office space, 128 luxury apartments, and 48 condominiums. 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 of the first office building is well underway and is scheduled to be completed by the spring of 2022. Fifth Third Private Bank, a division of downtown Cincinnati-based Fifth Third Bank (Nasdaq: FITB), has signed a lease for 15,000 square feet, covering the entire top floor of the first office building to be built in Montgomery Quarter.

The luxury apartments include two 'flats' buildings and two townhome-style buildings that are being constructed by Casto. The construction of the apartments has begun with an estimated completion of the first quarter of 2023.

For more information on this project, contact Tracy Henao, assistant city manager/acting community development director, at [thenao@montgomeryohio.gov](mailto:thenao@montgomeryohio.gov) or 513-792-8312.



**Trash Day**

Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday

**Brush Pick-Up Week**

Week of September 13  
Week of September 20  
Week of September 27  
Week of October 4  
Week of October 11



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

The Montgomery Public Works Department will provide a fall curbside bulk brush collection of brush and limbs. Pick-up is scheduled to begin on September 13 and 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.

### GUIDELINES

- Piles must be placed curbside before the start of each week's collection. Residents should place brush curbside on the Sunday before their scheduled collection. Any 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 that Rumpke will pick up on your regular waste collection day.
- Brush and limbs must be placed in small piles at the edge of the road or along the curb with the "cut" ends toward the street. Please do not create large stacks or interwoven piles with "cut" ends placed in different directions. 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. Tips for organizing the brush and the pick-up schedules are also on the Montgomery website, [montgomeryohio.gov](http://montgomeryohio.gov).

## GOLF INSTRUCTION PROGRAMMING

### Have you been thinking about getting into golf? Are you looking to improve your skills?

Join us as we learn from the PGA Professionals at Sharon Woods Golf Course. Each program is \$110 per participant, and all equipment is provided. Class size is limited and taught by PGA Professionals.

For more information and to sign up, please visit [montgomeryohio.gov](http://montgomeryohio.gov).

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

- **Adult Beginner Golf - Wednesdays, September 8 - October 6, 6:00-7:00 p.m.**

Would you like to have more fun and play better golf with your friends?  
Would you like to be able to compete in your league?

This five-week class is designed to improve your overall game.  
Topics include putting, chipping, pitching, iron play, hybrids, and woods.

- **Adult Intermediate Golf - Thursdays, September 9 - October 7, 6:00-7:00 p.m.**

Would you like to lower your score consistently?  
Are you at the plateau stage and want to take your game to the next level?

Topics of this five-week class include putting a variety of short game shots and strategies, full swing evaluations, and course management skills.

For more information and to sign up please contact Sarah Fink at [sfink@montgomeryohio.gov](mailto:sfink@montgomeryohio.gov).





## FALL EVENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### ONE STOP DROP RECYCLING EVENT

When: **Saturday, September 18**

Location: **Public Works Facility**

What: Volunteers will help residents drop their items off for recycling.

Activity does require some lifting and mobility.

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

### HARVEST MOON FALL FESTIVAL

When: **Saturday, October 9**

Location: **Swaim Park**

What: Craft and Game Volunteers – Great for Students!

Time: 3:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (2 Hour shifts available)

For additional information or to sign up to volunteer, visit our website, sign up online at [montgomeryohio.gov/volunteer](http://montgomeryohio.gov/volunteer) or contact Shawn Cooper at [scooper@montgomeryohio.gov](mailto:scooper@montgomeryohio.gov) or 513-792-8301.



## 2021 SCHOOL'S OUT PAINTBALL TRIP

WHEN: Friday, Oct. 29, 2021 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

REGISTRATION OPENS: Sept. 7, 2021

REGISTRATION CLOSSES: Oct. 20, 2021

KIDS: Ages 10-14

COST: \$60 per child (includes paintball equipment, fun activities, pizza lunch & snack)

MEET AND RETURN: Swaim Park small shelter. We will meet at and return to the upper level parking lot on Cooper Road, 7650 Cooper Road. We will travel by bus to Paintball Country.

Space is limited to 40 students.  
This trip will sell out.

Register online at [montgomeryohio.gov](http://montgomeryohio.gov)

Please contact Recreation Specialist Sarah Fink with any questions at 513-792-8317 or by email at [sfink@montgomeryohio.gov](mailto:sfink@montgomeryohio.gov)



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## HALLOWEEN COLORING CONTEST

The Halloween Coloring Contest returns on October 1 and will run through October 22. Coloring sheets will be available at Montgomery City Hall or online at [montgomeryohio.gov](http://montgomeryohio.gov) starting October 1. Prizes awarded.



## 2021 SPRING SEASONS OF BEAUTY AWARD WINNER

The City of Montgomery Beautification and Tree Commission has awarded the 2021 Spring Seasons of Beauty award to Adam and Leigh Futscher.

The homeowners spent 2020 renovating the outside of their home, which popped in the spring due to stunning seasonal blooms. The landscape is blanketed with colorful spring perennials such as Wild Indigo, Japanese Iris, and Pink Lenten Roses. A white blooming Dogwood tree framed the front of the home while a stunning Japanese maple anchored the entrance. The yard is transformed with seasonal colors from an array of daffodils, including Trumpet, long and small cup varieties, a large blossoming Cherry tree, pink Creeping Phlox, and waves of blue Forget-Me-Nots. In late spring, colorful container arrangements decorated the front entranceway.

The Seasons of Beauty award recognizes homes and businesses in Montgomery with special front yards, window boxes, and planters that peak during specific seasons and those homes and businesses 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 summer award winner will be selected in later August and announced in the Montgomery Bulletin this fall.



**Family Festival**

**Harvest Moon**

Hayrides, ponyrides, crafts, facepainting, smokehouse, firetruck, food vendors, kettlecorn, tours of the Wilder-Swaim House, games and FUN!

**Saturday FALL**  
**OCT 9, 4 - 8 p.m. FUN**

**Swaim Park, Montgomery**  
Sponsored by Legacy Builders Group  
Century 21 Thacker & Associates

## BECOME INVOLVED IN YOUR CITY - JOIN A COMMISSION

The City of Montgomery is looking to fill the following vacancies. 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. Visit [montgomeryohio.gov](http://montgomeryohio.gov) to learn about each of the Commissions and their responsibilities.

### • ARTS COMMISSION

Meetings are scheduled for the fourth Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

### • ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

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

For further information and/or to apply for the above positions, visit [montgomeryohio.gov/departments/boards-and-commissions](http://montgomeryohio.gov/departments/boards-and-commissions).



## CITY AWARDS BUSINESS RELIEF GRANTS

The City of Montgomery partnered with Hamilton County Planning and Development to provide grants of \$5,000 to local businesses using Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 funds. The City received 20 applications and awarded 16 grants totaling \$80,000 in relief. The funds can be utilized to prevent and respond to COVID-19 and/or reimburse eligible expenses due to the pandemic. All the businesses that were awarded funds created or retained at least one low/moderate-income job during the pandemic. Grant recipients included:

**Artemis Mediterranean Bistro**  
**Attractive Nails**  
**Blaine's Fine Men's Apparel**  
**Bones Burgers**  
**Barre 3 Studio**  
**Cincinnati Allergy Associates**  
**Lush Lashes**  
**McDaniel's Photography**  
**Montgomery Public House**  
**Prestige Travel**  
**Richard's Dry Cleaners**  
**Tandoor**  
**The Belle and Bear**  
**The Corner Pub**  
**The Original Pancake House**  
**Woodhouse Day Spa**

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

"We are extremely grateful to the City of Montgomery for the Small Business Grant. We always appreciate the opportunity to serve our neighbors in the city, and in these tough times, the grant will help us to maintain and further develop our business operations here. We hope that this boost will enable us to serve our customers and the community better. Thanks again, City of Montgomery, for your generous support!" -Soo and Daniel Kim, Richard's Dry Cleaners

"Thanks so much for the Business Grant. This will go a long way to help the business to get back on its feet as we come out of this pandemic. I appreciate the outreach that Montgomery has provided, and it's good to know that you have our back." - Jeremy McDaniel, Jeremy McDaniel's Photography

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


A festive graphic for the Montgomery's Annual Holiday Card Contest. It features a red background with various Christmas decorations hanging from the top, including green circular ornaments, gold stars, gold and silver baubles, a gold bell, a green holly leaf, a small green Christmas tree, and two wrapped gifts with red bows.

**MONTGOMERY'S ANNUAL**  
*Holiday Card*  
**CONTEST**

**ENTRIES DUE OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

To enter, complete the form at [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org).  
 Deadline for submission is October 1.

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

*The Holiday Card Contest is presented by the Montgomery Arts Commission.*

# September is **NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH**



## HOW PREPARED ARE YOU FOR A DISASTER? DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU WILL GO IF REQUIRED TO EVACUATE? HOW WILL YOU BE NOTIFIED OF WEATHER ALERTS AND EMERGENCIES?

September is National Preparedness Month, and the City of Montgomery, in coordination with the Hamilton County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, wants you to know that disasters don't plan ahead- but you can! Throughout September, take these easy steps below to make your household more disaster-ready!

1. Sign up for the Smart 911 system with the Hamilton County Communications Center. The Smart 911 system allows you to provide a safety profile ahead of time to the Hamilton County Communications Center. With the popularity of cell phones, when 911 is called, the dispatchers only get a general range of where the call is coming from. If you are unable to speak, the emergency call could turn into a time-consuming search to get the first responders to your aid. You can prelist a wide range of information that would be attached to your cell phone number and beneficial to first responders. In addition to your address and names and phone numbers of family members, you can list medical conditions, medicines, allergies, garage door codes for emergency access, emergency contacts, pet information and anything else specific to your possible needs. This information is confidential and secure. The only way for dispatchers to access your information is when you call 911 from your cell phone.
2. Sign up for Alert Hamilton County. When signing up, you not only receive emergency messages, you will also be able to choose from 42 different weather alerts. Alert Hamilton County is paired with Smart911, allowing you to create a Safety Profile of important family, medical, and personal information that can be shared with dispatchers & first responders during an emergency. You can quickly and securely sign up at: [www.alerthc.org](http://www.alerthc.org).
3. Build a Preparedness Kit. Before a disaster, have essential elements stored away in a water-tight container that can be "Grab and Go" in the event of an evacuation. Creating a kit does not have to be expensive or complicated, as most items you should include are already in your home! For a complete list of things, please visit: [www.ready.gov/kit](http://www.ready.gov/kit).
4. Make a Plan. Discuss with the members of your household how you will communicate in the event of a disaster, where you will meet to reunite, and how you will receive emergency alerts and warnings. Do not forget to plan for your pets! For more information about how to make a plan, please visit: [www.ready.gov/plan](http://www.ready.gov/plan).

How it works: Go to [HTTP://Alerthc.org](http://Alerthc.org) and create an account. You can also download the Smart 911 app from the Google store and register through the app. Simply enter all the data as prompted. The more information you enter the more information the dispatchers and first responders will have at their fingertips as they respond for your emergency.



**Smart911™**





## 10-DIGIT DIALING COMING SOON



To help more people get the support they need, The Federal Communications Commission has adopted 988 as a new three-digit number to be used nationwide to reach the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline.

For 988 to work in our area code, mandatory 10-digit local dialing will begin October 24, 2021.

### What will the new dialing procedure be?

To complete all local calls, you will need to dial the area code + telephone number. This applies to all calls within your area code that are currently dialed with seven digits.

### What will remain the same?

- Your telephone number, including the current area code, will not change.
- The price of a call, coverage area, or other rates and services
- What is a local call now will remain a local call regardless of the number of digits dialed
- You will continue to dial 1 + area code + telephone number for all long-distance calls
- You can still dial 911 for emergencies
- You can still reach The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by dialing 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

## LANTERNS AND LANDMARKS HISTORICAL TOUR AND RECEPTION RETURNS!

**Saturday, October 23 | 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

Starting and ending at Universalist Church

Sponsored by: Robinson Sotheby's International Realty

Join us for a walking tour and reception supporting the rich historical heritage of the City of Montgomery. Did you know the Universalist Church's bricks were made on-site, and some of them have a house-key imprint? And, for many years, the church bell was the village fire alarm. Come and join us to learn about this and more!

This tour is unique because of the educational, fun stories about the landmarks and the interesting stories about the people of Montgomery. After the walking tour, participants will have an opportunity to mingle and enjoy hors d'oeuvres inside Universalist Church.

The Lanterns and Landmarks Tour is offered jointly by the Landmarks Commission, Montgomery Historic Preservation Association, and the Recreation and Community Development Departments.

The cost is \$20 per person, and the event is for ages 21 and over. Registration is required and available online at [montgomeryohio.gov](http://montgomeryohio.gov) beginning September 10.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, contact Julie Machon at 513-792-8316 or by email at [jmachon@montgomeryohio.gov](mailto:jmachon@montgomeryohio.gov).

## DOGFEST & K9 KERPLUNK

Labor Day, Monday, September 6

5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

\$3 per dog, free to pool members

Join the fun! Enjoy activities, prizes and more at this event. Families and their canine companions can finish the summer with a dip in the pool. Dogs must be people friendly, non-aggressive towards other dogs, and under control.

For questions, please call 513-891-2424.

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## HOW TO KEEP STORMWATER CLEAN

Stormwater is water from rain or melting snow; paved surfaces like sidewalks, driveways, and streets prevent stormwater naturally soaking into the ground. Pollution on the community's lanes, parking lots, lawns, and businesses is washed by rain into storm drains. Common pollutants are chemicals, pesticides, fertilizers, vehicle fluids, pet waste, leaves, grass clippings, mud/loose soil, cigarette butts, and trash along curbs. With all these pollutants and contaminants, stormwater runoff moves through ditches, street gutters, and pipes to our streams, rivers, lakes, and water bodies that we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. This polluted stormwater runoff can cause health and safety problems for our communities and our children.

Stormwater pollution is hazardous and costly to clean. How can you help to reduce, reuse and recycle wherever possible?

**"ONLY RAIN FLOWS DOWN THE STORM DRAIN"**

**FOR A FULL LIST OF DO'S AND DON'TS, READ ENTIRE ARTICLE AT [MONTGOMERYOHIO.GOV](http://MONTGOMERYOHIO.GOV)**



## LIVE AT THE UNI RETURNS THIS FALL - INSIDE SYCAMORE HIGH SCHOOL'S THEATER!

For the 13th straight year, the Montgomery Arts Commission presents Live at the Uni, a concert series providing Montgomery citizens and guests an outstanding musical experience. Twin Lakes returns as the presenting sponsor of the Live at the Uni series.

**This year's Series includes:**

- **Monday, October 4, Rick VanMatre's quintet.** You will be treated to Rick VanMatre on Saxophone and Flute; Rusty Burge, Vibraphone; Kim Pensyl, Piano; Aaron Jacobs, Bass and Tom Buckley on drums as they present the sound of exciting original jazz along with a unique treatment of well-known tunes. Known for both powerful and sensitive interaction, the group always provides creative surprises.
- **November 1 will bring musical talent and is still in progress.** More information will be available at the City website, [montgomeryohio.gov](http://montgomeryohio.gov).
- **December 6, with Mandy Gaines.** Mandy Gaines concludes the series bringing exhilarating jazz vocals to spread holiday cheer. Also returning by popular demand, Gaines has been recently inducted into the Cincinnati Jazz Hall of Fame.

To allow for social distancing, the Live at the Uni concert series will take place inside Sycamore High School Theater at 7400 Cornell Road. Held on the first Monday of each month, all concerts start at 7:00 p.m. and last about an hour. Post-concert receptions will not take place in 2021.

There is no charge for admission to the concerts, but the Arts Commission suggests a donation of \$5 per adult at the door to help defray the cost of the events.

Reservations are required. For more information and to reserve a seat for this event, visit [montgomeryohio.gov](http://montgomeryohio.gov). Registration opens on September 1.







## FITNESS

Experience updated group exercise equipment and classes. All equipment needed for classes is provided. Registration for **2021 - Session E** of fitness classes is open. Please visit the fitness page at [montgomeryohio.gov](http://montgomeryohio.gov) for class descriptions, important information and registration.

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

Fitness Class Schedule 2021 - Session E							
Day	Class Name	Dates of Session	No Class	Session Length	Time of Class	Res.	Non-Res.
Mon.	Mixed Level Yoga	9/6 - 10/25	9/6	7 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$35	\$40
Mon.	Chair Yoga	9/6 - 10/25	9/6	7 classes	11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	\$35	\$40
Tue.	Cardio Strength and Stretched *	9/7 - 10/26		8 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Tue.	Tai Chi	9/7 - 10/26		8 classes	10:20-11:20 a.m.	\$80	\$90
Tue.	Pilates	9/7 - 10/26		8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45
Wed.	Mixed Level Yoga	9/8 - 10/27		8 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Wed.	Beginner Level Yoga	9/8 - 10/27		8 classes	10:45-11:45 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Thur.	Cardio Strength and Stretched *	9/9 - 10/28		8 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Thur.	Pilates	9/9 - 10/28		8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45

\* Cardio Strength and Stretched (formerly known as 20/20/20)

## SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL YOGA MONTH

Focus on fitness and relaxation this September. Whether a beginner or a seasoned yoga participant, the practice of yoga offers a variety of benefits for physical and mental health. The City offers various yoga classes and Tai Chi to fit anyone's fitness needs and experience. Classes include Mixed Level Yoga, Beginner Level Yoga, Chair Yoga, and Tai Chi.

**Benefits of yoga include, but are not limited to:**

- Increased flexibility,
- Mental clarity,
- Maintenance of a balanced metabolism,
- Improved respiration, energy, and vitality,
- Increased muscle strength and tone, and
- Protection from injury.





**DOGFEST & K9 KERPLUNK**  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 5-8 PM



**SEPTEMBER 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 Council Business Session, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	2	3	4
5 BAMSO Labor Day Concert, Blue Ash Towne Square, 7:00 p.m.	6 <b>Labor Day</b> City offices closed; trash pick up as usual K-9 Kerplunk Montgomery Community Pool, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Pool closes for the season	7	8 Landmarks Commission, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	9 Parks and Recreation Commission, Swaim Park, 6:30 p.m.	10	11
12 Beautification and Tree Commission, Public Works, 9:00 a.m. Planning Commission, City Hall, 7:30 p.m. Fall Brush Collection for residents with Monday trash collection	13	14 Environmental Advisory Commission, City Hall, 5:00 p.m.	15 3rd Qtr. 2021 City Taxes Due	16	17	18 One Stop Drop Recycling Event, 7315 Cornell Road 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Car Show, Montgomery Square Plaza, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
19	20 Fall Brush Collection for residents with Tuesday trash collection	21 Sister Cities Commission, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	22 City Council Work Session, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	23	24 Night Sky Star Party Pioneer Park 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - <b>SOLD OUT</b>	25 Fall Plant Swap at Montgomery Farmer's Market Montgomery Elementary parking lot 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
26	27 Arts Commission, City Hall, 5:00 p.m. Fall Brush Collection for residents with Wednesday trash collection	28 Board of Zoning Appeals, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	29 2022 Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy Application Deadline	30		