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MONTGOMERY
A CHARMING PAST. A GLOWING FUTURE.

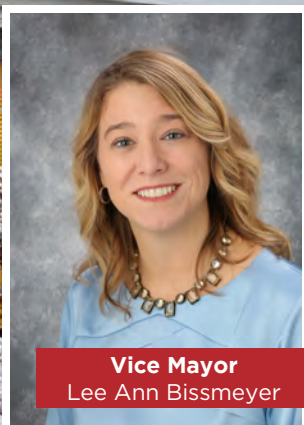


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Craig Margolis



Vice Mayor
Lee Ann Bissmeyer

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FIVE MONTGOMERY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS SWORN INTO NEW TERMS OF OFFICE

Mayor and Vice Mayor elected by peers

Five Montgomery City Council members were sworn into office for new terms at the ceremony and organizational meeting held December 1 at Montgomery City Hall.

Council Members Lee Ann Bissmeyer (2nd term), Chris Dobrozsi (4th term), and Ken Suer (6th term) were re-elected on November 2. Council Member Ron Messer was elected to his first term. Mr. Messer was appointed to City Council in March 2021 after the passing of long-time Council Member Gerri Harbison. Council Member Sasha Naiman was elected and sworn into her first term.

Hamilton County Commissioner Denise Driehaus swore in the five Council Members requiring them to “uphold the constitution and laws of the United States and Ohio, the charter and laws of the City of Montgomery, and fairly and faithfully perform the duties of their office.”

The seven-seated Montgomery City Council Members then elected Craig Margolis to serve as Mayor and Lee Ann Bissmeyer as Vice Mayor.

Mayor Margolis has served on City Council since 2011 and as Vice Mayor since 2019. Mayor Margolis said, “I am honored my City Council peers elected me to serve as Mayor of the City of Montgomery. I am proud to call this wonderful community home. I plan to continue serving the residents of the City of Montgomery to make sure it stays a special place to live, raise a family, and work.”

Vice Mayor Bissmeyer has served on City Council since 2017. Vice Mayor Bissmeyer thanked residents for electing her to another term. “I also thank my fellow City Council Members for their vote of confidence. I look forward to serving as the Vice Mayor and in working with my fellow City Council Members, City Staff, and the community to realize our vision for Montgomery.”



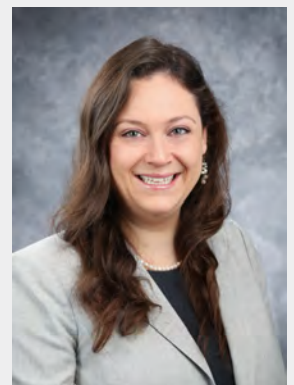
From left to right: Council Member Ron Messer, Vice Mayor Lee Ann Bissmeyer, Council Members Sasha Naiman, Chris Dobrozsi, and Ken Suer. Council Members were sworn in by Hamilton County Commissioner Denise Driehaus.

NAIMAN JOINS MONTGOMERY CITY COUNCIL

Sasha Naiman is honored to join City Council and represent her fellow residents. She attended Sycamore Schools, followed by Boston University (B.A.) and Washington University in St Louis (J.D.). Ms. Naiman and her husband Donnie bought their first home in Montgomery, where they live with their daughter Lydia.

Ms. Naiman is the Executive Director of a nonprofit law firm that serves youth in Ohio and Kentucky's child welfare, juvenile justice, and education systems. Ms. Naiman is a 2018 graduate of the Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy and has been an active member of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. She has served on boards and committees of multiple nonprofits, civic, and professional organizations in Greater Cincinnati.

Ms. Naiman says her work on City Council and as an attorney is personal. She explains that she was born in a country that discriminated against her ethnic group and gave citizens no enforceable legal rights. Ms. Naiman and her family moved to Cincinnati, and she often reflects on their journey to build the “American dream.” Ms. Naiman says she is grateful to the people, organizations, and systems that helped her family. That has led to her dedication to making her community a fair, safe, prosperous, and welcoming place for all people.



Sasha Naiman
New Council Member

COUNCIL MESSAGE

A UNITED MONTGOMERY

BY CHRIS DOBROZSI

HAPPY NEW YEAR! As we welcome 2022, I am optimistic we will soon put the pandemic in the rearview mirror and set our sights on new year's resolutions including the hope that our daily lives will fully return to normal activities. Life for all of us has been challenging and this hope for each day bringing us one day closer to normal is a welcomed anticipation.

As I reflect back over the past 20 months, I have seen the love and support of our residents helping those in need as an everyday occurrence within the Montgomery Community - **a community where the residents care for one another and believe we are stronger together.**

That is what I love most about Montgomery - the fact that our diverse community remains united while national, regional, and even local politics have fractured the essence of community in many cities including many within the greater Cincinnati area. I am also not naive enough to think that it could not happen here as our nation as a whole continues to become more and more divided.

I believe that Montgomery is the greatest community in the region as we have engaged citizens, outstanding schools, quality city parks, incredible City Staff, a central location, historic downtown, connected sidewalk system, high quality restaurants, extensive small businesses, a world-class hospital, diverse housing stock and a high quality brand that all make Montgomery the community of choice for many moving to and relocating within the region.

All of these attributes are what make Montgomery the community of choice and the envy of many, but none of these tangible elements matter if we do not work hard at the most important success metric - staying united and personally connected and caring for one another. A divided community is my greatest fear for this community and we are all responsible to ensure we do not fall victim to division like other communities have done.

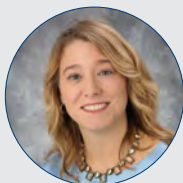
The election cycles in 2020 and 2021 have certainly led to the demise of communities and the upcoming 2022 election cycle has already begun down the same destructive path. So I ask each of you - what does identifying as an "R", "D" or even a "Green" have to do with providing superior City services such as fire, police, park maintenance, snow plowing, filling a pot hole or community events? What does it have to do with economic development? From my point of view, the answer to all of these is that it does not matter at all. What matters is that we care for the Montgomery Community and each other.

The fundamental reason Montgomery is such a special community is that it is governed in a non-partisan approach as outlined in Article X of the Montgomery City Charter. All decisions must be based upon "What is Best for The City of Montgomery", and not any one individual or political party. We all must live by this approach - the spirit of the Charter - to ensure Montgomery will flourish for decades and generations to come.

COUNCIL MEMBERS



Mayor
Craig Margolis



Vice Mayor
Lee Ann Bissmeyer



Member
Mike Cappel



Member
Chris Dobrozsi



Member
Ron Messer



Member
Sasha Naiman



Member
Ken Suer

DECEMBER 15, 2021 WORK SESSION

Montgomery City Council met in its regular monthly Work Session on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at City Hall. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m., with public comment welcomed on each item before City Council.

Legislation for Consideration that Evening

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, 2021

A Resolution Authorizing An Amendment To The Current Contract With Donnellon, Donnellon & Miller For Legal Services To The City Of Montgomery

A Resolution Amending and Correcting Resolution No. 42, 2021

New Legislation

A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To 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 2022

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 2022

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Elex Inc. for the Montgomery Heritage District Traffic Signal Project

A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract With Human Nature, Inc. For Professional Design And Engineering Services Related To The Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway/Montgomery Road Interchange Landscaping Project

A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Lease For City Copier Equipment And Authorize Related Services

RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

Approved Legislation - December 1, 2021

ORDINANCE 7, 2021 - 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, 2022 **(Passed 6-Yea , 1 -Abstain)**

ORDINANCE 8, 2021 - Ordinance Approving A Planned Development Overlay For Property Owned By Twin Lakes Located On Montgomery Road At Schoolhouse Lane **(Passed 6-Yea , 1 -Abstain)**

RESOLUTION 37, 2021 - A Resolution Adopting A Five-Year Capital Improvement Program For The City Of Montgomery **(Passed 6-Yea , 1 -Abstain)**

RESOLUTION 38, 2021 - A Resolution Adopting A Five-Year Strategic Plan For The City Of Montgomery **(Passed 6-Yea , 1 -Abstain)**

RESOLUTION 39, 2021 - An Resolution Declaring A Moratorium On The Collection Of Building And Zoning Permit Fees For Solar Installations **(Passed 7-0)**

ORDINANCE 9, 2021 - An Ordinance Establishing The Diversity And Inclusion Commission **(Passed 7-0)**

RESOLUTION 40, 2021 - An Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract With Humana Health Plan Of Ohio, Inc. To Provide Medical Insurance And Dental Insurance For Full-Time Employees **(Passed 7-0)**

RESOLUTION 41, 2021 - An Resolution Establishing City Contributions For Healthcare Benefits **(Passed 7-0)**

RESOLUTION 42, 2021

An Resolution Designating A Portion Of The Montgomery Road Corridor As A Community Entertainment District **(Passed 6-Yea , 1 -Abstain)**

RESOLUTION 43, 2021 - An Resolution Amending Resolution No. 9, 2020 And Resolution No. 39, 2020 To Approve A Modification To The Construction Agreement With Brandicorp, LLC For The Montgomery Quarter Project Improvements **(Passed 6-Yea , 1 -Abstain)**

RESOLUTION 44, 2021 - An Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Accept The Opioid Settlement And Enter Into The Participation Agreement With Opioid Manufacturers Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc **(Passed 7-0)**

December 15, 2021

RESOLUTION 45, 2021 - A Resolution Authorizing An Amendment To The Current Contract With Donnellon, Donnellon & Miller For Legal Services To The City Of Montgomery **(Passed 7-0)**

ORDINANCE 10 2021 - 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, 2021 **(Passed 6-Yea , 1 -Abstain)**

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

WELCOME MONTGOMERY'S NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, KEVIN CHESAR

Kevin started with the City of Montgomery in November 2021. Previously he served as the Director of Development with the City of Monroe, Ohio, and has held various zoning, transportation, and comprehensive planning roles with the City of Dayton and the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission. He has a bachelor's degree from Miami University in Urban and Regional Planning and Sociology and a master's degree in Urban Administration from Wright State University. Kevin is an active member of the American Planning Association.



FILE TAXES VIA SECURE EMAIL AND E-FILE

It's almost time to get ready to file annual taxes, so here is a reminder that the Tax Office offers two ways to send your tax documents quickly and securely:



I'm ready to file online!

Tax E-File and E-Pay This option allows taxpayers to file and pay Montgomery taxes on-line quickly, easily, and securely. Upload supporting documents so the return is complete when submitted. Payments may be remitted by checking account or credit card. A User Guide is available on the Tax Office page at www.montgomeryohio.gov.



Tax Office Secure Email

Secure E-mail This option allows taxpayers to forward documents to the Tax Office securely and easily. Click the link and follow the steps to create an account, then simply upload the information and send. If you would like Tax Office staff to prepare your Montgomery return, documents can be sent through this portal and your sensitive information remains secure.

NOTE! Only upload documents through the City E-file site to file a completed return.

All other documents must be sent via Secure Email. Please contact the Tax Office at 513-792-8333 with any questions.



K-9 Ricky's Coloring Contest

Ages 12 and Under
Contest runs January 3 - January 27

Winner receives a Police Prize Pack and a
tour of Montgomery's Safety Center!

Coloring sheets available at City Hall or montgomeryohio.gov





2021 WINTER COLORING CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Approximately 142 wildly creative and artistic entries were received in the City's annual winter coloring contest and were displayed at Universalist Church at the Holiday in the Village event. Some of the entries were adorned with glitter, cotton, greenery, and bows. Thank you to all those who entered the contest. Vice Mayor Lee Ann Bissmeyer and Santa awarded the prizes to all the winners at the tree-lighting ceremony during the Holiday in the Village event. Ella Meier 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 share the spirit of the holiday season together in Montgomery. The coloring contest was generously sponsored by Bethesda North Hospital.

Please visit montgomeryohio.gov to view all the winning artwork from this year's Winter Coloring Contest.

	Most Creative	Best Use of Color	Overall Skill
Pre-School	Adele Donaworth	Juliet Martin	Alex Brasse
Kindergarten	Kara Barth	Russell Woeste	Ella Meier *
1st & 2nd Grade	Arianna Saha & Joanna Rawlinson	Emily Brasse	Penny Degenhardt
3rd & 4th Grade	Annika Saha	Anvita Sahni	Julia Ridgway & Samanvitha Vikram
5th & 6th Grade	Elyse Ridgway	Estelle Murphy	Divya Viswalingam

* Ella Meier was also named the **Grand Prize Winner**



LIFE-SAVING DEVICE DONATED TO MONTGOMERY

CPR+AED=LIFESAVERS, a Cincinnati Area Board of Realtors Committee, recently donated an AED or automated external defibrillator. An AED is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated yet easy-to-use medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock or defibrillation to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm. Montgomery will keep the AED at Terwilliger Lodge in Dulle Park. This is the second AED the committee has donated to Montgomery. The other is at the Recreation Annex.



REMINDER! SANDWICH BOARD SIGNS IN THE HERITAGE DISTRICT



If your business is in the Heritage District, please remember to submit your sandwich board (a-frame) sign permit for 2022. Businesses in the Heritage District are permitted to have sandwich board signs year-round with an approved permit. The permit form and an illustration of the proposed sign are required. Sandwich board signs are intended to attract pedestrian traffic for businesses within the District. Signs cannot exceed 24 inches in width and 36 inches in height and must be made of natural materials (plastic signs are prohibited).

Additional information regarding the requirements can be found in Sections 151.3012(h) and 151.14 of the Montgomery Zoning Code. The permit form can be obtained at City Hall or on the city's website www.montgomeryohio.gov. The annual fee for the permit is \$32.50. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Melissa Hays, zoning and code compliance officer, at 513-792-8347 or mhays@montgomeryohio.gov.



AMERICAN LEGION POST 630 HONORS VETERANS

American Legion Post 630, along with a host of volunteers including Mayor Craig Margolis and Council Member Ron Messer, honored the graves of approximately 400 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 our past veterans and to continue their patriotic service in our community. The City also thanks all current veterans for their dedication and service.



IS YOUR HOME PREPARED FOR WINTER WEATHER

If you have not already, now is the time to winterize your home before winter weather hits. Follow these tips to ensure your house is ready for 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.

Always be aware, prepared, and notified so you will not be 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 be signed up for Smart 911, a life-saving technology that allows you to give vital information to 9-1-1 dispatch before an emergency. Sign up today at Alert Hamilton County and Smart911 - Hamilton County EMHSA (hamiltoncountyohioema.org).

Source: Hamilton County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency



CITY SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR SERVICE AND ENGAGEMENT GRANT

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

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

To review the grant application, visit montgomeryohio.gov, and search "Service and Engagement Grant." Applications are due by 4:00 p.m. on February 1, 2022.

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

UNLIMITED YARD WASTE CONTINUES, AND HOLIDAY GREENERY PICK UP BEGINS

The weekly unlimited yard waste pick-up resumes once again on Saturday, January 8, when it will be collected along with holiday greenery. Christmas trees, wreaths, and swags can be placed at the curb, along with yard waste.

Residents will not be required to have a yard waste sticker attached to them. Please place all waste at the curb on Friday evening before the Saturday pick-up.

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

Saturday, January 8 • Saturday, January 15 • Saturday, January 22

Each item must be completely free of all plastic, flocking, tinsel and decorations. All yard waste must be placed in bags in the event of snow due to freezing.

As a reminder, regular yard waste collection will resume the first week in March.



EAC CONCLUDES THE COLLECTION OF STRANDED HOLIDAY LIGHTS, EXTENSION CORDS JAN. 15

The City of Montgomery Environmental Advisory Commission continues its recycling collection for January to include the collection of holiday decoration lights (stranded) and extension cords. Bring these items on Jan. 15 to the Public Works facility, 7315 Cornell Road, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for recycling.

Support the City's recycling efforts to reduce the amount of trash going into landfills. Please do not forget to bring cardboard for recycling as well.

BAMSO PRESENTS SPRING CONCERT

On Sunday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m., the Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra will present "From the Top XI," featuring winners of the Jack and Lucille Wonnell Memorial Young Artist Concerto Competition, with Suzanne Bona, heard on WGUC. The orchestra will also play additional works. The concert will occur at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 10345 Montgomery Road, in Montgomery.



HOW TO READ AND UNDERSTAND YOUR ENERGY BILL

BY MARK LASKOVICS, CHAIR OF THE EAC

You receive a lot of good information on your monthly energy bill. Sometimes this large amount of information can be confusing. Energy is something we all use continually, and it could be beneficial to understand the individual costs of this critical resource.

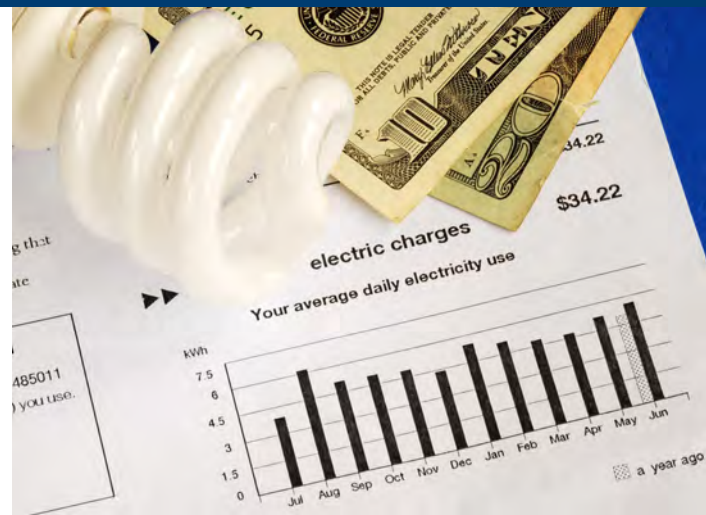
All of the important information is presented on your monthly bill.

The Duke Energy invoice covers both electricity and natural gas. The invoice provides very informative graphs of your electricity and gas usage for the past 12 months, making it easy to see that electrical use usually increases with summer air conditioning and gas usage increases with winter heating. If you have a heat pump, your gas usage will be low throughout the year, while electricity will be relatively high.

Electricity: The electricity portion of your invoice details fixed and variable charges. The fixed charges include a distribution charge as well as a number of "riders." These riders are set by the Public Utility Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to cover maintenance of the system. These fixed charges can be around half of your electric bill and will not change with your choice of electricity generator. The variable charges are what you pay for each kilowatt-hour (kWh) of electricity you use. The invoice clearly shows how much energy you used (in kWh), what you paid per kWh, and a "Price to Compare." The "Price to Compare" allows the consumer to compare electricity suppliers with Duke's offer easily. If the electricity supplier provides energy below the "Price to Compare", you are saving money. Please note that many electrical suppliers provide energy at a price contracted for the entire year, whereas Duke's electrical price varies by month depending on market conditions. This needs to be taken into account when comparing offers.

Natural Gas: Like electricity, the natural gas portion of your invoice details fixed and variable charges. Again, the fixed costs include distribution charges and "riders" to maintain the system and deliver gas. During winter, the fixed charge can be about a third of your gas bill. The variable charges are what you pay per "centum cubic foot" (CCF) of gas you use. The variable charge for gas includes two items: a base charge per CCF and either a "Gas Cost Recovery" (GCR) charge per CCF or the alternative gas supplier's charge if you have an alternative gas supplier. Duke's GCR can be a significant portion of your bill and varies monthly. The GCR is the actual cost of gas that Duke pays to purchase gas for your use. This cost is passed on to you with no mark-up.

For more information, see the Public Utilities Commission website at: <https://puco.ohio.gov>



SCHOOL'S OUT DAY NINJA WARRIOR CAMP

Ages 10-14

Monday, February 21 from 1:00 - 4:00pm

Space is limited to 30 students with a minimum of 15.

Cost is \$55 per child

Instructed by American Ninja Warrior contestant James Wilson at the Montgomery Recreation Annex Building, 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.

Register online at montgomeryohio.gov

HATS OFF...

... to all our Holiday in the Village volunteers who helped ensure that all attendees had a festive and fun time. Adult volunteer Julie Koehne and teen volunteers Sophie Frederick, Ellie Johnson, Ella & Linley Helms, Sophia Lemmons, Navya & Lakshya Prabhu, Srinethe Sukesh, Lela Walker, and Anna Whitmer assisted Mrs. Claus at the North Pole Workshop with crafts and games. A grateful thank you to these volunteers for helping to make this holiday event festive and enjoyable for one and all!



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 6, 2022 (rain date Friday, January 7, 2022) at 10:00 a.m.

Where: City's Annex Building, 10115 Montgomery Road

For more information or sign up to volunteer, contact Shawn Cooper at 513-891-2424 or scooper@montgomeryohio.gov.



EXPOSURE:



MONTGOMERY

*34th annual
Photography Competition*

**ACCEPTING ENTRIES
MARCH 1 - 31**

Look for more info coming soon!

GROW YOUR CIVIC PRIDE, JOIN A COMMISSION

The City of Montgomery is looking to fill vacancies on the following Commissions. The initial step in getting involved is attending an upcoming Commission meeting you are interested in to learn more about their project work and meet the current members. Visit montgomeryohio.gov to learn about the Commission's responsibilities.

Planning Commission - meetings are usually scheduled for the first and third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Landmarks Commission - 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 on what each of the Commissions do and/or to apply for the above positions, visit montgomeryohio.gov/volunteer.

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.



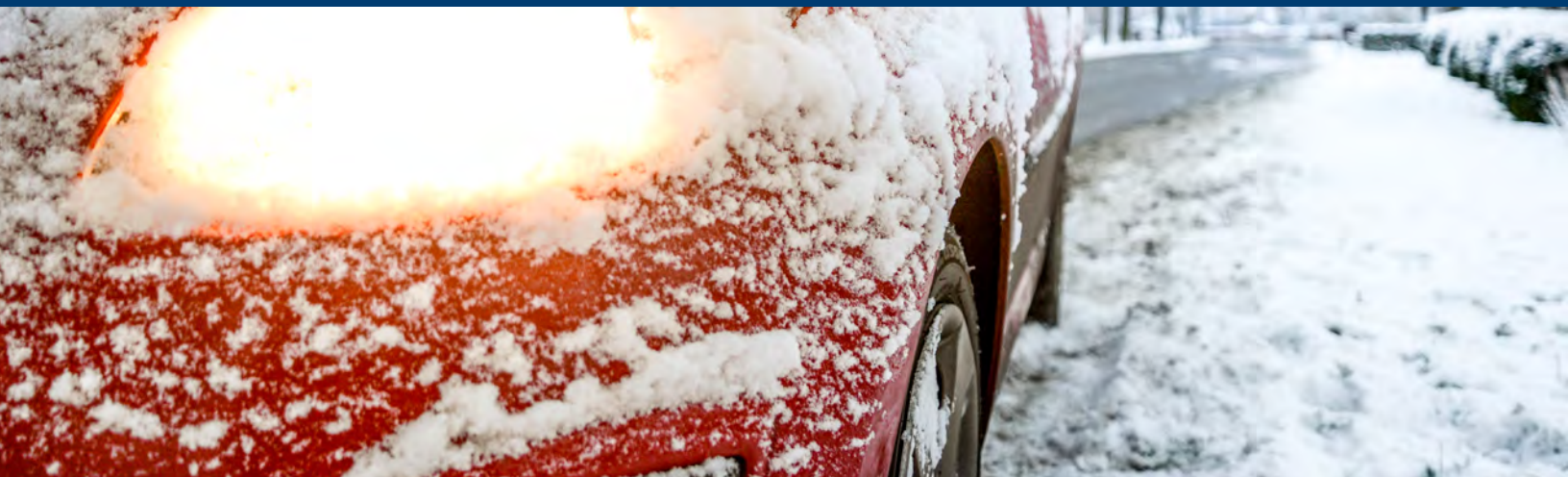
When in doubt, throw it out! Throw away any food that has been exposed to temperatures 40 degrees or higher for two hours or more, or that has an unusual odor, color, or texture.

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**.





WINTER DRIVING TIPS

With the inevitable winter weather fast approaching, the Montgomery Police Department encourages everyone to review a few winter driving reminders and suggestions.

Vehicle Maintenance

Start winter off right by ensuring your vehicle is in good condition. Check the battery, tire tread, and windshield wipers. Keep windows clear, put no-freeze fluid in the washer reservoir, and check the antifreeze. Allow time for ALL your windows to clear from frost or snow before driving, not as you're driving.

Know Your Car

If possible, practice driving in icy or snowy conditions in an empty parking lot in full daylight. On the road:

- Slow down and allow plenty of distance to stop for vehicles ahead of you. Bad weather does not exempt drivers from the responsibility of controlling their vehicles or stopping safely behind another vehicle.
- When entering a roundabout, slow down and YIELD to vehicles within the roundabout. Once in the roundabout, don't change lanes. Drive defensively.
- Know what your brakes will do. In general, if you have antilock brakes, apply firm, continuous pressure. If you don't have antilock brakes, pump the brakes gently.
- In a skid, ease your foot off the gas while steering in the direction you want to go. Stay off the pedals until you can maintain control of your vehicle. This procedure, known as "steering into the skid," will bring the back end of your car in line with the front.

Plan Ahead

- Check the weather, road, and traffic conditions. Leave early if necessary.
- Familiarize yourself with directions and have a GPS route planned. Let others know your route and expected arrival time. If a cell phone must be used, properly equip as a hands-free device.
- Keep gas tank close to full. If you get stuck in traffic or snow, you might need more fuel to get home or keep warm.
- If possible, avoid driving in hazardous conditions or wait until conditions improve before venturing out.

Stock Your Vehicle

Carry items for typical winter driving tasks and supplies you might need in an emergency:

- Snow shovel, broom, and ice scraper
- Abrasive material such as sand or kitty litter, in case your vehicle gets stuck in the snow
- Jumper cables, flashlight, and warning devices such as flares and markers
- Blankets
- Cell phone with charger, water, food, and any necessary medicine (for longer trips or in lightly populated areas).

Stopped or Stalled

- Stay with your car and don't overexert yourself. Use a cell phone to call for help.
- If you choose to exit your vehicle, be aware of the dangers of other nearby vehicles.
- Put four-way flashers on until help arrives.
- To avoid carbon monoxide poisoning, clear the exhaust pipe and run your vehicle only long enough to stay warm.

Source: www.NHTSA.gov

BRU BURGER BAR COMING TO MONTGOMERY QUARTER

Cunningham Restaurant Group has signed a lease to bring Bru Burger Bar to Montgomery Quarter. The Cunningham Restaurant Group owns and operates Stone Creek Dining Company in Montgomery and is excited to expand its presence with the third Bru Burger location in Greater Cincinnati. The restaurant is anticipated to open in June of 2022. It will be open for lunch, serving burgers made with locally sourced meats and vegetables, as well as salads, sandwiches, and other items. Bru Burger will be a great addition to the community and a terrific place for friends and families to dine and experience the uniqueness and energy of the Montgomery area.

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 will serve as a spectacular gateway into the city that will enhance the entire community for current and future residents, businesses, and visitors.

For more information on this project, contact Tracy Henao, assistant city manager, at thenao@montgomeryohio.gov or 513-792-8312.



Submit art to the 2022 Holiday Card Contest

Artists of all ages are encouraged to share their artistic side with the community and beyond and submit an original work of art for Montgomery's annual holiday card.

--The winning artist will receive public recognition and a set of 50 of the winning designed cards.

--Artists can use any medium from oils to chalk but will need to provide a digital image of the art to the City.

--For more information and to submit: visit www.montgomeryohio.gov

Contact Julie Machon at
513-792-8316 or
jmachon@montgomeryohio.gov
for more information.



DID YOU KNOW?

Do you remember when Furniture by Otmar looked like this? Shown here is William Swaim's house shortly before it was razed in 1970. Swaim was the school principal in the late 19th century. The first rustic school building was located behind William Swaim's house, and in the 1930's to 1960's there were cabins located in this location where travelers could spend the night. Many things have changed since this picture was taken in 1969; however, Furniture by Otmar has remained a constant on this corner of Montgomery and Remington Roads since they opened their doors in 1960.



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Businesses interested in 2022 sponsorship opportunities may contact Julie Machon at 513-792-8316 or at jmachon@montgomeryohio.gov

Hometown Americana community events help make Montgomery truly unique.

Many sponsorship opportunities are available to organizations of any size.



FITNESS

Experience updated group exercise equipment and classes. All equipment needed for classes is provided. Registration for **2022 - Session A** of fitness classes is open. Please visit the fitness page at montgomeryohio.gov for class descriptions, important information and registration.

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

Fitness Class Schedule 2022 - Session A							
Day	Class Name	Dates of Session	No Classes	Session Length	Time of Class	Res.	Non-Res.
Mon.	Mixed Level Yoga	1/10 - 2/28	2/21	7 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$35	\$40
Mon.	Chair Yoga	1/10 - 2/28	2/21	7 classes	11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	\$35	\$40
Tue.	Cardio Strength and Stretched	1/11 - 3/1		8 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Tue.	Tai Chi	1/11 - 3/1		8 classes	10:20-11:20 a.m.	\$80	\$90
Tue.	Pilates	1/11 - 3/1		8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45
Wed.	Mixed Level Yoga	1/12 - 3/2		8 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Wed.	Beginner Level Yoga	1/12 - 3/2		8 classes	10:45-11:45 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Wed.	Bootcamp	1/12 - 3/2		8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45
Thur.	Cardio Strength and Stretched	1/13 - 3/3		8 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Thur.	HIIT (Interval Training)	1/13 - 3/3		8 classes	12:00-1:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45
Thur.	Pilates	1/13 - 3/3		8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45

The Recreation Annex building will be closed December 17 - January 7 due to the holidays, holiday decorating, and annual maintenance. We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and look forward to seeing you in 2022.

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 you 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 friends or loved ones. This allows for each to hold the other accountable and encourage them to achieve their fitness goals



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JANUARY 2022 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
2	3 Beautification and Tree Commission, Public Works, 9:00 a.m.	4	5 Council Business Session, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	6 Holiday Decorating Takedown, Annex Building 10:00 a.m.	7 Holiday Decorating Takedown, Annex Building 10:00 a.m. (rain date)	8 Christmas Tree/Wreath Pick up, Unlimited Yard Waste Pick up No stickers required, remove all tinsel and other decorations
9	10 Planning Commission, City Hall 7:30 p.m.	11 Environmental Advisory Commission, City Hall, 5:00 p.m.	12 Landmarks Commission, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	13 Parks and Recreation Commission, City Hall 6:30 p.m.	14	15 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.
16	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day City offices closed, trash pickup as usual	18 4th Qtr. City Tax Due Sister Cities Commission, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	19 Council Work Session, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	20	21	22 Christmas Tree/Wreath Pick up, Unlimited Yard Waste Pick up No stickers required, remove all tinsel and other decorations
23	24 Arts Commission, City Hall, 5:00 p.m.	25 Board of Zoning Appeals, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	26	27 K-9 Ricky's Coloring Contest Deadline	28	29
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