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EXPOSURE: MONTGOMERY PHOTO CONTEST



"Veiled in Light" 2021 Student Best of Show Winner - Kara Lally

Exposure: Montgomery, the area's longest-running amateur photo competition and awards presentation – now in its 34th year – takes place on Sunday, April 10, at 1:00 p.m. in Montgomery. The event is presented by the Montgomery Arts Commission and is open to beginners and serious amateurs alike.

Photographers may submit up to three photos from March 1 through March 31. Entry details, including deadlines and instructions for submitting photos, along with information on how to mount photos for display, can be found on the City's website, montgomeryohio.gov.

The judges look for photos that capture technical brilliance, originality, or a unique point of view and are chosen from both adult and student (high school or below) categories. Up to 10 winners in each category are awarded \$100 each.

In addition to the exhibit and awards presentation on Sunday, April 10, the public is invited to a preview reception on

Saturday, April 9. More details are coming soon!

The Montgomery Arts Commission is a group of citizen volunteers who support and foster an appreciation of the visual and performing arts by producing community-wide arts events offered year-round for all ages, most of which are free. For additional information, call 513-891-2424.



"Regression" 2021 Best of Show Adult Winner -Richard Lingo





Hometown Americana community events help make Montgomery truly unique.

Many sponsorship opportunities are available to organizations of any size.

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

YARD WASTE COLLECTION RESUMES FEBRUARY 28

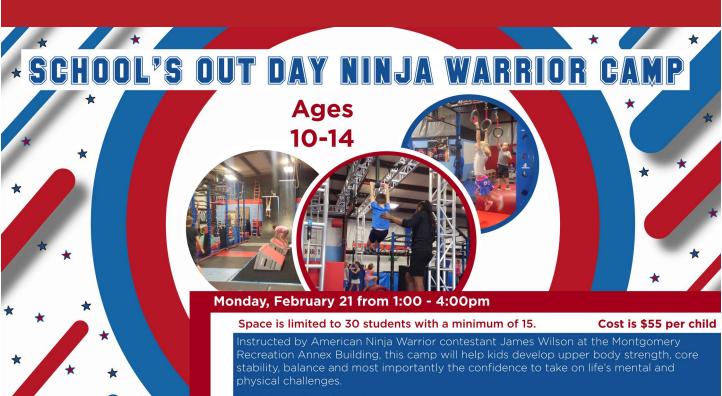
Beginning February 28, weekly yard waste collection will resume at no charge for all one and two-family residential homes.

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



- Loosely place yard waste in trash cans or in paper yard waste bags which are commonly available at grocery or hardware stores. Do not place bags on the street. If the material is being placed in a garbage can or toter, please label it as "yard waste" so it is not inadvertently collected as trash. Do not dispose of plants in plastic planter tubs, separate plants for yard waste and plastic for recycling.
- Place yard waste on the opposite side of the driveway from regular trash. Leave the lids off cans containing yard waste. Freezing conditions seal the lids which does not allow for easy removal of yard waste. **No plastic bags will be accepted.**
- Place your cans, bags or bundles at the curb no earlier than 5:00 p.m. the night before your pickup and remove your containers by 9:00 p.m. the day of your pickup.
- Brush should be bundled in sizes up to 4 feet in length and 2 feet in diameter. The material should be fastened with cotton twine (No wire or plastic ties, please).
- Limbs need to be cut into 4 foot lengths and no larger than 6 inches in diameter.

Please see the City's website for more information at montgomeryohio.gov.



Register online at montgomeryohio.gov

COUNCIL MESSAGE

SEVERAL OBSERVATIONS: **BY KEN SUER**

A few months ago, we held a local election for City Council, and there since has been some transition. After serving our community for two decades, Lynda Roesch decided not to run and, in effect, retired. Lynda is a class act. On Council, she was always calm, courteous, poised, thoughtful, and she will be dearly missed. I welcome Ron Messer and Sasha Naiman, who both ran for the first time. I also welcome back newly re-elected Chris Dobrozsi and Lee Ann Bissmeyer to join Craig Margolis and Mike Cappel. I am fortunate to work with this smart, competent team!

Unlike the divided country we live in today: "Red states" vs. "Blue states," "left" vs. "right," "us" vs. "them," and a steady diet of inflamed rhetoric, threats, insults, vicious personal attacks, etc., our City Council prefers to operate differently from those places you hear about in the media where back-stabbing, grandstanding, feuding, and fighting are the norm. It's a radical approach, but our City Council values courteous behavior and working together for the benefit of the city. We get a lot accomplished by avoiding partisan polarization. How we treat each other, staff, and the public is important to us. We strongly believe in civility and treating people with respect.

On another note, after much discussion, we decided not to conduct our Montgomery Citizens Leadership Academy (MCLA) in 2022. Once again, it is too risky with COVID on the rampage. We will resume this great program when it is feasible to do so.

Also, despite the winter weather, the Montgomery Quarter project is taking shape. Obviously, it still looks like just a big, drab construction site, and it might be hard for folks to envision the final look but --- eventually, I think you will be very impressed!

Finally, it seems that every year on Groundhog Day, we must rely on Punxsutawney Phil in Pennsylvania to get an accurate prediction on the length of winter. Well, Phil seems to be somewhat erratic with his forecasts. Perhaps Montgomery should have its own meteorologist groundhog (maybe "Montgomery Max"?), so we can get a second opinion. We'll investigate it.



COUNCIL MEMBERS





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Vice Mayor Craig Margolis Lee Ann Bissmeyer

Member

Mike Cappel



Chris Dobrozsi



Member

Ron Messer



Member

Sasha Naiman



Member Ken Suer



JANUARY 19, 2022 WORK SESSION

Montgomery City Council met in its regular monthly Work Session on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at City Hall. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m., with public comment welcomed on each item before City Council.

New Legislation

An Ordinance Establishing A Hotel/Motel Tax in the City of Montgomery

RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

Approved Legislation January 5, 2022

RESOLUTION 1 2022

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 (passed 7-0)

RESOLUTION 2 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 (passed 7-0)

RESOLUTION 3 2022

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Elex Inc. for the Montgomery Heritage District Traffic Signal Project (passed 7-0)

RESOLUTION 4 2022

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 (passed 6, 1-abstain)

RESOLUTION 5 2022

A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Lease For City Copier Equipment And Authorize Related Services (passed 7-0)

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

ADMINISTRATION



City Manager Brian Riblet



Assistant City Manager 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

PARK SHELTER RESERVATIONS OPEN MARCH 1

Reservations of Montgomery's Park shelters will be available on Tuesday, March 1, through Wednesday, November 30. Park shelter reservations may be made online or in person at City Hall. Reservations are NOT available over the phone.

Park shelter reservations are limited to Montgomery residents, businesses, and employees of Montgomery businesses. Nonresidents may use the shelters on a first come, first-serve basis as long as there is no reservation. A reservation list is posted at each park shelter weekly.

Reserve a shelter online at www.montgomeryohio.gov/shelter-and-lodge-reservations/. For additional information, contact City Hall at 513-891-2424.

TAX OFFICE REMINDERS

As a reminder, some things to keep in mind as we approach tax filing season:

- The due date for filing your 2021 return and paying your first quarter 2022 estimate is April 18, 2022. First-quarter tax is due even if your return is on extension.
- The Tax Office now offers On-line Filing! You can locate the E-File and E-pay links on the Tax Office page on our website at montgomeryohio.gov.
- Need assistance with preparing your Montgomery return? Send W-2 forms and a copy of your Federal return through the Secure Email link on our website, and our staff will prepare your return at no cost.
- Our Tax Ordinance requires taxpayers to submit copies of all W-2 forms, the front page of the Federal 1040 form, and, if applicable, Federal Schedule 1, Schedule C, Schedule E, and Form 4797. To avoid a late filing penalty for submitting an incomplete return, please be sure to include all required forms.
- To use your tax dollars wisely, tax forms have been reduced to one page beginning this year. All information and instructions will be available on our website. If you have any questions, we are here to help at tax@montgomeryohio. gov or 513-792-8333.

SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY BY JOINING 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.

Environmental Advisory Commission - meetings are usually scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 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 to apply for the above positions, visit montgomeryohio.gov/volunteer.



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.







WHY RECYCLE E-WASTE?

The United States Environmental Protection Agency reports that:

- Recycling 1 million cell phones produces 35 thousand pounds of copper, 33 pounds of palladium, 772 pounds of silver, and 75 pounds of gold. This reduces the energy required to mine, refine and manufacture new materials and reduces pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.
- Recycling one million laptops saves the energy equivalent to the electricity used by more than 3,500 US homes in a year.

Prepare your e-waste properly for recycling by:

- Deleting all personal information from your electronics before arriving at a recycling facility.
- Removing any batteries from your electronics. Don't put batteries in the trash or recycling bin. Take them to an electronics or hardware store that recycles batteries.

To find local recyclers visit the Hamilton County R3Source website at hamiltoncountyr3source.org. Please be aware that some recyclers charge a fee for their service.

Check the Montgomery Bulletin or the City website, montgomeryohio.gov, for monthly recycling events held by the Montgomery Environmental Advisory Commission.

Information from: EPA.gov/recycle and Hamilton County Environmental Services, hamiltoncountyr3source.org. Article submitted by Donna Schwartz, member of the Environmental Advisory Commission



Thank you to all the Montgomery Woman's Club members, Beautification and Tree Commissioners, and individual volunteers for all their work on the Holiday Decorating Project Takedown phase. Along with the City Public Works staff members, these volunteers spent a morning preparing all the decorations for storage. This massive project is coordinated by the Montgomery Woman's Club's Community Service Downtown Decorating Program and the Public Works Department.



UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Basket Planting (Adults)

When: Tuesday, April 5, 9:00 a.m. – 11/11:30 a.m. Where: Public Works Building 7315 Cornell Road What: Help plant the hanging baskets that will decorate the City.

For more specific information contact Shawn Cooper at scooper@montgomeryohio.gov or 513-792-8301.

AN OFFICER'S RESPONSE TO A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

Mental Health is just as important as our physical health. There has been an increase in mental health issues since the pandemic. As part of Montgomery's "Mental Health Awareness Initiative," officers from the Montgomery PD will be sharing information and resources from their actual training and experience. This article will be the first in a series of articles addressing Mental Health and resources available in the community.

Montgomery Officers routinely respond to calls for people suffering from mental health issues. These are some of the most challenging calls to navigate because they are unpredictable. Individuals often suffer from multiple issues, including mental illness, chronic illness, or addiction. Families are usually at a breaking point before calling for help. Officers will attempt to balance the need for treatment first while assessing any criminal elements and determining the best course of action for each situation. If no criminal acts have occurred, officers will work with all parties to get the proper treatment.

If an individual is creating an immediate risk to themselves or others, officers can sign a 72-hour commitment to a psychiatric unit, even if they do not want treatment. Officers must have evidence to support the involuntary hold, and it must be convincing. The hold is temporary, and officers will transport the person to the facility to be assessed by a medical professional. The individual will be given a treatment plan and connected to other resources. Patients are generally released before the 72-hour window. Situations like this could involve an individual threatening suicide or bodily injury.

If the person is not an immediate threat, officers will make an initial assessment and call the Mobile Crisis Team (MCT) to respond to the scene. The MCT is part of the Hamilton County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board. It is staffed by mental health professionals who have experience and training to assist officers in crisis situations. This might include a manic person who has not slept for days and is not taking medication. The MCT can meet with the individual and their family to develop a treatment plan and connect them to resources. They can also make recommendations for care and set up a safety plan.

Another method of working with an individual in crisis is to have them voluntarily seek medical treatment through a local emergency room or an existing medical professional. Voluntarily seeking treatment is the preferred course of action because the person is actively seeking treatment which likely will increase the acceptance of any recommended course of treatment. An individual having suicidal thoughts can call 911 or drive to an emergency room to seek treatment. The family and friends support structure often helps individuals take this first step.

The Montgomery Police Department would like to remind everyone that help is out there. Feel free to contact an officer at Montgomery Police Department at 513-985-1600 for more information or utilize any of the resources below for assistance.



CLIP AND SAVE THESE VALUABLE MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES...

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: suicidepreventionlifeline.org or 800-273-8255 Mobile Crisis Team: 513-584-5098

Mental Health Access Point: mentalhealthaccesspoint.org or 513-558-8888 Mental Health & Recovery Services: hcmhrsb.org or 513-281-2273 Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services: gcbhs.com or 513-354-5200 Recovery Center of Hamilton County: recoverycenterhc.org or 513-241-1411 National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI): nami.org or 800-950-6264 Montgomery Police Department: montgomeryohio.gov or 513-985-1600





There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

HEATING SAFETY 2022

Be warm and safe this winter with these tips:

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment such as the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters, or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.

- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected by a qualified professional every year.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- For fuel-burning heaters, always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.
- Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. Do not light the appliance if you smell gas in your gas appliance/furnace. Leave home immediately and call your fire department.

FACT

Over half (54%) of the home heating fire deaths were caused by having heating equipment too close to things that can burn, such as upholstered furniture, clothing, mattress, or bedding.

Source: National Fire Protection Association



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

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

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





SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION BEGINS IN MARCH

One of the best summer traditions in Montgomery is the Montgomery Makos summer swim team. The team welcomes swimmers, ages 5-18, of all levels and abilities to join as the season focuses on technique, teamwork, and having fun!



Sign-ups for returning families will start on March 2 and open to the community on March 23.



The team will practice daily and have weekly meets against teams in the Tri-County Swim League before concluding the season at Championships held on the campus of Miami University. It's a ton of fun for everyone!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the pool this summer!

- Jonathan Friend, Barbie Bergan, Swim Team Parent Board
- VISIT MONTGOMERYOHIO.GOV FOR MORE DETAILS

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. All programs are \$110 per participant and all equipment is



provided. Class size is limited. For more information and to sign up, please visit montgomeryohio.gov. For questions, please contact Sarah Fink at sfink@ montgomeryohio.gov. Sessions listed below:

Adult Beginner Golf

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.

- Tuesdays, April 5 May 3, 5 6 p.m.
- Thursdays, April 7 May 5, 6:45 7:45 p.m.
- Saturdays, May14 June 11, 10:45 11:45 a.m.

Adult Intermediate Golf

Would you like to consistently lower your score? 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.

- Wednesdays, April 6 May 4, 6:45 7:45 p.m.
- Saturdays, May 14 June 11, 9 10 a.m.
- Tuesday, May 17 June 14, 6:45 7:45 p.m.

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YOUTH SUMMER



FITNESS

Experience updated group exercise equipment and classes. All equipment needed for classes is provided. Registration for **2022 - Session B** 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 B												
Day	Class Name	Dates of Session	No Classes	Session Length	Time of Class	Res.	Non-Res.					
Mon.	Mixed Level Yoga	3/7 - 5/2	3/14	8 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$40	\$45					
Mon.	Chair Yoga	3/7 - 5/2	3/14	8 classes	11:00 a.m12:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45					
Tue.	Cardio Strength and Stretched	3/8 - 5/3	3/15	8 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45					
Tue.	Tai Chi	3/8 - 5/3	3/15	8 classes	10:20-11:20 a.m.	\$80	\$90					
Tue.	Pilates	3/8 - 5/3	3/15	8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45					
Wed.	Mixed Level Yoga	3/9 - 5/4	3/16	8 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$40	\$45					
Wed.	Beginner Level Yoga	3/9 - 5/4	3/16	8 classes	10:45-11:45 a.m.	\$40	\$45					
Wed.	Bootcamp	3/9 - 5/4	3/16	8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45					
Thur.	Cardio Strength and Stretched	3/10 - 5/5	3/17	8 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45					
Thur.	Pilates	3/10 - 5/5	3/17	8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45					

FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL HEART MONTH

Focusing on your heart health has never been more important. Not getting enough physical activity puts you at risk for heart disease and stroke. People with poor cardiovascular health are also at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

Make heart health a part of your self-care daily routine with these simple tips:

- Get a daily dose of physical activity, such as a brisk, 30-minute walk. Don't have a lot of time? Try doing 10 minutes of activity, three times a day.
- Take a moment to de-stress through meditation, yoga, a warm bath, or quiet time with a good book or funny movie.
- Prepare healthier meals. Cook meals that are low in sodium and unhealthy fats.
- Get quality sleep of 7-8 hours a night.
- Try to reach or stay at a healthy weight by moving more and having snacks like fruits and veggies ready to grab when hunger hits.
- Take your medications as prescribed and keep your medical appointments.

Source: National Heart Lung and Blood Institute, www.nhlbi.nih.gov





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FEBRUARY 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	2	3	4	5
			City Council Business Session, City Hall 7:00 p.m.			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Beautification and Tree Commission, Public Works, 9:00 a.m.					
	Planning Commission, City Hall 7:30 p.m.	Environmental Advisory Commission, City Hall 5:00 p.m.	Landmarks Commission, City Hall 7:00 p.m.	Parks & Recreation Commission, City Hall 6:30 p.m.		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
						CPR/First Aid Certification Class - Montgomery Safety Center, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
		Sister Cities Commission, City Hall 6:30 p.m.	City Council Work Session, City Hall 7:00 p.m.			Cardboard Recycling, 7315 Cornell Road, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Ninja Warrior Camp, Recreation Annex Planning Commission, City Hall 7:30 p.m.	Diversity & Inclusion Commission, City Hall 4:00 p.m. Board of Zoning Appeals, City Hall 7:00 p.m.				
27	28					
	Arts Commission, City Hall 5:00 p.m.					

Emergency 911

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