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**MONTGOMERY**  
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# Soirée en Blanc

A refined, elegant social event for ages 21+ honoring the friendship between the City of Montgomery and our Sister City, Neuilly-Plaisance, France.

Sponsored by the Sister Cities Commission

**May 7**  
**Pioneer Park Gazebo & Meadow Field**  
**7:00 – 9:30 p.m.**

Tickets are sold by the table.

Table for 8 – \$200

Table for 4 – \$100

Drink Tickets – \$6 for beer or wine  
(must be pre-ordered)

Tickets include table with white linen tablecloth, padded white chairs, entertainment, and one drink per person for the kick-off toast.

Participants should plan to dress in all white and provide their own table settings (white plates, utensils and decorations), food and non-alcoholic beverages.

Details & Registration at [montgomeryohio.gov](http://montgomeryohio.gov)



## OPEN HOUSE TO DISCUSS ROUNDABOUT HARDSCAPE/LANDSCAPE

The City of Montgomery is holding an open house at Terwilliger Lodge for residents to view and then comment on the proposed hardscape/landscape improvements at the roundabout at Montgomery Road and Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway.

**When:** Thursday, April 28

**Time:** 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** Terwilliger Lodge, 10530 Deerfield Rd

For more information contact Public Works Director Gary Heitkamp at gheitkamp@montgomeryohio.gov or at 513-792-8321.



## STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM BEGINS THIS SPRING

The City awarded the 2022 street resurfacing program to JK Meurer Corporation. This year's program includes 2.73 centerline miles of public roadway. The following streets will be completed:

- Shadowhill Way (Creeknoll Ct to Windhaven Ct)
- Deersadow Lane
- Laurelview Drive
- Cedarview Drive
- Weller Road (#8699 to E. Kemper Rd)
- Kennedy Lane (#7370 to terminus)
- Zig Zag Road (Cooper Rd to Windzag Ln)

The work includes complete milling and asphalt resurfacing, along with "spot" curb replacement and storm drainage inlet repairs.

Construction is expected to begin in April or May and completed by mid-summer.



Regular construction updates are provided on the City's website as work progresses. For additional information on this or other projects, please contact Gary Heitkamp, public works director, at 513-792-8321.

## TERRY WILLENBRINK'S FINAL TREE TALK



### Celebrate Arbor Day with City Arborist Terry Willenbrink, who is retiring in May!

**When:** Friday, April 29 at 10:00 a.m.

**Where:** Montgomery Park, meet at Schoolhouse Lane Parking Lot

**It's free:** Registration is not required.

Walk along with Terry as he discusses everything about trees and shrubs. Terry has 36 years of experience with the City of Montgomery in landscape design, trees, and beautification. The walk includes demonstrating the best technique to plant a new tree.

The City of Montgomery has been a member of Tree City USA for over 26 years, meeting the standards established by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forestry Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

### Arbor Day Foundation 50th Anniversary

Arbor Day, the nation's tree planting holiday, was first celebrated in 1872. The Arbor Day Foundation was created 100 years later in 1972 to carry out its mission year-round. The most common date for the state observance is the last Friday in April - National Arbor Day - but several state Arbor Days are at other times to coincide with the best tree-planting weather, from January and February in the south to May in the far north.

## COUNCIL MESSAGE

### IT IS OK TO TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH BY MAYOR CRAIG MARGOLIS

Six months ago, I shared plans of a community initiative designed to address mental health concerns in our community. Through our many programs, commissions, and initiatives, Montgomery wants to continue to be known as a caring community, and promoting good mental health will be another way of demonstrating who we are.

Supporting good mental health is a public health issue. With one in five people experiencing some type of mental health issue each year, it is easy to understand why promoting mental health is a community priority. As we live our familiar modern life, we are inundated with financial, health, work, and loneliness concerns. We juggle competing deadlines and consume media that raises our awareness yet heightens our anxiety. Layer on global conflicts and global health problems, it is easy to understand how these concerns take their toll and impact our lives.

Mental Health includes our psychological and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel and act, and it also helps determine how we manage the stressors in our lives. We hope to improve our community's well-being by supporting good mental health and preventing substance abuse and suicides.

So, how can Montgomery play a role in our resident's well-being? In this issue of the Montgomery Bulletin, you will find an article about the first community conversation scheduled for May 12. I encourage you to mark your calendars to be involved, even if it is to get out and support your neighbor or loved one's well-being. Future community conversations about positive mental health, misconceptions, and the processes of recovery will be highlighted on social media and the City website at [www.montgomeryohio.gov/mental-health](http://www.montgomeryohio.gov/mental-health).

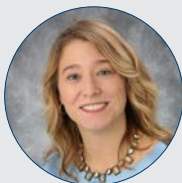


We all can find ways to assist our neighbors and loved ones to secure assistance, and I invite you to join us. You can intervene on another's behalf and ask for help when they need it. You may even save someone's life. Become a part of the solution.

## 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





## COUNCIL CORNER

### MARCH 23, 2022 WORK SESSION

Montgomery City Council met in its regular monthly Work Session on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at City Hall. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m., with public comment welcomed on each item before City Council.

#### Pending Legislation

**An Ordinance** Establishing an Excise Lodging Tax (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading))

#### New Legislation

**A Resolution** Establishing Compensation for The City Manager

**A Resolution** Approving Participation in Region 2 Governance Structure Under the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding

**An Ordinance** Establishing Schedules of Municipal Compensation

### RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

#### Approved Legislation

March 2, 2022

#### RESOLUTION 7 2022

**A Resolution** Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract With J.K. Meurer for the 2022 Street Resurfacing Program (passed 7-0)

#### RESOLUTION 8 2022

**A Resolution** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Sculptor Commission Agreement with Tom Tsuchiya LTD (passed 7-0)

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

### MONTGOMERY COMMISSION VACANCY NEEDING FILLED

Serve your community by joining a Commission. The City of Montgomery is looking to fill a vacancy on the following Commission. 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](http://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.

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 position, visit [montgomeryohio.gov/volunteer](http://montgomeryohio.gov/volunteer).

### 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

## COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH DISCUSSION BEGINS MAY 12

In November of 2021, residents were asked to participate in a mental health awareness survey conducted through the City website. Feedback received from this survey conveyed an overwhelming response that mental health is very important to our residents. Some of the topics of interest from those who completed the survey include:

- Depression
- Anxiety
- Youth depression and anxiety
- Supporting loved ones
- Suicide prevention
- Where and how to get help
- Stress
- Substance abuse/addiction
- Alternative treatment
- How first responders handle mental health incidents
- ADHD
- PTSD
- Dementia
- Cognitive/Brain health
- Executive Function Disorder

Based on this information, the City has planned community sessions to bring awareness to mental health issues and to destigmatize having conversations about them.



**The first community session will be held on Thursday, May 12 at Terwilliger Lodge at 7:00 p.m. It will feature Julia Saldanha, Director of Programs of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Southwest Ohio.**

This first session will bring awareness of mental illness by identifying signs and symptoms of an illness. Hear a personal story and message of hope from a NAMI participant and receive resources for support and treatment.

Look for more information to follow in the Montgomery Bulletin and the City Mental Health page at <https://www.montgomeryohio.gov/mental-health/>.



Julia Saldanha is in her fourth year as Director of Programs at NAMI Southwest Ohio. Julia grew up in India, lived and worked in Asia and Switzerland, and has called Cincinnati home for the last 23 years. After working in Finance and Accounting for most of her career, Julia moved into the nonprofit sector and says that it has been the best move she ever made. Mental health challenges have touched Julia closely in her personal and professional life. As a result, she is passionate about education, support and advocacy for individuals living with mental illness and their loved ones.

### Save the Date for the following presentations:

**August 11** – Dr. Tracy Cummings will lead a discussion on **Suicide Prevention**

**October 27** – Dr. Megan Schrantz will lead a discussion on **Anxiety/Depression**

## CLARITY HOUSE BAKERY OFFERS HOMEMADE BAKED GOODS

Clarity House Bakery is a small batch, neighborhood bakery owned and operated by three sisters who are long-time Montgomery residents. The nut-free and gluten-friendly business offers a variety of homemade baked goods as well as a wide selection of teas and local coffees.

The bakery is located at 9441 Main Street inside the recently restored, pre-Civil War era Jonathan Crain House, a Montgomery Landmark. Clarity House specializes in creating custom, handmade cookies, cakes, and desserts. The bakery says it can collaborate with customers to make personalized treats for special occasions such as birthdays, religious sacrament, graduation, or sports teams.

Clarity House is open Wednesday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. - noon, and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - noon. Call 513-344-1800 or visit [clarityhousebakery.com](http://clarityhousebakery.com) for more information.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 VOLUNTEER WALK OF FAME MEMBERS

This year's Volunteer Walk of Fame inductees includes **Mary Jo Byrnes, Shirley Freedman, Christine Genovese, Aaron Kellenberger, Dina Schmid, and Donna Schwartz.** These outstanding volunteers have reached a milestone of 250 or more volunteer hours and will be included in the Volunteer Walk of Fame walk in Montgomery Park. Hats off to these exceptional volunteers!

National Volunteer Week is the week of April 17. It is an annual opportunity to publicly acknowledge the enormous contributions made by volunteers nationwide, but especially in Montgomery. Volunteers who support the City of Montgomery help make Montgomery a community of engaged citizens.

This past year, volunteers served at various City events and projects. They lent their time and expertise to many projects such as:

- Beautification Day
- Bastille Day Celebration
- Harvest Moon
- Independence Day Parade and Festival
- Holiday in the Village
- Downtown Montgomery Holiday Decorating Project
- Serving on a Board or Commission



We take this opportunity to extend our appreciation to all City of Montgomery volunteers. They help make Montgomery a great place to live through their dedication and commitment!

## UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### 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.

### Beautification Day (Families, Groups, Anyone!)

**When:** Saturday, May 14, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
**What:** Help plant flower beds that will decorate the City.

### Safety Village Assistants (Middle School/ High School Age)

**When:** Weeks: June 13-17 and June 20-24.  
**Times:** 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Montgomery Elementary  
**What:** Assist with safety training for young children.

### Independence Day Parade & Festival

**When:** Monday, July 4  
**Location:** Montgomery Park  
**What:** Parade Float Organizers (adults)  
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
Festival Volunteers (perfect for students)  
10:45 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

For additional information or to sign up, visit [montgomeryohio.gov/volunteer](http://montgomeryohio.gov/volunteer) or contact Shawn Cooper at [scooper@montgomeryohio.gov](mailto:scooper@montgomeryohio.gov) or 513-891-2424.



## IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

As many individuals have been navigating the new world of remote work, some changes to your local withholding may be necessary.

Ohio's municipal income tax is withheld from employee paychecks and paid to the municipality where the employee's principal place of work is located. The employee's principal place of work is ordinarily in the municipality where the employer is located; however, since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, employees have increasingly spent time working from remote locations- and it appears that this trend will continue in some way for the foreseeable future.

If you will be working remotely, please ask your payroll administrator to begin withholding Montgomery City tax from your wages. Tax Office staff members are available to assist your employer with setting up an active tax account for withholding liabilities.

The Tax Office can be reached at 513-792-8333 or [tax@montgomeryohio.gov](mailto:tax@montgomeryohio.gov).

### Before filing 2021 Montgomery returns, please note these reminders:

- The filing due date is Monday, April 18. A federal extension will extend the Montgomery filing date to October 15.
- E-file and E-pay services are available on our website at [www.montgomeryohio.gov](http://www.montgomeryohio.gov), along with tax forms and complete instructions. The Tax Office offers free assistance with preparing City returns. To take advantage of this service, please bring a copy of your federal return and all W-2 forms to City Hall.
- Taxpayers are required, by law, to submit copies of all W-2 forms, pages 1 and 2 of the Federal 1040 form and Federal Schedule 1 (if applicable). Any applicable Federal Schedules C, E, F, and Form 4797 must also be submitted.



## MONTGOMERY POLICE SGT. MIKE PLAATJE RETIRES

**Sgt. Mike Plaatje has been a Montgomery Police Officer for 33 years. He will put on his Montgomery uniform and gun belt for the last time in April before starting his retirement.**

"It's a bittersweet day. I look back fondly on the friends I've made. I'd like to thank the Montgomery Community for their constant support," said Plaatje. "It's been refreshing to get friendly waves from citizens while on patrol. Montgomery City Council and especially the late Gerri Harbison have always been supportive of the Police Department."

Plaatje is also a Montgomery resident.

"I fell in love with Montgomery soon after I began working here," Plaatje said. "The first opportunity I had, my wife Marilyn and I bought a house in Montgomery with plans to raise our family here."

A lot has changed since Plaatje's first day on the job in April 1989. The Police Department operated out of the current City Hall, sharing the building with the City administration.



"We carried .357 magnum six-shooter handguns and 12-gauge shotguns in our Chevy Caprice cruisers. Cell phones didn't exist, and the internet hadn't been born yet," said Plaatje. "There were no center landscaped medians along Montgomery Road. New businesses have since replaced the Elm Cris Motel, a vacant drive-in, Perkins, Pizza Hut, and Frisch's."

While businesses have changed, Plaatje says a few things remain constant, including the family atmosphere among staff and the support of City Council.

"I'd like to thank my brothers and sisters within the police and fire departments, both past and present. Not many outsiders truly understand the first responder's internal and external challenges," said Plaatje. "The family atmosphere and unwavering support of each other have made this journey a pleasure. I started as the new guy with badge #29, and now I'm the old guy as we are going on to badge #63. As I pass the torch to a new generation of police officers, I am confident that we as residents and the City as a whole are in good hands. The standard of excellence has been set by past administrations and will continue under this administration."

**Thank you for your service, Sgt. Mike Plaatje. Congratulations on your retirement!**

## CONGRATULATIONS! K9 RICKY'S COLORING CONTEST WINNERS

Olivia Marinich and James Goetz, winners of K9 Ricky's Coloring Contest, met with Ricky and Officer Alex Janszen. Olivia, her sister Elle, James, and his sister Lucy, toured the Safety Center and received their prize packages. Thank you to all the children who submitted entries!







**POOL FUN!**

You are invited! Mark your calendars!

**City of Montgomery Community Pool fun:**

- June 10 Luau Party 6pm, Sponsored by Legacy Builders Group Games, Sunburners Steel Drum Band, Sing 2 Movie at Dusk
- June 25 Sunburners Steel Drum Band, 12 - 2pm
- July 4 Splashtacular, Games & Prizes
- July 8 Sunburners Steel Drum Band, 6 - 8pm
- July 28 Rootbeer Float Day, 3pm
- Sept 5 Dogfest & K9 Kerplunk!

**Fun Tuesdays!**  
June 7 - July 26  
3pm  
Games & Prizes!

The June Pool Party is generously sponsored by:

**LEGACY BUILDERS GROUP**  
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**GETTING TO KNOW**

**Ohio's POLLINATORS**

**Wednesday, April 27 at 7pm**  
*Terwilliger Lodge • 10530 Deerfield Road*

**CITY OF MONTGOMERY**  
Beautification & Tree Commission

## SEEKING VETERANS FOR JULY 3 PATRIOTIC CONCERT

The sound of the Armed Forces Salute by the Blue Ash Montgomery Symphony Concert is a tradition on July 3 as veterans are recognized during this part of the concert. In addition, during the opening remarks, a few veterans are honored as the mayor reads about the life of a veteran. If you are a veteran or know of a veteran who lives in the Montgomery/Blue Ash area who may be interested in being honored at this event, please contact Mary Jo Byrnes (513-702-2979 or [jbyrnes1@gmail.com](mailto:jbyrnes1@gmail.com)) or Recreation Director Julie Machon (513-792-8316 or [jmachon@montgomeryohio.gov](mailto:jmachon@montgomeryohio.gov).) The City of Montgomery would like to honor them for their service to the country.





## SAFETY VILLAGE RETURNS!

Safety Village returns this summer for children, ages 5 or 6, entering kindergarten in the fall. Students learn basic pedestrian and traffic safety rules, personal safety, school bus, and fire safety. Montgomery Police and Fire teach the program with help from middle school and high school-aged volunteers.

**Location: Montgomery Elementary School**

**Sessions (4 to choose from):**

**June 13 - 17, mornings 9:00 a.m. - Noon / afternoons 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**June 20-24, mornings 9:00 a.m. - Noon / afternoons 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

Register at [montgomeryohio.gov](http://montgomeryohio.gov) or City Hall. Registration for Montgomery residents begins April 11 at 8:00 a.m. For non-residents, registration is April 25, as space permits. The program is free for residents and \$25 for non-residents.

For more information, contact the Safety Center at 513-985-1600.



**Golf Instruction  
Programming**

**Adult Beginner &  
Adult Intermediate**

[montgomeryohio.gov](http://montgomeryohio.gov)

## WELCOME MONTGOMERY'S NEW FINANCE SPECIALIST, JESSICA HUNT

Jessica started with the City of Montgomery in January 2022. Previously she served as the Administrative Assistant with Miami Township, Ohio, and has managed various finance and payroll responsibilities.

Jessica has an associates degree in Business Administration from the University of Cincinnati and is currently working towards a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Phoenix. Jessica is a 2020 graduate of the Center for Local Government Leadership Academy.







## MONTGOMERY FARMER'S MARKET OPENS FOR THE SEASON MAY 7

**Montgomery Elementary School Parking Lot**  
**Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Montgomery Farmer's Market opens for its 13th season in May. More than a thousand people visit the market each Saturday! The Montgomery Farmer's Market features 42 vendors that sell fresh fruits, vegetables, baked goods, eggs, and a wide variety of prepared foods, including French, Indonesian, and Southern Comfort Foods. One of the most unusual vendors is Winning Edge Mobile Sharpening, which professionally sharpens knives and gardening tools. The Market is open every Saturday through October.

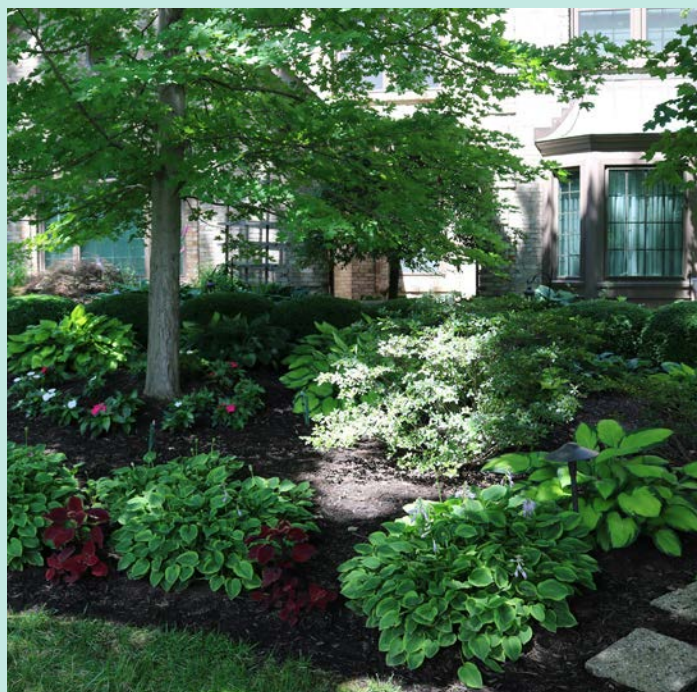
## SPRING PLANT SWAP RETURNS

**Saturday, May 7, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
**Montgomery Farmers' Market**  
**Montgomery Elementary School Parking Lot**

The City of Montgomery's Beautification and Tree Commission will sponsor its annual Spring Plant Swap this May. The plant swap provides an excellent opportunity for gardeners to find homes for their divided perennials while being enticed by new garden varieties.

### **What should I bring?**

Please label your swaps by providing the plant's name and sun or shade preference. Those wishing to take plants home should bring bags or other containers for transporting.



## CALLING ALL GARDENS BIG AND SMALL

Montgomery's annual Garden Tour will swing into bloom on June 26. The Montgomery Beautification Tree Commission is now accepting applications for beautiful gardens to be included.

Does your garden have any unique features or unusual plants? Is it entirely landscaped with native species? Perhaps it is the envy of all yards in the neighborhood or you just have a talented green thumb! If so, the Commission would love your participation in representing Montgomery in the highly anticipated Garden Tour.

Don't delay! Register your garden or for more information, contact Beautification and Tree Commission Member Darla Hall at [darlahall16@gmail.com](mailto:darlahall16@gmail.com).

## CONSIDER SOLAR ENERGY

**Now is the time to invest in Solar!** Solar technology continues to improve, and installation costs are declining. Prices have fallen 11% over the last five years.[1]

### Why go solar?

**Increase home value with solar panels** - According to a study by Zillow, homes with solar-energy systems sold for 4.1% more on average than comparable homes without solar power. [2]

**Save on Electricity** - Buyers with high power consumption will receive immediate savings from that first energy bill, and the savings will continue. Solar also minimizes the impact of power disruptions and outages. Duke Energy will buy back energy from residents with solar panels.

**Support Ohio Jobs** - There are 268 companies in Ohio providing more than 6,500 jobs in the solar industry. One hundred five of these companies manufacture a broad

range of components, from polysilicon used to make solar panels to the racking systems used to install the panels. [3] When a third manufacturing facility opens near Toledo next year, Ohio will have the largest solar panel factory in the world outside of China. [4]

To learn more about state and federal tax credits, read the entire article at [montgomeryohio.gov](http://montgomeryohio.gov).

Sources:

[1] <https://www.seia.org/state-solar-policy/ohio-solar>

[2] <https://www.zillow.com/research/solar-panels-house-sell-more-23798/>

[3] <https://www.seia.org/state-solar-policy/ohio-solar>

[4] <https://www.cnn.com/2021/06/09/business/solar-manufacturing-china-ohio/index.html>

Submitted by Alice Aguilar, Environmental Advisory Commission Member



## KEEP YOUNG CHILDREN SAFE FROM POISONING

- Put the poison help number, 1-800-222-1222, near every home telephone and save it on your cell phone. The line is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Store all medicines and household products up and away and out of sight where a child cannot reach them.
- When you are taking or giving medicines or are using household products:
  - Do not put your next dose on the counter or table where children can reach them.
  - Secure the child safety cap completely every time you use a medicine.

- Do not leave medicines or household products out. As soon as you are done with them, put them away.

Be aware of any drugs that guests may bring into your home. Ask guests to store drugs where children cannot find them.

### What To Do If A Poisoning Occurs

Call 911 if you have a poison emergency and the victim has collapsed or is not breathing. If the victim is awake and alert, dial **1-800-222-1222**.

Content source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control

PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY  
FOR SAFE DISPOSAL

## Got Drugs?

April 30  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Montgomery Pool Parking Lot

Tablets, Capsules and other solid dosage types will be collected. Intravenous solutions, injectibles, and syringes are not accepted.

This is a free service and all dropoffs are anonymous.

DEA NATIONAL <sup>Rx</sup>  
**TAKEBACK**





## DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMISSION SPONSORS NEXT “KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR” DISCUSSION

*Know Your Neighbor*, hosted by the City of Montgomery Diversity and Inclusion Commission, is a community education series on the diverse cultures of Montgomery residents. The lecture and discussion series cover a range of timely human relations and cultural topics.

This *Know Your Neighbor* series speakers will be Rosa and Juan Molina, fellow residents of the City of Montgomery. Juan was born in Spain and raised in Venezuela, while Rosa was born in Mexico. Both have lived in Montgomery for the last five years. In their presentation, they will share an overview of the Hispanic Culture.

**The session will be held at Terwilliger Lodge on Thursday, April 21, at 6:00 p.m. It is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Register at <https://www.montgomeryohio.gov/know-your-neighbor-series/>. The deadline to register is April 15.**

The Diversity and Inclusion Commission's is composed of Montgomery Residents. It's mission is to:

- Promote community awareness, cultural education, and appreciation of Montgomery's diverse cultures.
- Create positive intercultural relations among Montgomery residents.
- Provide a welcoming environment for all those who live, work, visit, and recreate in Montgomery.



The next *Know Your Neighbor* session is scheduled for August 18, and the topic is “Understanding Indian Culture and Hinduism,” presented by Commission Member Priya Viswalingam.

## YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS



**Registration is now open**  
**montgomeryohio.gov**

**If a camp is full, please join the wait list!**  
**Additional times & camp capacity are subject to change**

## INDEPENDENCE PARADE UNIT APPLICATIONS

**Strike up the band, design a float, or decorate a classic car for Montgomery's parade!**

The City of Montgomery is proud to present the Independence Day Parade on Monday, July 4, at 10:00 a.m. Residents, neighborhood associations, and local businesses are invited to be a part of Montgomery's Independence Day Celebration. Applications for parade entries can be found at [montgomeryohio.gov](http://montgomeryohio.gov) and are due by Friday, June 10.

For more information or questions, please contact Recreation Specialist Sarah Fink at 513-792-8317 or by email at [sfink@montgomeryohio.gov](mailto:sfink@montgomeryohio.gov).





## CURBSIDE BRUSH PICK-UP BEGINS

The Montgomery Public Works Department will provide a curbside bulk brush collection over five weeks beginning April 4. The regular trash collection schedule determines each pick-up week.

Please have brush and limbs at the curb by Sunday evening of your collection week. **Material set out after the chipper crew has passed will not be picked up.**

Trash Day	Brush Pick-Up Week
Monday	Week of April 4
Tuesday	Week of April 11
Wednesday	Week of April 18
Thursday	Week of April 25
Friday	Week of May 2

For more information or questions, call City Hall at 513-891-2424.



To ensure pickup, please review all guidelines at [montgomeryohio.gov](http://montgomeryohio.gov).



CITY OF  
**MONTGOMERY**  
Arts Commission

# EXPOSURE:



# MONTGOMERY

34th Annual  
**PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**

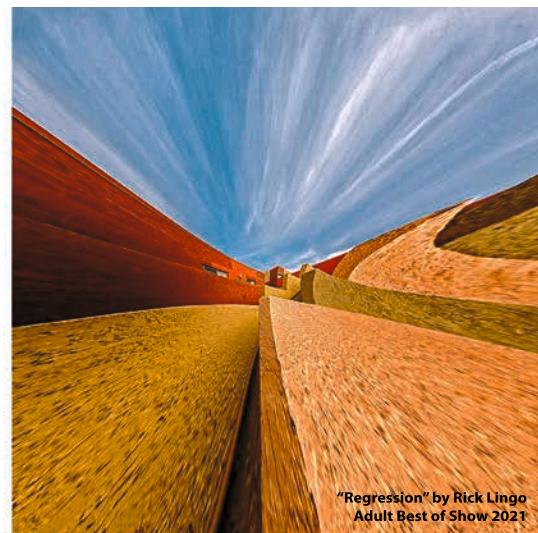
## JUDGES

Liz Dufour  
Cincinnati Enquirer Visual Journalist

H. Michael Sanders  
UC Blue Ash Electronic Media Communications



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*"Regression" by Rick Lingo  
Adult Best of Show 2021*

## EXHIBITION

Terwilliger Lodge, Montgomery, OH

**SAT, APRIL 9**

**12 - 4 pm**

**SUN, APRIL 10**

**1 - 3 pm**

## AWARDS PRESENTATION

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022**

**2:30 pm**

*"Veiled in Light" by Kara Lally  
Student Best of Show 2021*





## FITNESS

Experience updated group exercise equipment and classes. All equipment needed for classes is provided. Registration for **2022 - Session C** 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 2022 - Session C

Day	Class Name	Dates of Session	No Classes	Session Length	Time of Class	Res.	Non-Res.
Mon.	Mixed Level Yoga	5/9 - 6/27	5/30	7 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$35	\$40
Mon.	Chair Yoga	5/9 - 6/27	5/30	7 classes	11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	\$35	\$40
Tue.	Cardio Strength and Stretched	5/10 - 6/28		8 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Tue.	Tai Chi	5/10 - 6/28		8 classes	10:20-11:20 a.m.	\$80	\$90
Tue.	Pilates	5/10 - 6/28		8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45
Wed.	Mixed Level Yoga	5/11 - 6/29		8 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Wed.	Beginner Level Yoga	5/11 - 6/29		8 classes	11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45
Wed.	Bootcamp	5/11 - 6/29		8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45
Thur.	Cardio Strength and Stretched	5/12 - 6/30		8 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Thur.	Pilates	5/12 - 6/30		8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45

**The Annex will be closed July 1-8, 2022 with classes resuming the week of July 11 for Session D**

## SPRING INTO FITNESS WITH YOUR CANINE BEST FRIEND!

April is National Canine Fitness Month! As the weather warms up, it's the perfect time to grab your walking shoes and a leash and get outside with your favorite furry friend. Like people, dogs must stay active for their physical and mental health. Exercising your dog can be as simple as walking in the park, playing fetch, or playing a search and find game with their treats.

Keeping your dog regularly active has several benefits, including:

- A healthy body condition and weight can lead to an overall healthier and longer life.
- Through regular exercise and interactive play, pet owners can help their dogs reduce stress, anxiety, and even combat boredom.
- Exercise also helps older dogs move their joints and maintain muscle to reduce the physical stress in their aging body.

Walking or becoming active with your dog can also benefit you as a pet owner. These include:

- Lowering your blood pressure.
- Motivation to exercise regularly.
- Strengthen your bond with your dog.

Regular exercise such as walking can provide mental health benefits, including a boost in mood, reduced stress and anxiety, a sharper memory, and improved self-esteem.

Please remember to be kind to others and clean up after your dog when walking around Montgomery or visiting the parks.



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**Non-Emergency**  
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 513-985-1600  
 • Fire Dept.  
 513-985-1633

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## APRIL 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
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3	4 Beautification and Tree Commission, Public Works, 9:00 a.m. Planning Commission, City Hall, 7:30 p.m. Spring brush collection for residents with Monday trash pickup	5 Basket Planting, Public Works, 9:00 a.m.	6 Council Business Session, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	7	8	9 Photo Contest Exhibition, Terwilliger Lodge, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.
10 Photo Contest Exhibition, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Awards Ceremony, Terwilliger Lodge, 2:30 p.m.	11 Safety Village sign up for residents Spring brush collection for residents with Tuesday trash pickup	12 Environmental Advisory Commission, City Hall, 5:00 p.m.	13 Landmarks Commission, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	14 Parks and Recreation Commission, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	15 2021 City Tax Forms Due; 1st Qtr. 2022 City Tax Due	16 Cardboard Recycling, 7315 Cornell Road, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
17 Planning Commission, City Hall, 7:30 p.m. Spring brush collection for residents with Wednesday trash pickup	18 Sister Cities Commission, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	19	20 Council Work Session, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	21 Know Your Neighbor Discussion, Terwilliger Lodge, 6:00 p.m.	22	23
24 Safety Village sign up for non-residents Arts Commission, City Hall, 5:00 p.m. Spring brush collection for residents with Thursday pickup	25 Diversity and Inclusion Commission, City Hall, 4:00 p.m. Board of Zoning Appeals, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	26 Ohio Pollinators Talk, Terwilliger Lodge, 7:00 p.m.	27	28 Open House Roundabout Hardscape/Landscape, Terwilliger Lodge, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	29 Arbor Day Walk, Montgomery Park, Meet in Parking Lot, 10:00 a.m. Arbor Day	30 Spring Plant Swap at Montgomery Farmer's Market, Montgomery Elementary Parking Lot, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.