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Summer Fun at the Pool



All American Independence Day

Blue Ash Montgomery Symphony Concert

Sunday, July 3, 7:30 p.m. Montgomery Park



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Parade Monday, July 4, 10 a.m.

Frost Brown Todd, LLC

Festival Monday, July 4, 11 - 2 p.m. Montgomery Park

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CORNELL ROAD CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN IN JUNE

Two construction projects located on Cornell Road will begin this month.

The first project is an Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) construction project involving the Cornell Road bridge over I-275, located east of Valley Stream Drive. ODOT's contractor, Complete General, will replace the bridge's parapet walls and fencing and install a continuous sidewalk across the bridge. To perform the work, ODOT will be closing one lane of the bridge at a time; thus, traffic will be able to cross the bridge alternating between eastbound and westbound directions, which a temporary traffic signal will manage. Traffic delays are expected, so please avoid the area if possible.

The second project is Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) will be installing a new sanitary main between #7379 and #7441 Cornell Road (west of Valley Stream Drive). The new sanitary sewer main will service four parcels that currently do not have sanitary service. During construction, a lane of Cornell Road will be closed, however, both eastbound and westbound traffic will be maintained.

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.

MONTGOMERY QUARTER TRAFFIC SIGNAL COMING SOON....ALONG WITH PEDESTRIAN ACCOMMODATIONS!

The newly installed traffic signal on Montgomery Road at the Montgomery Quarter (MQ) will be activated this month! This traffic signal will service MQ traffic on Roosa Street, and traffic from #9305 to #9321 Montgomery Road, located across from MQ.

In addition to providing vehicular traffic control, the signal will provide pedestrian "walk" and "don't walk" phases to allow pedestrians to safely cross Montgomery Road and Main Street. The traffic signal activation schedule coincides with the new sidewalk that was constructed along the frontage of the MQ. This will now allow pedestrians to safely walk north and south on the east side of Montgomery Road and safely cross to the west side of Montgomery Road at the new Roosa Street signal and the existing Kennedy Lane signal.

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COUNCIL MESSAGE

IT IS TIME TO GET ENGAGED IN MONTGOMERY BY SASHA NAIMAN

When I was sworn in as a Montgomery City Council member in December 2021, I was excited, energized, and very nervous. My first few months were spent participating in Council and Commission meetings, studying city processes, getting to know city staff, and listening to residents. There was a lot to learn, and I am still learning! The truth is: getting more involved in the City felt scary at first. At the same time, meaningful community engagement with various perspectives is critical to making democracy work—and it is truly fulfilling. As my nervousness faded, I felt ever more grateful and honored that I could deepen my community engagement in Montgomery.

Involvement at the local level offers wide-ranging opportunities to enrich our neighborhoods' everyday lives, safety, enjoyment, and livability. Building on Montgomery's strong foundation and history, residents have many ways to help shape the City's future and impact our broader society. Residents can attend or apply to join 11 Boards and Commissions, which oversee different aspects of community life—arts, zoning, city planning, civil service, parks, landmarks, environment, diversity/inclusion, and more. Council meetings are open to the public, and at each meeting, guest attendees are invited to speak. Also, residents can participate in various volunteer activities, like planting flowers on Beautification Day and assisting with festivals.

In April—National Volunteer Month—Montgomery honored community members who are more involved. Six Montgomery residents were recognized by Council and inducted into the Montgomery Walk of Fame. These residents achieved 250+ hours of volunteer service, including appointments on Boards and Commissions and participation in city events. At the 2022 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Montgomery honored all members of its Boards and Commissions and other community volunteers. When people step up to offer their talents and dedication to Montgomery, the whole city benefits.

On my own journey, I am eager for what is ahead. I look forward to helping implement and update the Strategic Plan developed in 2021 as an impressive, thorough guide for our City. I am excited to help monitor the budget and, later this year, to be part of the City's annual budget development process for the first time. I hope to constructively address residents' concerns and ensure a vibrant, inclusive, successful city with my fellow council members.

Montgomery continues to embrace residents who want to deepen their community engagement—because this improves our government's efficiency, responsiveness, and transparency. From elected offices to appointed positions to other volunteerism, diverse voices help our city evolve and prosper. I hope that more people will get involved in Montgomery. It is a great way to make new friends, give back to our community, and grow as a person. Plus, it turns out to be a lot of fun!

COUNCIL MEMBERS





Mayor Vice Mayor Craig Margolis Lee Ann Bissmeyer

Member yer Mike Cappel



Member Chris Dobrozsi

Member

Ron Messer



Member

Sasha Naiman

Member Ken Suer



MAY 18, 2022 WORK SESSION

Montgomery City Council met in its regular monthly Work Session on Wednesday, May 18, 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 Schedules of Municipal Compensation (3rd Reading)

New Legislation

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Contract with Frost Brown Todd, LLC to Provide Special Counsel Services **A Resolution** Accepting A Bid And Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract With Barrett Paving Materials,

Inc. To Complete The Pfeiffer Road And Deerfield Road Intersection Improvement Project, Ham - CR284 - 1.33, PID # 107130

A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract With Prime CMS, Inc. For Professional Services Related To Construction, Engineering And Inspection Services For The Pfeiffer Road And Deerfield Road Intersection Improvement Project

A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Negotiate And Execute An Agreement With Traditions VC Developer, LLC To Accommodate Short-Term Coverage For Minimum Service Payments In The Vintage Club-North Project

RECENT COUNCIL ACTION Approved Legislation

May 4, 2022

RESOLUTION 11 2022

A Resolution A Resolution Recognizing the Month of May 2022 as National Historic Preservation Month in The City of Montgomery (passed 6 yea, 1 absent)

RESOLUTION 12 2022

A Resolution A Resolution Authorizing An Application For Grant Funding To The Ohio Department Of Natural Resources/ Natureworks (passed 6 yea, 1 absent)

RESOLUTION 13 2022

A Resolution A Resolution Ratifying A Pool Management And Maintenance Agreement With Swimsafe Pool Management, Inc. And Approving An Amendment To Such Agreement For The 2022 Seasons (passed 6 yea, 1 absent)

RESOLUTION 14 2022

A Resolution A Resolution Authorizing An Agreement With Enterprise Fleet Management Through Sourcewell To Lease Motor Vehicles To Support City Services (passed 7-0)

ORDINANCE 3 2022

An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance Of Not To Exceed \$7,500,000 Of Notes By The City Of Montgomery, Ohio, For The Purpose Of Making Public Infrastructure Improvements Within The City And Declaring An Emergency (passed 5 yea, 1-abstain, 1-absent)

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY ACTIVITIES!

Join the fun and volunteer at one of Montgomery's most popular events!

When: Monday, July 4

Opportunities available: Parade Float Organizers (adults only) 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Festival Game & Activities (students and adults)

Shifts: 10:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. / 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. / 10:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

For specific information or to sign up, visit Montgomeryohio.gov/volunteer or contact Amy Frederick at afrederick@montgomeryohio.gov

SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY BY JOINING A COMMISSION

The City of Montgomery is looking to fill a vacancy on the **Environmental Advisory Commission**. The initial step in getting involved is attending an upcoming Commission meeting 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.

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

For further information and to apply for the above position, visit montgomeryohio.gov/volunteer.



SUMMER CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

As you plan outdoor activities and vacations, remember that this is an opportune time for crime. Homes and garages are often left unlocked, and windows to houses and vehicles are left open. Trees and shrubs can also block streetlights and the Police Department's view from the street into your yard. "Locks, lights, and neatly trimmed shrubbery" are keys to home and personal security.

Learn to keep your property safe with these tips:

- Install lighting on the home's exterior, such as motion lights or dusk to dawn detector lights.
- Trim shrubbery around your home to eliminate hiding places.
- Be sure that door locks are sturdy, functioning, and of the proper type, such as a deadbolt or key to key, where glass is present. Have all locks keyed to one key only. Don't leave the key in the lock.
- · Be sure windows function and lock properly.
- Your address should be clearly visible from the street for emergency and identification purposes.
- Close and lock your garage door when you are not nearby.
- Place valuables stored in the garage in a locking device not visible from the street when the garage door is open.

- Do not leave bikes unattended. Lock your bikes, even if you will be away for only a few minutes.
- Alarm Systems are effective if installed by a licensed company. Use the alarm system even if you go out for a short time.
- If you sleep on the second floor of your home, keep all first-floor doors and windows closed and locked.
- Vacation planning is critical. Have a neighbor or friend keep an eye on your home and pick up mail and newspapers. Use light timers and notify the Police Department when you leave by calling 513-985-1600 to make a "vacation card."
- Be aware of your surroundings and those around you when you walk, jog, or bike.
- Always secure your vehicle and personal property such as laptops, cell phones, purses, money, and other valuables when unattended. These items should be placed in the trunk or taken with you.
- Don't leave your key fob in your vehicle.

Remember, every theft is a crime of opportunity. By following these tips, you can reduce your chances of becoming a victim. For more information, contact the Montgomery Police Department Crime Prevention Specialists at 513-985-1600.

Annual Garden Tour

Sunday, June 26 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Sign-In and Map pick up at Swaim Park Gazebo (Cooper & Zig Zag Rd)

Casually stroll through six unique home gardens, a wildlife loving business, and areas of Swaim Park.



Artists from Cincinnati Brush and Palette Painters will be painting at each venue.



Sponsored by: Montgomery's Beautification & Tree Commission







MOVIE IN THE PARK FRIDAY, JULY 22 AT DUSK Montgomery Park Featuring "Encanto" Rated PG



MOVIE IN THE PARK IS FREE Information available at www.montgomeryohio.gov

IS YOUR HOME EASILY LOCATED?

When seconds could mean the difference between life and death, wouldn't you want police or firefighters to get to your home or business as quickly as possible? **One of the best ways to get first responders to you without delay is by making your home or business address numbers visible.** When street numbers aren't visible from the road, that can cause a delayed emergency response. You may think the numbers are large enough and posted where they can be seen, take another look and evaluate the following:

- Can the address numbers be seen at night? If the address numbers are black, gold or silver, they are tough to read from the street at night.
- If you believe the numbers are clearly visible, make sure they are not shadowed by a porch light, tree, bush, or porch column during different hours of the day and night.





- Can your address numbers be seen from the street? Remember that emergency responders will be in vehicles initially approaching your home or business.
- If your address numbers are on a mailbox post, are they visible from BOTH directions?

The Montgomery Fire Department has a program available where you can purchase a reflective address sign for residential use. The sign must be placed on a wooden mailbox post. If you do not have a mailbox post, the sign can be placed on a wooden post located near the street where a mailbox post would be. If you purchase a reflective address sign from the Fire Department, they will install the sign. The cost of a reflective sign is \$10.00. If a wooden post is needed, it can be purchased and installed for \$5.00.

To purchase a reflective sign, please call the Montgomery Fire Department at 513-985-1633 and ask for Julee Nies.



RIDE IN MONTGOMERY'S INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE!

July 4 ★ 9:45 am Bring your decorated bike! Meet at Montgomery Elementary School End at Montgomery Park Parents can walk with their kids! No registration required Call 513-792-8317 for more information

MOVIE IN THE PARK FRIDAY, AUG. 5 AT DUSK Montgomery Park

Featuring "The Mitchells vs The Machines" Rated PG Movie in the park is FREE Sponsored By: Legacy Builders Group



Information available at www.montgomeryohio.gov

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NOON - 12:45 PM

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JULY 6 - Remy & Friends Illusion

JULY 13 - Juggling Show

JULY 20 - Tom Bemmes Magic

JULY 27 - Cool Critters Animal Show

SWAIM PARK

BRING A LUNCH AND ENJOY THE SHOW

6900 COOPER ROAD MONTGOMERY, OHIO CALL CITY HALL 513-891-2424

or visit our website for more informaiton

WWW.MONTGOMERYOHIO.GOV

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT THROUGH TREE MAINTENANCE

As most Montgomery residents know, "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."

Our Public Works Department goes the extra mile to maintain and plant trees on our public property. As citizens, we need to do the same for the trees on our property.

Things to think about regarding tree maintenance:

- Trim trees along walkways and bike paths to prevent accidents; pedestrians can run into low limbs.
- Keep large branches off roofs to prevent damage caused by storms.
- Use professional tree services with certified arborists for big or high jobs.
- Look out for emerald ash borers and other pests that will damage trees (See https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/ plant-health/invasive-pests/)
- Avoid planting invasive species, such as honeysuckle and certain ornamental pear trees; consider removing them and replacing them with indigenous species.

Some thoughts about planting trees are:

- Trees are beautiful when healthy and well placed; they can give us joy throughout the seasons and provide birds and other wildlife habitats.
- Trees provide summer shade and produce oxygen.
- Trees can prevent erosion with their root systems holding up hillsides and stream banks.
- This is an excellent time to plant new trees, giving them the summer and fall seasons to become established. Consider professional nurseries or an arborist to assist you with tree selection.
- Be mindful of location when planting new trees. Avoid areas where trees may cause foundation problems, sidewalk damage, and damage to your home when the tree grows up.
- The proper tree, well placed, can last for centuries.

Finally, a shout-out to Terry Willenbrink, who just retired after 36 years as the City's Arborist. The residents and all the trees you planted, thank you for your service!

Submitted by Greg Brodrick, EAC Chair

Photo: Former Assistant Public Works Director, City Arborist Terry Willenbrink and Assistant Public Works Director Mike Rogers



PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE WHEN MOWING NEAR THE STREET

You may not think about it when you're mowing your lawn or blowing the grass clippings away, but some of that grass can be dangerous to others. The grass clippings that end up in the street become slippery when wet, and that's a safety hazard for pedestrians, runners, bicyclists, and motorcyclists.

The clippings will also eventually wash into the city's storm drain system, where it can cause backups and blockages. On top of these excellent reasons not to deposit grass clippings in the street, it simply creates an unsightly condition in Montgomery's neighborhoods. So please be careful not to blow grass clippings into the roadway, and if you do happen to get clippings in the street inadvertently, please be courteous and clean them up.

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to the myriad of volunteers who donned their gardening gloves, grabbed their shovels, and joined in on planting flowers at the City's Annual Beautification Day. More than a hundred volunteer gardeners planted approximately 15,000 flowers that will grace City Hall, Montgomery Road, and Pfeiffer, Pioneer, and Dulle Parks with a wash of beautiful colors until the fall's frosts.

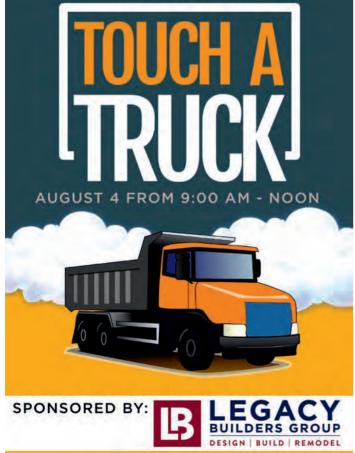


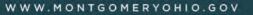














Group & Private lessons available.

Visit www.montgomeryohio.gov for details



TAX OFFICE INFORMATION

 2^{ND} Quarter statements will be arriving in the mail this month for the June 15 due date. If you have questions about your estimated payments, please contact the tax office.

At this time our E-file and E-payment site has been suspended. We will not be accepting any payments or documents through our E-file portal at this time. Over the next 60 days we will be evaluating alternative options that simplify the filing experience and provide a seamless integration where e-filed returns and payments are easily imported and processed through the software. In the interim, payments can be mailed or dropped off at City Hall and credit card information can be sent through the Secure Email portal on the Tax Office page on our website at www.montgomeryohio.gov.

Remember! If you worked primarily from home in 2021 but your employer continued to withhold and pay tax to another city, you may be eligible for a refund of that payroll tax from the withholding city. Wages earned while working in Montgomery are taxable to Montgomery. Tax Office staff can help determine if you are eligible and can provide information on the steps needed to begin the process.

Montgomery Needs a 2022 Top Dog!

Can your dog sit and stay? Is he or she a dancer or expert Frisbee catcher? Or is your dog just "dog-gone" cute? Tell us in 150 words or less why your dog should be the 2022 Top Dog!

The winner gets the coveted "Top Dog" title, a prize, and featured in the August Bulletin!

Written descriptions and photos are accepted through June 30 and can be dropped off at City Hall or sent to Sarah Fink at sfink@montgomeryohio.gov



Homer, 2021 Top Dog

Contact us at 513-792-8333.



FITNESS

Experience updated group exercise equipment and classes. All equipment needed for classes is provided. Registration for **2022 - Session D** 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 D										
Day	Class Name	Dates of Session	No Classes	Session Length	Time of Class	Res.	Non-Res.			
Mon.	Mixed Level Yoga	7/11 - 8/29		8 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$40	\$45			
Mon.	Chair Yoga	7/11 - 8/29		8 classes	11:00 a.m12:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45			
Tue.	Cardio Strength and Stretched	7/12 - 8/30		8 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45			
Tue.	Tai Chi	7/12 - 8/30		8 classes	10:20-11:20 a.m.	\$80	\$90			
Tue.	Pilates	7/12 - 8/30		8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45			
Wed.	Mixed Level Yoga	7/13 - 8/31		8 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$40	\$45			
Wed.	Beginner Level Yoga	7/13 - 8/31		8 classes	11:00 a.m12:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45			
Wed.	Bootcamp	7/13 - 8/31		8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45			
Thur.	Cardio Strength and Stretched	7/14 - 9/1		8 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45			
Thur.	Pilates	7/14 - 9/1		8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45			

YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS | 2022

BEGINNER GOLF	ART CREATION, PROJECTS & DESIGN	PICKLEBALL	LEGO ROBOTICS	INTERMEDIATE GOLF	LEGO STOP-MOTION ANIMATION
SHARON WOODS GOLF COURSE	SWAIM PARK LODGE	DULLE PARK COURTS	SWAIM PARK LODGE	SHARON WOODS GOLF COURSE	SWAIM PARK LODGE
AGES 7-17	AGES 6-12	AGES 5-14	AGES 5-14	AGES 7-17	AGES 7-14
JUNE 7-10 JULY 12-15	JUNE 13-17	JUNE 14-17	JUNE 20-24 JULY 11-15	JUNE 21-24 JULY 19-22	JUNE 27 - JULY 1
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Register at montgomeryohio.gov



10101 Montgomery Road Montgomery, Ohio 45242



DORA Street Party Downtown Montgomery Saturday, June 4 6-10 p.m.



JUNE 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
			Council Business Session, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.			DORA Luau Street Party, Downtown Montgomery, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.
	Beautification and Tree Commission, Public Works Facility, 9:00 a. Planning Commission, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	6 7 1.	8 Landmarks Commission, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	Big Rig Gig, Montgomery Square Shopping Center, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Home Meet, pool closes at 5 p.m. Parks and Recreation Commission, Weller Park, 6:30 p.m.	Pool Luau & Movie, Montgomery Community Pool, 6:00 – 11:00 p.m.	11
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	0	Flag Day Environmental Advisory Commission, City Hall, 5:00 p.m.	Safety Village Week One 2nd Quarter 2022 City Taxes Due	Home Meet, pool closes at 5 p.m.	0	Cardboard Recycling, 7315 Cornell Road, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
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Father's Day	Planning Commission, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	Sister Cities Commission, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	Board of Zoning Appeals, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.			
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		Diversity and Inclusion Commission, City Hall, 4:00 p.m.				
		Board of Zoning Appeals,				

Emergency 911

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