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COUNCIL MESSAGE

HAPPY HOLIDAYS, EVERYONE! BY LEE ANN BISSMEYER

I hope the City of Montgomery can help you get into the holiday spirit! We have quite a few events to add to your calendar if you are looking for some holiday cheer. On Saturday, December 3, we are kicking off the season with the annual lighting of the holiday tree at the Holiday in the Village event. The next day is the Kindel Memorial holiday concert at Summit City Church. On December 11, we are hosting the final 2022 Live at the Uni with Mandy Gaines singing holiday tunes, and finally, on December 15, No Promises will be singing a cappella at The Good Shepherd Church.

City staff does a fantastic job getting all these events together and transforming our streets into a winter wonderland. They could not do this without the help of you, who volunteer your time to our City year after year.

One group I'd like to highlight is the Montgomery Woman's Club. They were established in 1952 and have been actively making Montgomery a better place for the last 70 years. They opened the first library in Montgomery in a member's home before the Cincinnati Public library opened in Blue Ash. They collaborated with the City to establish Montgomery Park, worked to restore the Universalist Church, and presented the Town Hall Lecture Series for 56 years. Over the years, The Montgomery Woman's Club donated over 1.7 million dollars to educational projects in the Sycamore School District and volunteered countless hours serving on boards, commissions, and beautifying our City. In addition to doing work that benefits our City, they support the USO, Matthew 25 Ministries, and victims of domestic violence, to name a few. They just held their first fundraiser in November and are actively looking to expand their membership. They meet monthly at Terwilliger Lodge in Dulle Park. If you can find time to get involved in a longstanding organization, please check out their website at montgomerywomansclub.org to ensure they can continue helping Montgomery for another 70 years.

We have had a transformative year in Montgomery, most notably at the Montgomery Quarter. Please watch for events welcoming everyone to our new space and tie it to our historic downtown.

I wish you all a safe and joyous December and a Happy 2023!



COUNCIL MEMBERS



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COUNCIL CORNER

NOVEMBER 21, 2022 WORK SESSION

Montgomery City Council met in its regular monthly Work Session on Wednesday, November 21, 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 To Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the City of Montgomery, State of Ohio During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023 (3rd Reading)

An Ordinance For The Allocation of Earnings Tax Revenues and Amending Section 44.14 of The Montgomery Code of Ordinances (3rd Reading)

New Legislation

A Resolution Adopting a Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for The City of Montgomery

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into A Contract with Humana Health Plan of Ohio to Provide Medical and Dental Coverage for Full-Time Employees

A Resolution Establishing City Contributions for Health Care Benefits

A Resolution Ratifying A Pool Management And Maintenance Agreement With Swimsafe Pool Management, Inc. And Approving An Amendment To Such Agreement For The 2023 Season

A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Extend The Contract With Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc. For Waste Collection Services For The Year 2023.

RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

Approved Legislation

November 2, 2022

RESOLUTION 33 2022

A Resolution Accepting the Transfer of Real Property from the Montgomery Community Improvement Corporation and Designating such property as a Municipal Park and Recreation Area

RESOLUTION 34 2022

A Resolution Authorizing A Contract With Patented Acquisition Corporation D/B/A Think Patented For Design And Production Services

RESOLUTION 35 2022

A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Execute A Capital Improvement Community Park, Recreation/Conservation Project Pass-Through Grant Agreement With The Ohio Department Of Natural Resources

ORDINANCE 8 2022

An Ordinance Accepting Dedicated Streets Within The City

ORDINANCE 9 2022

An Ordinance Terminating Assessments For The Reserve Of Montgomery And Declaring An Emergency

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

MONTGOMERY WELCOMES TWO NEW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS TEAM

Montgomery would like to welcome Cody Carlson and Eric Dedesheimer to our staff.



Cody first worked for the City of Montgomery as a seasonal employee in the summer of 2021. He was then hired on as a full-time employee in Monroe but decided to return to Montgomery in August 2022. Cody likes to golf, bowl, and fish in his spare time. Cody is glad to be back working for the City!



Eric comes to us from Hamilton County Engineers, where he worked in the sign shop for most of his time there. Eric is married to his wife, Ashley, and they have two daughters, Carmella (6) and Evelyn (3). Eric enjoys spending time with his family, being outdoors, and powerlifting in his spare time.

Please welcome both guys when you see them. We are happy to have them on our Montgomery Team!

CITY SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR SERVICE AND ENGAGEMENT GRANT

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

Applications that provide a beneficial service, project, or event that engages or improves Montgomery residents' quality of life will be considered. Special consideration will be given to applications that promote community wellness, such as mental health, healthy eating, and healthy living.

A maximum of \$2,500 may be awarded to any one applicant. Past grant recipients include the Montgomery Farmers' Market, 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 Wednesday, February 1, 2023.

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 PICKUP BEGINS

The weekly unlimited yard waste pickup continues through December 23. Yard waste pickup resumes on January 7, when it's collected along with holiday greenery. Christmas trees, wreaths, and swags can be placed at the curb along with yard waste. Residents are not required to have a yard waste sticker attached to them. Please place all waste at the curb on Friday evening before the Saturday pickup.

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

Saturday, January 7 | Saturday, January 14 | Saturday, January 21

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.



CITY TO MARK 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF PLANE CRASH WITH NEW PODCAST

The City of Montgomery will remember the 40th anniversary of the plane crash that killed four FBI agents and two others with a new podcast about the tragedy.

On December 16, 1982, FBI agents Robert Conners, Terry Hereford, Mike Lynch, and Charles Ellington were flying to Lunken Airport with convicted bank embezzler Carl Henry Johnson and his representative when their small plane crashed near Cooper and Main Street. Johnson claimed he hid stolen money in the area and promised agents he would lead them to the missing cash. No one has ever reported finding the money.

In the new podcast, *Lost Heroes, Missing Money*, witnesses, firefighters, and family members explain the events of the tragedy.

***Lost Heroes, Missing Money* will be released on Friday, December 16. You can listen at montgomeryohio.gov/official-city-of-montgomery-podcasts/ or your favorite app.**



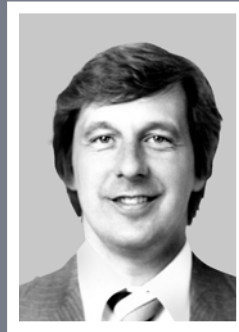
Lost Heroes, Missing Money



Robert Conners



Terry Hereford



Mike Lynch



Charles Ellington

QUARTERLY TAX ESTIMATES DUE

The Montgomery tax statements for the 4th quarter will be mailed early this month, with a due date of January 15, 2023. Please remember that quarterly estimated payments are mandated by State of Ohio law for any taxpayer with a liability of \$200.00 or greater, after credits.

Remember - an extension of time to file is not an extension of time to pay. Quarterly estimate payments are due April 15, June 15, September 15, and January 15 and must be remitted even if the tax return has not yet been filed. An underpayment penalty could be charged if estimated taxes are not paid timely.

Please contact the Tax Office at 513-792-8333 with any questions.

KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The holiday season is here! For many, that means searching for the perfect gifts, decking the halls, and having fun with family and friends. While enjoying the season, beware that a crook may be watching your home.

- **Lock doors at home.** Keep your house or apartment locked even when you are home.
- **Keep landscaping trimmed.** Bushes can obscure your front door and give a thief a place to hide. Also, use exterior lighting.
- **Get to know your neighbors.** Neighbors are often the first to notice a problem and getting to know each other can enhance safety.
- **Verify the identity of any "strangers" who come to your home.** Solicitors' permits are required in Montgomery, and solicitors should have the permit on hand. Any cold call seller or appointment setter should trigger a call to police for verification.
- **Do not provide personal, banking, or credit card information to people you don't know.** If you get a phone call or email asking for personal information, hang up or delete it.

If you are traveling for the holidays, don't post pictures on social media while you are gone. Montgomery Police will keep an extra eye on your home while you are away. To register for the Home Vacation Checks, go to montgomeryohio.gov.





Spotlight

ON MONTGOMERY BUSINESSES

EVERY WATCH HAS A STORY REOPENS IN MONTGOMERY

Calling all watch aficionados and lovers of fine things! Every Watch Has A Story is reopening in Downtown Historic Montgomery.

“Come in and peruse our collection of over 3,000 new and pre-owned luxury watches,” said Chris Riemer of Every Watch Has A Story. “With a selection of over 70 brands as well as one-of-a-kind pieces, we’re sure you’ll find a timepiece that feels uniquely yours.”



EVERY WATCH HAS A STORY

Every Watch Has A Story also carries high-fashion men’s and women’s handbags, wallets, and accessories. The boutique invites everyone to come and see its extraordinary and unique collection of luxury watches and accessories.

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT AT THE NEW MONTGOMERY QUARTER, MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

It is amazing to see this 21-acre mixed-use development for shopping, dining, working, and living rising from the remnants of two old auto dealerships. In addition, the Montgomery Road and Cross County Highway interchange has been truly transformed with the completion of a large traffic roundabout.

Importantly, the construction of such a project presented an opportunity to completely renovate this large area’s stormwater drainage infrastructure. Where once stormwater just ran off from the car lots and dealerships into nearby creeks, with no detention or filtration of debris, this new development mitigates those issues. You cannot see these underground features, but they are a large part of the development.

For example, there is a massive underground stormwater storage vault that captures the stormwater runoff. It measures 140’ long X 48’ wide X 11’ deep, almost the capacity of an Olympic size swimming pool! It slowly discharges the runoff and has the capacity to mitigate a 100-year storm event.

It does that while also filtering the sediments, trash/litter, and residues (oil, etc.) that wash into our storm sewers. This prevents erosion, flooding, and pollution in Sycamore Creek, which eventually drains to the Little Miami River.

Also, the Montgomery Road and Cross County Highway roundabout has been built with an underground Water Quality Structure to handle stormwater. It is equipped with an oil baffle, separation screen, and solids storage sump.

It, too, is fairly large, measuring 9’-6” in diameter and 20’ deep, with a detention capacity of 19,000 gallons, all buried underground. Runoff from this structure is piped under the roundabout and Montgomery Quarter and drains into Sycamore Creek.

When you do get the chance to visit Montgomery Quarter, take a moment to think about the changes you can’t see that improve our environment and quality of life in Montgomery.

Submitted by Greg Brodrick, member of EAC



MONTGOMERY QUARTER QUESTIONS ANSWERED



Progress continues at Phase I of the mixed-use Montgomery Quarter at the southern gateway to Historic Montgomery. The development team of Brandicorp, Neyer Properties and Jeffery R. Anderson Real Estate, Inc. is working to bring this premier \$150 million mixed-use development project to life. With construction continuing, residents have a lot of questions about what is happening at Montgomery Quarter, so here are some answers to your most **frequently asked questions**.



What tenants are open at Montgomery Quarter? Fifth Third Private Bank, which offers wealth-management services, is open on the third floor of the central office building and Hellman Clothiers is open in the retail space along Roosa Street.



What restaurants are coming to the Quarter and when will they open?

Three restaurants are signed and working on tenant finishes. Bru Burger will open its third Greater Cincinnati location at Montgomery Quarter in February of 2023. Livery, a Latin restaurant featuring empanadas, tacos, skirt steak, yucca fries and many other dishes, is targeted to open in March of 2023. Kozue, which will feature sushi, ramen noodles and other Japanese cuisine is targeted to open in March 2023 as well. The development team is working on a lease for another restaurant that will hopefully be announced soon.



What brand is the hotel? The development team has secured The Tapestry by Hilton brand for the boutique hotel, which will be named The Rambler Hotel. The boutique hotel will feature multiple event spaces, a uniquely designed lobby bar named Sidecar and luxury guest rooms.



When will the hotel start construction? Building permits for the hotel have been submitted and construction is projected to begin in March of 2023. The hotel is targeted to open in July of 2024.



When will the apartments be complete? Construction is going strong on the apartments, which are scheduled to be complete in June of 2023. Pre-leasing of the apartments will begin in January when the model is complete.



Is there a park in the project? Montgomery Quarter includes a new public park in the center of the development, which will be programed with events such as festivals, concerts, yoga, and other gatherings.

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.**

CANDLE SAFETY

Candles may be pretty to look at, but they are a cause of home fires — and home fire deaths. Remember, a candle is an open flame, which means that it can easily ignite anything that can burn.

Candle with Care

- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.
- Keep candles at least one foot away from anything that can burn.
- Use candle holders that are sturdy and will not tip over easily.
- Put candle holders on an uncluttered surface.
- Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.
- Do not burn a candle all the way down — put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container.
- Never use a candle if medical oxygen is used in the home.
- Have flashlights and battery-powered lighting ready to use during a power outage. Never use candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high and out of children's reach in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle.

Candle Fire Facts

- December is the peak month for home candle fires.
- More than one-third of home candle fires started in the bedroom.
- Three of every five candle fires start when things that can burn are too close to the candle.

Think about using flameless candles in your home. They look and smell like real candles.

WE REALLY DO LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Downtown Montgomery looks beautiful decked out in Holiday Cheer! Thanks so much to our volunteers, the Montgomery Woman's Club, the Beautification and Tree Commission, and our Public Works Department. These wonderful volunteers prepared and "fluffed" all the garlands, wreaths, and bows at our decorating workshop. Once everything was fluffed, volunteers turned Downtown Montgomery into a festive holiday destination for everyone to enjoy!

Holiday in the Village Volunteers

Saturday, December 3, 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.; at Universalist Church.

Help Mrs. Claus with crafts and refreshments.

Make plans to help with Holiday Decoration Take Down and Storage Prep

Thursday, January 5, 10:00 a.m. (Rain Date: Friday, January 6); at Recreation Annex Building, 10115 Montgomery Road. Volunteers prep, box up and label the holiday decorations for next winter.

Sign up at montgomeryohio.gov/volunteer or contact Wendy Grethel at 513-891-2424 or wgrethel@montgomeryohio.gov.



**Scan to
sign up!**



EAC COLLECTS STRANDED HOLIDAY LIGHTS, EXTENSION CORDS

The City of Montgomery Environmental Advisory Commission is expanding its monthly recycling collection in December and January. The EAC will collect holiday decoration lights (stranded) and extension cords for recycling on December 17 or January 21 at the Public Works Facility (7315 Cornell Road) from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Don't forget to bring cardboard for recycling as well!



Holiday in the Village

Saturday, December 3
5—7:30 p.m.



Tree Lighting

Downtown Montgomery
Neuilly Plaisance Fountain

Gather around the Tree and
countdown to the lighting with
Carolers dressed in Victorian costume.

North Pole Workshop

Historic Universalist Church,
Montgomery & Remington Rd.

Kids can visit Santa, create a craft at
Mrs. Claus' workshop, see beautiful
Montgomery from a horse & carriage ride, take a photo
at our photo stop on stage, see the
coloring contest entries, and enjoy hot chocolate and
refreshments. Have fun with the Lantern Scavenger
Hunt and collect your prize at MPH!

Visit montgomeryohio.gov

All Aboard!

Harold and Eugenia Thomas
Comprehensive Care Center at Bethesda North

Visit the holiday model train displays and the train
team. Enjoy hot chocolate and a free gift for
the children.

Winter Wonderland

Twin Lakes Davies Center

Kids enjoy crafts and refreshments!
Listen to the wonderful sounds of the
St. Barnabas Church Choir performing from
5:30—6:30 p.m.

Visit Twin Lakes on [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/twinlakes) or lec.org

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HOLIDAY LIVE AT THE UNI CONCERT

Our Live at the Uni Series concludes with Mandy Gaines on Sunday, December 11, inside Universalist Church. You will be delighted with this spectacular holiday concert filled with exhilarating jazz vocals to spread holiday cheer. The concert begins at 7:00 p.m. and lasts about an hour. As always, concerts are free; a voluntary donation is certainly appreciated. Thanks to sponsor Twin Lakes for making these concerts possible. Although there is a waiting list for this concert, we encourage you to put your name on the waiting list by calling Montgomery City Hall at 513.891.2424 or visiting online at montgomeryohio.gov. The Live at the Uni music series is presented by the Montgomery Arts Commission.



KINDEL MEMORIAL HOLIDAY CONCERT

Sunday, December 4, 7 p.m., Summit City Church at 7950 Pfeiffer Road in Montgomery.

This year's theme will be "Longing to be up North". This concert has become the traditional beginning to the holiday season for Blue Ash and Montgomery residents. All Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra concerts are free to the public!



PICK UP A HISTORIC LANDMARK ORNAMENT FOR YOUR HOME

This year the Historic Landmark Ornament program features the Jonathan Crain House. The house was built by the Crain Family around 1845 and lovingly restored in 2020.

Ornaments are available for purchase at Montgomery City Hall. One ornament is \$8.00, or two for \$15.00. For more information about the Landmark Ornaments, including a list of featured historic buildings, please visit montgomeryohio.gov.



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Ricky's Coloring Contest!

Coloring sheets available
January 3 at
City Hall or
montgomeryohio.gov

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GROUP FITNESS

Registration for **2023 - Session A** of fitness classes is open. Please visit the fitness page at montgomeryohio.gov for class descriptions, important information and registration.

Please contact City Hall by calling 513-891-2424 with any questions you may have.

Group Fitness Class Schedule 2023 - Session A

Day	Class Name	Dates of Session	Session Length	Time of Class	Res.	Non-Res.
Mon.	Mixed Level Yoga	1/16 - 3/6	8 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Mon.	Chair Yoga	1/16 - 3/6	8 classes	11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45
Tue.	Cardio Strength and Stretched	1/17 - 3/7	8 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Tue.	Tai Chi	1/17 - 3/7	8 classes	10:20-11:20 a.m.	\$80	\$90
Tue.	Pilates	1/17 - 3/7	8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45
Wed.	Mixed Level Yoga	1/18 - 3/8	8 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Wed.	Beginner Level Yoga	1/18 - 3/8	8 classes	10:45-11:45 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Wed.	Bootcamp	1/18 - 3/8	8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45
Thur.	Cardio Strength and Stretched	1/19 - 3/9	8 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Thur.	Pilates	1/19 - 3/9	8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45

Get fit, stay fit in the New Year!

VOLUNTEERING IS GOOD FOR YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

December is not just the holiday season; it's also the month of giving back. Many people donate to their favorite charity this time of year, but you can also donate your time. Volunteering can be a positive step toward improving your mental health.

- **Reducing Stress** - Relax and volunteer at an activity that you enjoy doing.
- **Increasing Happiness** - A 2020 study conducted in the United Kingdom found those who volunteered reported being more satisfied with their lives and rated their overall health as better.
- **Developing Confidence** - Volunteering is an opportunity to develop confidence and self-esteem. Your role as a volunteer can also give you a sense of pride and identity.
- **Finding Purpose** - Dedicating time to a cause can give you new direction and allow you to find meaning in something unexpected.

For a list of local organizations with volunteer opportunities, or to volunteer with the City of Montgomery, go to montgomeryohio.gov/volunteer.

National Alliance on Mental Illness



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

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Holiday in the Village
December 3, 5 – 7:30 p.m.



DECEMBER 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 Holiday in the Village, Historic Downtown Montgomery, 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.
4 BAMSO Holiday Concert, Summit City Church, 7:00 p.m.	5 Beautification and Tree Commission, Public Works, 9:00 a.m. Planning Commission, City Hall, 7:30 p.m.	6	7 Council Business Session, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	8	9	10 Breakfast with Santa, Terwilliger Lodge, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Reservations Required
11 Holiday Live at Uni Concert, Universalist Church, 7:00 p.m.	12	13 Environmental Advisory Commission, City Hall, 5:00 p.m.	14 Landmarks Commission, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	15	16	17 Cardboard Recycling, 7315 Cornell Road, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
18	19 Planning Commission, City Hall, 7:30 p.m.	20	21 Council Work Session, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	22	23 City offices closed	24 Christmas Eve City offices closed
25 City offices closed Trash collection as usual	26	27 Diversity and Inclusion Commission, City Hall, 4:00 p.m. Board of Zoning Appeals, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve