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> Welcome Two **New Businesses**

Kevin Hines is Coming to Montgomery

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Bands at **Bastille Day**

COUNCIL MESSAGE

SERIOUSLY... BY KEN SUER

- The City Council has been abolished, there is no City manager or City staff and everyone has to fend for themselves.
- The local school district ranks last in the State and has only a two percent graduation rate.
- Crime is rampant—it is unsafe to venture out during the day much less at night.
- The Police and Fire Departments are no longer. Armed vigilante groups have replaced them.
- Almost every available surface in the City is covered with graffiti.
- The former municipal pool is filled with algae, debris and alligators.
- Streets are clogged with abandoned cars and traffic lights don't work.
- People hoard food and often fight over it.
- Most businesses are gone and a large hospital sits abandoned.
- Gangs of coyotes roam the neighborhoods looking for small pets and small people to devour.

And then—I woke up and realized that instead of this nightmare town I was actually in Montgomery, Ohio! WHAT A RELIEF!

Montgomery is not perfect but the problems we have are very manageable. For instance....

I recently heard a guy say that he is, "really aggravated because one of his neighbors STILL has Christmas decorations up!" And, a woman told me that deer eat her hostas every year even though she has signs posted that say, "these are NOT deer food!"

I, myself think we need to seriously consider waging all out war on rust, noxious weeds and mildew. That mildew is very unsightly. This would be a good time to check your house and property. You can play a major role in the ongoing battle against those vile invaders.

And, on another note—yes, there are small and large legitimate problems and issues that need to be worked on but our town is well equipped to handle those challenges. Competence, civility and cooperation can accomplish a lot.

Montgomery is a great place and we as residents are really fortunate, but everyone needs to work together to keep it that way. Seriously—let's make it happen!

COUNCIL MEMBERS





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MAY 24, 2023 WORK SESSION

Montgomery City Council met in its regular monthly Work Session on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at City Hall. Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m., with public comment welcomed on each item before City Council.

Pending Legislation

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 156.02 of The Land Usage Code, Subdivision Regulations: Requirements For Subdivision Approval (3rd Reading)

New Legislation

An Ordinance To Amend Appropriations For Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Montgomery, State Of Ohio, During The Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with KT Holden Construction for the Delray Watermain and Resurfacing Project

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Contract with Frost Brown Todd, LLC to Provide Special Counsel Services

An Ordinance Amending Tax Incentive Agreement With The Board Of Education Of The Sycamore Community School District For The Montgomery Quarter Project And Declaring An Emergency

A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Yard Group, LLC for the creation of a Community Comprehensive Plan

RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

Approved Legislation May 3, 2023

RESOLUTION 16 2023

A Resolution Recognizing the Month of May 2023 as National Historic Preservation Month in The City of Montgomery (passed 7-0)

RESOLUTION 17 2023

A Resolution Authorizing A Contract With Dynegy Energy Services East, LLC (passed 7-0)

ORDINANCE 3 2023

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 157 of The Land Usage Code, Floodplain Management Regulations And Flood Damage Prevention, And Declaring An Emergency (passed 7-0)

These pieces of approved legislation can be reviewed on the City's website at www.montgomeryohio.gov or contact the office of the Clerk of Council at (513) 792-8314 for full copy of text.

ADMINISTRATION



City Manager Brian Riblet



Assistant City Manager Tracy Henao



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• Fire Dept. 513-985-1633 Public Works 513-792-8355

Planning/Zoning/ Building 513-792-8309

City Hall 513-891-2424

CITY AWARDS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY GRANT

On March 22, Montgomery City Council awarded the 2023 Service to the Community Grant to the Montgomery Farmers' Market, You to the Rescue, and the Jose Cerda Aquatic Foundation.

The purpose of the Service to the Community Grant is to support local nonprofits who provide a beneficial service, project, or event that engages or improves the quality of life of Montgomery residents.

The City of Montgomery is proud to support the efforts of civic-minded organizations that genuinely enhance the quality of life in our community. For more information on the Service to the Community Grant program, visit montgomeryohio.gov.



Matthew Vanderhorst, Community and Information Services Director and Amy Miller, You to the Rescue



Matthew Vanderhorst, Community and Information Services Director and Connie Banning, Montgomery Farmers' Market





OFFICER KENNEY BERTZ PROMOTED TO SERGEANT

Police Officer Kenney Bertz was recently promoted to sergeant with the Montgomery Police Department. Kenney has 12 years of experience in law enforcement, including six years in Montgomery and six years in Colerain.

Kenney has also served eight years with the Hamilton County Police Association SWAT team. He holds multiple instructor-level certifications for both Montgomery and the SWAT team and assists in training programs for both.

Kenney and his wife Lauren have two sons. Congratulations Kenney!



WELCOME TO THE CITY

The City of Montgomery is proud to welcome three new Firefighter-Paramedics to our Fire Department.

Welcome Trevor. Dan. and Eric. We're glad you are here!



Trevor Myers

Dan Thatcher

Eric Weiss

Montgomery Needs a 2023 Top Dog!



and is featured in the Montgomery Bulletin!

Written descriptions and photos are accepted through June 30 and can be dropped off at City Hall or send to Julie Machon at jmachon@montgomeryohio.gov



Call 513-792-8316 for more information.



CREATIVE PLANNING RELOCATES TO THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY

Creative Planning is relocating its office to Montgomery Quarter. The firm provides clients with a comprehensive

list of financial services, including estate and tax planning, investment management, risk management, and financial planning.

"With a more accessible and modern space to help us better serve our clients, we're looking forward to growing our presence in Cincinnati and serving the

accessories, along with suit and tux rentals to make

Bridals by Amanda offers regular Bridal Appointments

and VIP Appointments, which offer goodies and snacks.

community for years to come," said Kevin Copley, Partner and Managing Director of Creative Planning. "We can't wait to

welcome our clients and community members in late Spring and continue delivering team-based comprehensive wealth management, from investing to tax strategies to estate planning and beyond, all under one roof."

For more information or to schedule an appointment, go to creativeplanning.com

MONTGOMERY WELCOMES BRIDALS BY AMANDA

Bridals by Amanda is open in their new space at 7831 Cooper Road right next door to the Corner Pub.

The business offers an extensive

anyone's special day perfect.

selection of wedding gowns, bridal



CREATIVE PLANNING

"We don't stop at just dressing your bridal look. We also provide day-of-wedding styling services, where I attend the wedding and help style the entire Bridal Party for photos and outfit changes," said Amanda Kitcho, owner of Bridals by

Amanda. "My mission is for every bride that I have to feel like I was truly their best friend through the process."

For more information or to make an appointment go to bridalsbyamanda.com.

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR GARDEN & TREE TOUR

Sunday, June 25, 2-6 p.m., Free

Come see beautiful gardens here in the City of Montgomery!

Visitors may sign in and pick up a tour brochure/map at the large gazebo in Swaim Park (7650 Cooper Road) or City Hall parking lot (10101 Montgomery Road). Maps are only available on the day of the tour.

Guests drive to each garden on their own and can choose the order they wish to view. Walking on uneven terrain and climbing stairs may be required. Homeowners, Hamilton County Master Gardener volunteers, and Beautification & Tree Commission members will be present to guide and answer questions. Painters from Cincinnati Brush & Palette Painters will create art at each venue. <image>

SAVE THE DATE OCTOBER 23

Kevin Hines, Author of Cracked Not Broken, Surviving and Thriving After A Suicide Attempt

The City of Montgomery is privileged to partner with Good Shepherd Catholic Church at 8815 E. Kemper Road to bring National Speaker and Suicide Prevention Champion Kevin Hines to our community on Monday, October 23, at 7:00 pm.

In 2000, at age 19, Kevin attempted to take his life by jumping off the Golden Gate Bridge. Many factors contributed to his miraculous survival, including a sea lion that kept him afloat until the Coast Guard arrived. Kevin now travels the world sharing his story of hope, healing, and recovery while teaching people of all ages the art of wellness & the ability to survive pain with true resilience.

The City of Montgomery is proud to welcome this world-renowned mental health activist, award-winning documentary filmmaker, bestselling author, awardwinning speaker, and suicide prevention champion.

For more information or to register for this event, please visit montgomeryohio.gov/mental-health or scan the QR Code.





Scan QR code for more information or to register

MONTGOMERY RESIDENTS DIVERTED 1,750 TONS IN 2022

Congratulations Montgomery residents! In 2022, we diverted **1,750 tons** of material from going to landfill!

Residents saved resources, conserved energy, and reduced pollution by recycling.





Ohioans can legally discharge 1.4G consumer fireworks in Ohio on certain days. Here's a breakdown of what you can and can't do under the law.

When can Ohioans discharge fireworks?

Ohioans can discharge consumer fireworks on the following dates and times:

- ☆ July 3, 4, and 5, and the weekends immediately before and after (4 p.m.-11 p.m.)
- ☆ Labor Day weekend (4 p.m.-11 p.m.)
- ☆ Diwali (4 p.m.-11 p.m.)
- ☆ New Year's Eve (4 p.m.-11:59 p.m.)
- ☆ New Year's Day (12 a.m.-1 a.m.; 4 p.m.-11 p.m.)
- ☆ Chinese New Year (4 p.m.-11 p.m.)
- 😭 Cinco de Mayo (4 p.m.-11 p.m.)
- ☆ Memorial Day weekend (4 p.m.-11 p.m.)
- ☆ Juneteenth (4 p.m.-11 p.m.)

Where can fireworks be discharged?

Consumers can discharge fireworks on their own property or on another person's property if the owner of that property has given express permission for fireworks to be discharged.

Ohioans must discharge fireworks properly

The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) § 3743.45 and Ohio Fire Code (OFC) § 5626 apply and can be read in their entirety online by searching the ORC and the OFC. Relevant Ohio Fire Code provisions outline how 1.4G consumer fireworks must be used and stored by consumers. Some provisions in the rules include:

- ☆ No person under the age of 18 is permitted to handle or discharge fireworks.
- Persons under the age of 18 cannot be within 150 feet of the discharge point of aerial fireworks.

- ☆ No person can use fireworks while in possession or control of, or under the influence of, any intoxicating liquor, beer, or controlled substance. A person who violates this is guilty of a first-degree misdemeanor.
- ☆ Aerial devices cannot be discharged within 150 feet of buildings/structures and/or spectators (this includes aerial shells, roman candles, cakes, and bottle rockets).
- ☆ Non-aerial devices cannot be discharged within 50 feet of buildings/structures and/or spectators (this includes fountains, firecrackers, and ground effect devices).

Note: These separation distances – for both aerial and non-aerial devices – are increased for certain types of locations such as hospitals, schools, healthcare and residential facilities, apartment and multi-tenant buildings, military installations and railroads.

- ☆ No person can store in excess of 125 pounds (net weight of pyrotechnic composition) of fireworks unless they have additional safety measures and safeguards in place for such storage.
- ☆ Fireworks cannot be discharged indoors.
- Fireworks cannot be aimed at or discharged toward any person or object (such as buildings).
- Fireworks cannot be discharged on public property or private school property.
- Fireworks cannot be discharged if drought conditions exist or in an area where a red flag warning is in place or other weather hazard exists.

Where can Ohioans buy fireworks?

Only fireworks purchased in Ohio may be discharged in Ohio. Consumers may purchase fireworks from any of the licensed sales locations throughout the state. When purchasing fireworks, the retailer must provide consumers with safety glasses (for free or at a nominal charge) and with a safety pamphlet.

BE PART OF THE ACTION! JOIN THE ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Strike up the band, put your marching shoes on, design a float or decorate classic cars in patriotic fashion for Montgomery's long-time tradition. The annual Independence Day Parade is Tuesday, July 4, and parade entry applications can be found online at montgomeryohio.gov.

Residents, neighborhood associations, and local businesses are invited to be a part of Montgomery's Independence Day Celebration, a day filled with patriotism, community pride, and memories that will last a lifetime.

Applications for parade entries are due no later than Friday, June 16. For more information or questions, please contact Julie Machon at 513-792-8316 or by email at jmachon@montgomeryohio.gov.



Kids on Bike Parade Unit

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 513-792-8316 with questions.

DON'T MISS OUT! APPLICATIONS FOR MCLA ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED.

Students are already registering for the Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy Class of 2024. Don't miss out on your chance to participate.

MCLA, "The Coolest Community Experience You'll Ever Have," is a nationally recognized program designed to move individuals from residents to actively engaged citizens.

The program includes:

- Ten unique workshops. Students learn about taxes, history, safety services, our public works department, and many other topics.
- We take you behind the scenes of key stakeholders such as Bethesda North Hospital and Sycamore Community Schools.
- Meet new people! You'll have fun getting to know your classmates while learning about the City you love.

Sign up at montgomeryohio.gov or contact Amy Frederick at afrederick@montgomeryohio.gov or 513-792-8358.

SERVE THE CITY YOU LOVE, JOIN A COMMISSION

The City of Montgomery is looking to fill a vacancy on the Arts Commission.



Members promote visual and performing arts within our City. The Commission proposes and supervises programs, submits an annual budget, and reports its progress on projects and activities annually. Programs and events include Exposure Montgomery Photo Contest, Live at the Uni Concert Series, July 3 Patriotic Concert, and other projects. Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

No special qualifications are required to volunteer for any Montgomery board or commission.

For further information on the respective board or commissions visit the City's website at montgomeryohio.gov. To apply contact Connie Gaylor at 513-792-8314 or cgaylor@montgomeryohio.gov.

BEING WELCOMING TO OUR LGBTQ NEIGHBORS

Join us Tuesday, June 27, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall for our Know Your Neighbor presentation. Cincinnati Attorney Scott Knox and Montgomery Resident Jean Hodge will talk about the current governmental issues facing the LGBTQ community in Ohio.



Scott has a Master's degree from the University of Cincinnati Medical College

and a law degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Law. He practices mainly in the areas of LGBTQ legal issues.

Scott received several awards for legal work for people with HIV and the LGBTQ community.

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 covers a range of timely human relations and cultural topics.



OUR VOLUNTEERS SHINE!

THANK YOU, Beautification Day volunteers! We appreciate you taking your morning to plant the flower beds along Montgomery Road and at our parks. Our city looks beautiful with the pretty pops of colorful flowers!

Volunteers needed for July Events!

July 4th Independence Day Parade & Festival

Tuesday, July 4 in Montgomery Park

Volunteers are needed to work a two-hour shift in the games, beer, and ticket booths. Be a part of this fun family festival that gives Montgomery its friendly hometown vibe! There are opportunities for all ages.

Shifts needed:

Parade Float Organizers (adults) 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Games (great for students, families, or adults) 10:45 a.m.- 2:15 p.m.

Beer Booth (adults 21+) 10:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Ticket Booth (adults 21+) 10:45 a.m.- 2:15 p.m.

It's easy to sign up! Visit montgomeryohio.gov/volunteer for more details or to sign up. If you have questions or if you can't remember your log-in information, please contact Wendy Grethel wgrethel@montgomeryohio.gov or 513-891-2424.

Volunteer for two City of Montgomery events and get this cool Volunteer T-Shirt!







NOON - 12:45 PM

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FREE

JULY 12 - Remy & Friends Illusion

JULY 19 - Tom Bemmes Magic

JULY 26 - Cool Critters Animal Show

SWAIM PARK

BRING A LUNCH AND ENJOY THE SHOW

7650 COOPER ROAD MONTGOMERY, OHIO CALL CITY HALL 513-891-2424

or visit our website for more information

WWW.MONTGOMERYOHIO.GOV

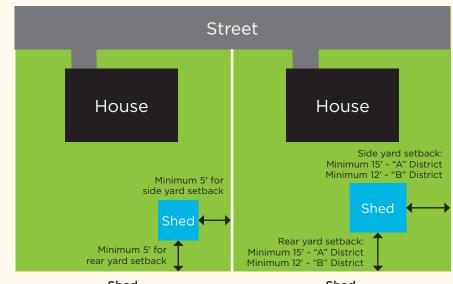
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

SHEDS NEED PERMITS, TOO!

A reminder to property owners, a zoning permit is required before installing a shed in your yard. A building permit will also be required if the shed is larger than 200 square feet. Sheds of 200 square feet or less must be located a minimum of five feet from all property lines. Sheds greater than 200 square feet must comply with the side yard setback requirements for the principal dwelling. Sheds may be located in the rear or side yard areas and may not exceed 576 square feet in size.

When placing a shed in your yard, please consider all land use concerns, such as drainage and/or utility easement.

If you have questions about when a permit is required, please contact the Building Department at 513-792-8309.



Shed 200 square feet or less

Shed Greater than 200 square feet





GROUP FITNESS

Registration for **2023 - Session C** 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 C												
Day	Class Name	Dates of Session	No Class	Session Length	Time of Class	Res.	Non-Res.					
Mon.	Mixed Level Yoga	5/15-7/10	5/29, 7/3	7 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$35	\$40					
Mon.	Chair Yoga	5/15-7/10	5/29, 7/3	7 classes	11:00 a.m12:00 p.m.	\$35	\$40					
Tue.	Cardio Strength and Stretched	5/16-7/11	7/4	8 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45					
Tue.	Tai Chi	5/16-7/11	7/4	8 classes	10:20-11:20 a.m.	\$80	\$90					
Tue.	Pilates	5/16-7/11	7/4	8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45					
Wed.	Mixed Level Yoga	5/17-7/12	7/5	8 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$40	\$45					
Wed.	Beginner Level Yoga	5/17-7/12	7/5	8 classes	11:00-12:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45					
Wed.	Bootcamp	5/17-7/12	7/5	8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45					
Thur.	Cardio Strength and Stretched	5/18-7/13	7/6	8 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45					
Thur.	Restorative Yoga	5/18-7/13	7/6	8 classes	11:00 - 12:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45					
Thur.	Pilates	5/18-7/13	7/6	8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45					

SPRING INTO FITNESS

By Twin Lakes Senior Living Community

Every year we discover more about the health benefits of staying physically active as we age. While getting older is unavoidable, it doesn't mean you have to become less active, or you can't improve your current fitness levels. With warmer weather, it's a good time to get outside and begin your fitness journey.

Going for a bike ride is a great way to add exercise to your weekly routine. Cycling is an aerobic activity that gets your heart pumping and helps lower stress and blood pressure. In addition, cycling strengthens hip and leg muscles, specifically the gluteus muscles, hamstrings, quadriceps, and calves, all while improving overall balance and coordination. The City of Montgomery has many parks and trails available for you to explore. Be sure you always wear a helmet and stay hydrated! If cycling is not for you, go for a daily walk. About 2,000 - 3,000 steps are a great starting goal, although no magic number exists. Before you begin, stretch out your legs, shoulders, and chest for about five minutes to avoid injury and make your walk more comfortable. In addition, be sure your shoes are cushioned, breathable, and lightweight. While flat terrain may seem more appealing, try making a point to go up and down hills for even more muscle and stamina work.

Not only does exercising outdoors improve your physical fitness, but it also helps clear your mind and improve your mood. You don't have to lift heavy weights or complete high-intensity workouts to improve your current fitness levels.



10101 Montgomery Road Montgomery, Ohio 45242

JOIN US ON June 17th 2023 **LITIMATE 8068 DORA D**



JUNE 2023 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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						Fishing Contest, Swaim Park, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
				Big Rig Gig, Montgomery Square Shopping Center, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.		Soirée en Blanc, Montgomery Quarter, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.
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	Public Works Facility, 9:00 a.m. Planning Commission, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.		Council Business Session, City Hall, 6:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission, Weller Park, 6:30 p.m.	Hawaiian Luau & Movie, Montgomery Community Pool, 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	0		Safety Village Week Two		······o	Cardboard Recycling, 7315 Cornell Road, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
		Environmental Advisory Commission, City Hall, 5:00 p.m.	Landmarks Commission, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	2nd Quarter 2023 City Taxes Due		Ultimate 80s DORA, Cooper & Montgomery Roads, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	o		Safety Village Week Three	 	······o	
Father's Day	Planning Commission, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	Sister Cities Commission, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	Council Work Session, City Hall, 6:00 p.m.			
25	26	27	28	29	30	
		Know Your Neighbor, City Hall, 6:00 p.m.				
Garden Tour, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Arts Commission, City Hall, 5:00 p.m.	Board of Zoning Appeals, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.			Entries due for Montgomery's Top Dog!	

Emergency 911

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