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## COUNCIL MESSAGE

### UNITED MONTGOMERY BY CHRIS DOBROZSI

Is it Labor Day already? Where has the summer gone? As I sit here writing this article, these are the thoughts going through my mind. But oh, what a summer it has been. With vacations behind us and kids back in school, I find this the perfect time to look back at the recent events that make Montgomery the best Community in the region – **a community where residents care about one another and feel they belong together** – a United Montgomery.

The Montgomery Quarter Ribbon Cutting held on May 19th was the result of over 20 years of planning and implementing a new vision for the front door of our city. A vision focused on creating a vibrant community gathering space where residents of all ages come together to enjoy good food, a cold beverage and celebrate with family and friends. This dream became reality as I witnessed young children playing joyfully in the fountain, (much to the dismay of their parents), youth playing a game of keep away on the lawn, city staff firing tee shirts out of a cannon to eager onlookers, and live music to be heard by adults enjoying this tremendous event. I hope all of you have been able to enjoy everything the Montgomery Quarter has to offer – with more to come over the next few years.

The July 4th Independence Day Parade and Festival in the Park once again exceeded my expectations for the community building that occurred on this beautiful summer day. The parade route was lined with the largest crowd I have witnessed, of families, friends including hundreds of children vying for every piece of flying candy. Nothing is more satisfying than walking the parade route, throwing out candy and seeing all the joy in children's faces (and some adults) as they score a sacred piece of chocolate.

While the weather was not ideal for the July 15th Bastille Day celebration, the food and music more than compensated for what mother nature had in store. With the Mystics and Naked Karate Girls delivering quality performances and several restaurants providing tasty bites – the stage was set for a wonderful evening. The real magic of this event is the interaction between new and old friends enjoying an evening in the heart of Montgomery.

These quality community building events would not happen without our best-in-class City of Montgomery staff – who spend countless nights and weekends away from their families/friends to ensure the city's residents come together and build community. We have the best community in the region due to their dedication, passion, and commitment to deliver exceptional public service.

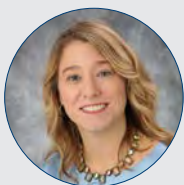
This commitment to excellence was recently recognized as Montgomery Staff was once again selected as a Top Workplace by Energage, LLC. for the 5th consecutive year. This award recognizes those organizations that foster a healthy work environment, culture, and strongly encourages employee engagement.

A United Montgomery exists, and will only continue to exist, when our engaged citizens and dedicated staff make all decisions based upon "What is Best for The City of Montgomery", and not any one individual or political agenda. This approach will ensure Montgomery will flourish for decades and generations to come.

## COUNCIL MEMBERS



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## COUNCIL CORNER

### AUGUST 23, 2023 WORK SESSION

Montgomery City Council met in its regular monthly Work Session on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at City Hall. Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m., with public comment welcomed on each item before City Council.

#### Pending Legislation

**There is no Pending Legislation**

#### New Legislation

**A Resolution** Accepting A Bid And Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract With Kramer & Feldman, Inc. For The Montgomery Annex Building Improvements

**An Ordinance** Enacting And Adopting The 2023 Recodification To The Code Of Ordinances And Declaring An Emergency

**A Resolution** Approving A Construction Agreement With Brandicorp, LLC For The Stage 2 Montgomery Quarter Public Improvements

**An Ordinance** Authorizing A Third Amendment To A Development Agreement By And Between The City Of Montgomery, Ohio, The Montgomery Community Improvement Corporation, And Gateway Partners Montgomery, LLC And Declaring An Emergency

**A Resolution** Approving A Joint Agreement With The Board Of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Ohio To Accept And Administer A Community Revitalization Grant

**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

### RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

#### Approved Legislation

##### August 2, 2023

##### **ORDINANCE 9 2023**

**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 **(passed yea-6, recuse-1)**

##### **RESOLUTION 25 2023**

**A Resolution** Authorizing a Contract with Patented Acquisition Corporation D/B/A/ Think Patented for Design and Production Services **(passed 7-0)**

##### **RESOLUTION 26 2023**

**A Resolution** To Amend The City's Investment Policy **(passed 7-0)**

##### **RESOLUTION 27 2023**

**A Resolution** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Contract with Morton Salt Inc. pursuant to a joint purchasing bid with Hamilton County for 2023 - 2024 Deicing Rock Salt **(passed 7-0)**

##### **RESOLUTION 28 2023**

**A Resolution** Establishing City Contributions To Employee Health Savings Accounts And Health Reimbursement Accounts **(passed 7-0)**

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



## COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP WITH REGIONAL INCOME TAX AGENCY

We are excited about our transition to the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) on October 1, 2023. RITA will allow the online filing and payment processing many of you have been asking for. Instructions for setting up an account with RITA will be arriving soon.

We will still provide the same excellent service in the tax office for those of you who prefer in-person tax service at City Hall. Our tax specialist is still available to help you.

If you have questions, contact Finance Director Maura Gray at [mgray@montgomeryohio.gov](mailto:mgray@montgomeryohio.gov) or call 513-792-8349.

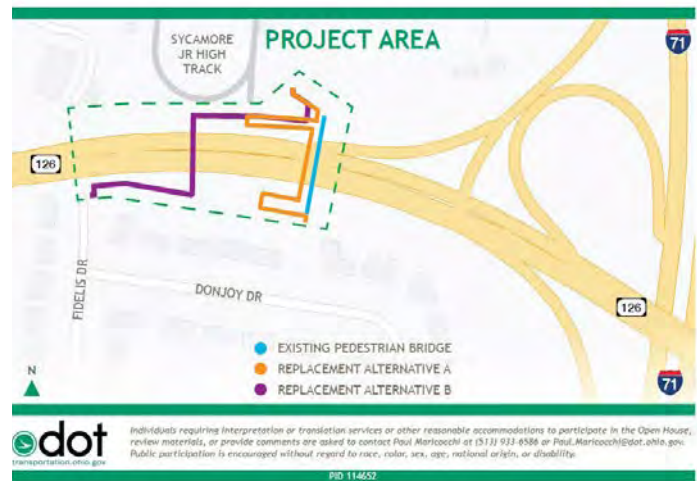


## PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is conducting a feasibility study evaluating options for replacing the pedestrian bridge that crosses over Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway (State Route 126), near the intersection with Interstate 71. This bridge directly connects Donjoy Drive in the Kenview Hills neighborhood and Sycamore Junior High School.

Public involvement is an important part of ODOT's project development process, and the input received will help guide the department's decisions. ODOT has created a virtual Public Open House to share information about the project and gather public feedback regarding the alternatives under consideration. ODOT's virtual Public Open House ends September 10.

We have put a link to the virtual open house at [montgomeryohio.gov](http://montgomeryohio.gov) or scan the QR code.



## SHOW US YOUR FAVORITE MONTGOMERY EVENT!

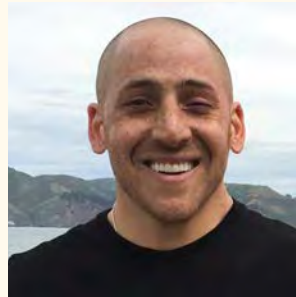
The City of Montgomery knows how to party from Harvest Moon, Holiday in the Village, Bastille Day, to Independence Day. Send a picture of your favorite event, and we may use it in a future city publication! The picture can be this year or a family favorite from the past. Please send to Amy Frederick at [afrederick@montgomeryohio.gov](mailto:afrederick@montgomeryohio.gov) or drop a copy off at City Hall. You may see your picture right here in The Bulletin!

## KEVIN HINES, MIRACLE SUICIDE SURVIVOR, IS COMING TO MONTGOMERY

**Kevin Hines: The Art of Wellness**  
**Monday, October 23 at 7pm,**  
**Good Shepherd Church, 8815 E. Kemper Rd.**

**FREE – Seating is limited. Register at**  
**montgomeryohio.gov or call 513-891-2424**

Since Kevin tried to take his own life by jumping from the Golden Gate Bridge in 2000, he has traveled the world to stop others from doing the same thing.



also a motivational speaker who travels the world trying to prevent suicide. His message is simple: we all have pain in our lives, but we need to find ways to cope.

“Pain is universal, we are all going to go through it, if you haven’t already,” said Kevin. “I think that expressing pain and how to find triumph over that adversity and how to survive pain no matter how difficult, has related to a lot of people.”

Unlike most people who have jumped from the iconic bridge, Kevin survived. He says a sea lion helped keep him afloat before rescuers arrived. Kevin says things may have been different if one person had approached him that day on the bridge. He also says that we can all make a difference in someone else’s life.

“One person can make a difference by being observant of people who are struggling and not just walking by them,” Kevin said.

**“Walking directly up to them and say ‘hey you look like you are going through something is there anything that I can do to help’. You could be the catalyst to helping shepherd someone to surviving.”**

Kevin Hines



In the 23 years since that day, Kevin Hines has made it his mission to share his experience in hopes of helping others. Kevin has written a book *Cracked Not Broken: The Kevin Hines Story*. He’s created a documentary film *Suicide: The Ripple Effect* and he’s

Listen to our interview with Kevin Hines at  
[montgomeryohio.gov/montgomery-insider-podcast/](https://montgomeryohio.gov/montgomery-insider-podcast/)

**The City of Montgomery is proud to welcome Kevin Hines to our community.**

“The greatest thing I’ve experienced after giving a keynote anywhere has been the many people that come up and say things like ‘I was going to take my life today and now I am not’,” said Kevin. “That has been the most wonderful experience. I give a message I’m a conduit. People take the message they go home they do the work, and they are saving their own lives. But if we can spark that feeling in them to do something different. I give tools, tips and tricks and coping strategies to benefit brain health. They change their perspectives it is a wonderful thing.”



**“More people than ever before are dying by suicide. More children than ever before in human history are dying by suicide. This is an opportunity for parents, teachers, clinicians, and community members to come out to hear a message that will absolutely impact them and likely change their perspective if they are considering suicide.”**

Kevin Hines

## SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE

**988 is the three-digit, nationwide phone number to connect directly to the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.**

By calling or texting 988, you’ll connect with mental health professionals with the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, formerly known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

Since 988 launched in 2022, the crisis hotline has received more than five million calls, chats, and texts.

**SAVE THE NUMBER**  
**SAVE A LIFE**  
**CALL OR TEXT 988**

Add this number to your phone now.  
 It could save a life later.



[nimh.nih.gov/suicidprevention](https://nimh.nih.gov/suicidprevention)





## MONTGOMERY'S MOMENT

### MONTGOMERY'S MOMENT - OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT!

Thank you to the community for participating in our initial public outreach to update our Comprehensive Plan! We enjoyed hearing your feedback over the last few weeks from the online survey, at BAMSO, 4th of July, Bastille Day, The Montgomery Farmers Market, Laf & Lunch, The Community Pool, The Montgomery Public House, and Touch a Truck.

Your comments will serve to help the City better understand likes, opportunities and future improvements that visitors and residents would like to see.

This fall, city leaders will be working with our consultant

on the second phase of the plan which is called Test. The community engagement results will be synthesized and proposed draft growth goals and scenarios will be developed over the next few months identifying preferred community growth alternatives.

We are committed to keeping the community engaged in every aspect of the plan and encourage everyone to track the status of the update at [www.MontgomerysMoment.com](http://www.MontgomerysMoment.com). If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Kevin Chesar, Community Development Director, at 513-792-8329 or [kchesar@montgomeryohio.gov](mailto:kchesar@montgomeryohio.gov).

# NIGHT SKY STAR PARTY

Fri. Sept 8  
Pioneer Park

8:00-9:00 p.m. Cincinnati Observatory Presentation for kids.  
- Join the waitlist for kids session

9:00-10:00 p.m. Cincinnati Observatory Presentation for adults only.  
★ -- Space available for adult session

Both presentations will allow time for viewing through the telescope.  
New in 2023 - Adults only viewing time at 9:00PM  
Free, registration required. Choose only 1 program. Maximum of 50 participants. Held rain or shine. Register at [montgomeryohio.gov](http://montgomeryohio.gov).

Presented by the Montgomery Parks & Recreation Commission  
in conjunction with the Cincinnati Observatory.



## FREE PROGRAM OFFERS ONE-STOP DROP FOR RESPONSIBLE RECYCLING

With renewed purpose in protecting the environment, the City of Montgomery Environmental Advisory Commission is encouraging residents to recycle more. On **Saturday, Sept. 23 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.**, the Environmental Advisory Commission is sponsoring a **One-Stop Drop for Responsible Recycling** at the Public Works facility, 7315 Cornell Road. The free event will provide families an easy way to dispose of items that have been sitting around the house.

Donations will benefit:

- Matthew 25 Ministries
- Goodwill Industries
- Habitat for Humanity
- Operation Giveback

**This event will not offer shredding or accept batteries.**

In an effort to provide the most up-to-date information, the City has an easy to navigate webpage, [montgomeryohio.gov/one-stop-drop-recycling/](http://montgomeryohio.gov/one-stop-drop-recycling/), devoted to this event, which lists all accepted and non-accepted items for each vendor.

Please check this webpage for more information or call City Hall at 513-891-2424 with any additional questions.

**If you would like to volunteer for this event, please see page 13**



## REGISTER NOW FOR THE MONTGOMERY CITIZENS' LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

MCLA offers students a behind-the-scenes look at Montgomery.

- Meet and interact with the Montgomery City Council, department heads and staff
- Learn why decisions are made and how the departments operate
- Discover the status of current projects and future plans for development
- Participate in lively discussions, role-playing and other fun interactive activities
- Tour city facilities
- Become an informed and involved citizen

***"I recently took the MCLA class, which was an expedition through Montgomery's history, culture, government, and people. I learned about everything from the city's founding to its current challenges & opportunities. I also made some great friends along the way. I highly recommend this class to anyone who wants to learn more about the city of Montgomery."***

John Durham, MCLA 2023

***"Whether you plan on being a resident of Montgomery for a year or the rest of your life, participating in MCLA is a must if you're curious about the inner workings of this city. The dedication of the city's employees and elected officials to the success of this program was humbling. Each session was eye-opening and informative, with the added bonus of now having great connections with some of my fellow Montgomery residents that I didn't have before participating in MCLA."***

Josephine McKenrick, MCLA 2023

MCLA 2024 begins Thursday, January 11 and runs for 10 weeks. Each session begins at 5:45 p.m. with dinner and ends at 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$99 for meals and materials.

Register at [montgomeryohio.gov](http://montgomeryohio.gov) or contact Amy Frederick at [afrederick@montgomeryohio.gov](mailto:afrederick@montgomeryohio.gov) or call 513-792-8358.



## CITY TO CONDUCT LIMITED FALL CURBSIDE BRUSH PICK-UP

The Montgomery Public Works Department will collect brush and limbs over a five-week period starting on **September 11**. Each pick-up week is determined by the regular trash collection schedule. **Please place brush at the curb on the Sunday evening of your collection week.**

### GUIDELINES

- Any material placed curbside after the chipper crew passes will not be picked up.
- Our crew will not pick up brush with nails, metal, stones, or excessive dirt.
- Vines and branches with thorns will not be picked up.
- Limbs may be of any length and between 1/2 inch and 8 inches in diameter. Place shorter branches, twigs, and clippings in yard waste bags or cans for Rumpke to pick up
- Place brush and limbs in small piles along the curb with the "cut" ends toward the street. Do not create large stacks with cut ends going in different directions
- Brush piles that are tied into bundles or are tangled will not be picked up.

- Do not place stumps, root balls, and logs out for curbside brush collection. These may be placed out for Rumpke waste collection on your regularly scheduled day. Each item cannot weigh more than 60 lbs.

For additional information, please contact City Hall at 513-891-2424.

Trash Day	Brush Pick-Up Week
Monday	Week of September 11
Tuesday	Week of September 18
Wednesday	Week of September 25
Thursday	Week of October 2
Friday	Week of October 9



**CITY OF MONTGOMERY**

# Montgomery Car Show

Live Band: Tyler Christopher presenting "The Ultimate Elvis Show!"  
 Montgomery Inn BBQ Sandwiches  
 Beer, Awards at 6:30pm

Sat, Sept 23 - 4-7 p.m.  
 Montgomery Square Plaza

A big thank you to our generous sponsors!



## 🐾 K9 Kerplunk 🐾

Labor Day, Monday, Sept 4  
 Montgomery Community Pool

5-8pm

Free for Pool Members  
 \$3 per dog Non-Members

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Families and their K9 companions can finish the summer with a dip in the pool.

\*New this year we are featuring the dog swim only.

Dogs must be people friendly, non-aggressive towards other dogs, and under control.



VIVA  
**MONTGOMERY**  
*Vegas in the Village Returns*  
 Sept. 7, 5-9 p.m.

*Here's How to Play*

**STEP 1**

Start at the The Remington Room, 7813 Ted Gregory Lane. We'll give you a passport containing a list and map of participating businesses to visit. You'll also get a swag bag with goodies inside.



**Start Here**

**STEP 2**

Visit as many participating businesses as you can and get your passport stamped.

**5 stamps = 1 raffle ticket**



**Visit Businesses**

**STEP 3**

Head to Montgomery Quarter Park at 8:00 pm turn your stamps into raffle tickets. The drawings begin at 8:30 pm. You must be present to win.



**Win Prizes**

*Participating Businesses*

- Artemis Bistro
- Asterino Sposa Bridal
- Activate Brain and Body
- Audible Elegance
- Belle Aesthetics & Skincare
- Bridal Designs by Amanda
- BruBurger
- Designer Items and More
- Downtown Girl
- Elevate Beauty Suites
- European Café and Market
- Fifth Third Private Bank
- Forno Osteria and Bar
- Frame House Gallery
- Game on Fitness
- Gloss Salon
- Haute Chocolate
- Hellman's Clothier
- Krombholz Jewelers
- Lilac & Lily
- Livery
- Montgomery Jewelers
- Montgomery Public House
- Montgomery Quarter Residences
- Nora Fink Personal Stylist
- Ohio CBD Guy
- Peaches Skin Care
- Steve Sylvester & Associates
- Taglio
- The Corner Pub
- The Remington Room
- Vora and Vine
- Woodhouse Day Spa
- Your World Consignment
- You to the Rescue
- Z Place for Wine

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Cut out and bring to  
*Vegas in the Village*  
**Good for 1 Raffle Ticket!**



## SUMMER 2023 SEASONS OF BEAUTY AWARD WINNER

The City of Montgomery Beautification and Tree Commission has awarded the summer 2023 *Seasons of Beauty* Award to Fred and Melinda Barbi. The home's beautiful front yard was bursting with blooms in baskets, boxes, and more this summer.

The Barbi home was abundant with summer blooms, including both annuals and perennials. A Japanese maple, variegated liriopse, and white panicle hydrangeas greeted visitors at the sidewalk leading to the front door, along with cascading baskets of wave petunias hanging from the lamp post. Three additional baskets of pink begonias highlighted the front porch with beautiful flowerboxes planted with ornamental grasses, spellbound coral bells, white begonias, sunburst impatiens, as well as variegated sweet potato vines which were hung from the second floor over the garage. The perfect complement to the



landscaping and manicured lawn was a turquoise porch swing and an American flag.

The *Seasons of Beauty* award recognizes homes and businesses in Montgomery with remarkable front yards, window boxes, and planters that peak during certain seasons as well as those homes and businesses with decorative features that celebrate the "season" or holiday.

Nominate your home or neighbor's home by emailing a photo and short description to [aaronkellenberger@gmail.com](mailto:aaronkellenberger@gmail.com). The fall award winner will be selected this October and announced in the November Montgomery Bulletin.



## B&T TALK: READY, SET, GROW!

**Wednesday, October 18**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Terwilliger Lodge**

**FREE, FREE, FREE!**

Presented by Brian Heinz, Manager of Horticulture - Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum

Grow your knowledge from Brian, a regional expert of nearly 30 years in horticulture and greenhouse growing, regarding trees and shrubs proven for the Cincinnati area and those that have thrived over Spring Grove's 178-year history. Durability, sustainability, availability, as well as invasive alternatives will be discussed along with tree and plant giveaways.

Space is limited to 75 attendees. RSVP is required at [montgomeryohio.gov](http://montgomeryohio.gov) or call City Hall at 513-891-2424.

## FALL PLANT SWAP

Montgomery's Beautification and Tree Commission invites you to trade perennials at the Fall Plant Swap on Saturday, September 30, at the Montgomery Farmers' Market from 9 a.m.—12:30 p.m. at the Montgomery Elementary School parking lot.

Please label your plant's shade or sun preference. Also, remember to bring a bag or container to transport your new plant home.

This free event provides an excellent opportunity for everyone to share their divided perennials while selecting new garden varieties.





## SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

How prepared are you for a disaster? Do you know where you will go if required to evacuate? How will you be notified of weather alerts and emergencies? September is National Preparedness Month and the City of Montgomery in coordination with the Hamilton County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency wants you to know that disasters don't plan ahead - but you can! Throughout the month of September, take the three easy steps below to make your household more disaster-ready!

**1. Sign up for Alert Hamilton County.** When signing up, you not only receive emergency messages, you will also be able to choose from 42 different weather alerts. Alert Hamilton County is paired with Smart911, allowing you to create a Safety Profile of important family, medical, and personal information that can be shared with dispatchers

& first responders during an emergency. You can quickly and securely sign up at: [www.alerthc.org](http://www.alerthc.org).

**2. Build a Preparedness Kit.** Before a disaster, have essential elements stored away in a water-tight container that can be "Grab and Go," in the event of an evacuation. Creating a kit does not have to be expensive or difficult, as most items you should include are already in your home! For a full list of items, please visit: [www.ready.gov/kit](http://www.ready.gov/kit).

**3. Make a Plan.** Discuss with the members of your household how you will communicate in the event of a disaster, where you will meet to reunite, and how you will receive emergency alerts and warnings. Do not forget to plan for your pets! For more information about how to make a plan, please visit: [www.ready.gov/plan](http://www.ready.gov/plan).



## Lanterns & Landmarks

### Historic Walking Tour & Reception

Saturday, October, 21  
6:00 - 9:00 pm

Join us for a walking tour, supporting the rich historical heritage of the City of Montgomery!

The tour will begin at Universalist Church. Before the walking tour, participants will have an opportunity to enjoy heavy appetizers and beverages, including wine.

Cost is \$20 per Resident  
\$25 per Non-Resident.  
This event is limited to adults ages 21 and older.

For information and to register, please visit [montgomeryohio.gov](http://montgomeryohio.gov) or call City Hall at 513-891-2424

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## The Amazing Montgomery Race

PRESENTED BY THE MONTGOMERY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH  
2-5PM

We invite teams of adults to test your wits, teamwork and endurance in this thrilling race around the City of Montgomery. Go to [montgomeryohio.gov](http://montgomeryohio.gov) to sign up. For questions call 513 891-2424



## PLANTING TREES TODAY FOR A GREENER TOMORROW

*“The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second-best time is now.”*

This Chinese proverb seems especially true this fall. After sweltering summer temperatures, we could use the cooling effect of more trees. And planting trees is something most of us in Montgomery can do. They add beauty to our homes while helping fight climate change. Here's how.

### Trees help the Earth keep its cool

Trees do a lot of work for us humans. They:

- **Sequester carbon:** Trees absorb carbon dioxide from the air during photosynthesis. This process reduces the amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.
- **Improve air quality:** Leaves filter pollutants and release oxygen, contributing to cleaner, healthier air for us to breathe.
- **Control erosion:** Tree roots anchor the soil, preventing erosion and protecting topsoil from being washed away by rainwater. The absorption of rainwater also reduces the risk of flooding.
- **Provide habitat:** Trees provide a home for wildlife, promoting biodiversity and enhancing the overall health of the ecosystem.



- **Regulate outdoor temperatures:** Trees cool the environment by providing shade and releasing water vapor through a process known as transpiration.
- **Regulate indoor temperatures:** By shading your home in summer and providing wind breaks in the winter, trees enable you to use less energy and lower your bills. Using less energy, in turn, lowers carbon emissions from power plants.

### Fall is a perfect time for planting

Planting trees in the fall gives them an extra growing season before the stress of summer. Cool days, warm soil, and moderate rainfall help trees establish their root system before winter sets in. This root development ensures they are better prepared to flourish come spring. Plus, many garden centers discount trees in the fall, so you can save a bit of green while going green.

Trees create a more sustainable, beautiful, and healthy environment for all. So grab your shovel and plant a few. You'll be contributing to the health and well-being of future generations.

By Ellen Hall, EAC Member

Sources:  
Arbor Day Foundation: [arborday.org](http://arborday.org); The Nature Conservancy: [nature.org](http://nature.org); U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: [epa.gov](http://epa.gov); U.S. Forest Service: [fs.usda.gov](http://fs.usda.gov)

## FALL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE TIPS

### Tree and Shrub Care

Fall is a great time to trim back trees and shrubs. Look for unstable or dead branches that may pose a danger, and take advantage of the fall brush pick up.

### Gutters and Downspouts

Be sure to clean out gutters and downspouts of any leaves or debris. This is also a good time to inspect the gutters and downspouts for any damage.

### Exterior Faucets

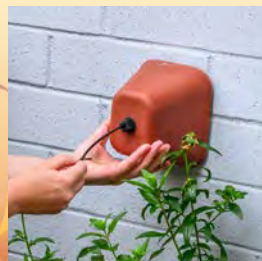
Help protect your pipes from freezing by shutting off water to exterior faucets and be sure to drain and store any outside hoses.

### Seal Gaps

With colder weather nearing, be sure to walk the perimeter of your house and seal any gaps to help prevent critters from getting inside to keep warm.

### Check Driveways and Walkways

Ensure all driveways and walkways are in good repair prior to the first snowfall to make shoveling a little easier. Also, now is a good time to make sure stairs and railings are in good shape.





## OUR VOLUNTEERS SHINE!

Volunteers make it possible for Montgomery to continue to offer such amazing events to the community! We are always looking for more Volunteers to help with our events.

Visit [montgomeryohio.gov/volunteer](http://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](mailto:wgrethel@montgomeryohio.gov) or 513-891-2424.

### Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

#### Amazing Race

**NEW EVENT! Sign Up to help and get a FREE Volunteer T-shirt!**

**When:** Saturday, September 30 from 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Race Starts at Weller Park. Volunteers will be stationed at the various parks throughout the City of Montgomery.

Get in on all the action of the inaugural year of Montgomery's Amazing Race! We need Volunteers to judge the participants on the completion of the station challenge. If you can't participate in the race, this is a great way to be involved in the fun! Everyone is invited to finish the evening at the End of Race Awards Party.



#### One Stop Drop Recycling

**When:** Saturday, September 23 from 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Public Works (7315 Cornell)

**What:** Reduce the amount of waste going into our landfills!

Volunteer at our One Stop Drop event sponsored by the City of Montgomery's Environmental Advisory Commission. Help unload cars and place items in the appropriate bins so that they can be recycled and reused. This is great for Adults or High School students/groups.

#### Harvest Moon Fall Festival

**When:** Saturday, October 14 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. 2 hour shifts available.

**Location:** Swaim Park (Zig Zag and Cooper Rds.)

**What:** Children and families jam the park for this annual fall event. We need volunteers to help with tickets, games, crafts, and petting zoo. New this year, we will be offering a beer station (Adult volunteers only.)



**Family Festival**

**Harvest Moon**

Hayrides, craft, facepainting, firetruck, food vendors, games, petting zoo, pony rides and live music!

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**Saturday**  
**OCT 14, 4 - 8 p.m.**  
**Swaim Park**

**FALL FUN**

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MONTGOMERY ARTS COMMISSION PRESENTS

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OCT. 10: STACEY WOOLLEY  
SOLO VIOLIN MASTERWORKS  
FROM BACH TO ROZSA

OCT. 24: CARMON DELEONE AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING FOUR  
GREAT JAZZ PIANO TRIOS

NOV. 14: VOCALIST NANCY JAMES  
FROM RUTH TO ROSIE!  
CELEBRATING LEADING LADIES  
OF CINCINNATI

SUNDAY, DEC. 10: JAZZ VOCALIST  
MANDY GAINES AND FRIENDS  
SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER



## SWIM TEAM CONCLUDES SUCCESSFUL SEASON

This summer Montgomery Makos finished in 6th place in Division 1 at the Tri-County Swim League Championships in Mason, Ohio. Led by coaches Jon, Rory, Sarah and Madeline, the Makos broke records and saw many personal bests!

The Makos wouldn't be successful without all its volunteers and sponsors. Thank you to Carol Buckley of Comey and Shepherd Realtors and Salt Run Veterinary Hospital.



Congratulations to all our swimmers. While we had lots of memorable swims over the season, below is a list of our swimmers who placed in the top 3 in the Large Team Division at Championships.

### 1st Place

Jack Webber - 6 yr old & under Boys 25m Freestyle  
 Jack Webber - 6 yr old & under Boys 25m Backstroke  
 Delfina Korte - 7 & 8 year old Girls 25m Breaststroke

### 2nd Place

Rebecca Christman - 7 & 8 year old Girls 25m Backstroke  
 Delfina Korte - 7 & 8 year old Girls 25m Freestyle  
 Delfina Korte - 7 & 8 year old Girls 100m Individual Medley  
 Evan Capozza - 7 & 8 year old Boys 25 Breaststroke

### 3rd Place

Emma Pierson - 7 & 8 year old Girls 25m Freestyle  
 Emma Pierson - 7 & 8 year old Girls 25m Backstroke  
 Ainsley Metzger, Delfina Korte, Rebecca Christman,  
 Charlotte Stanley - 7 & 8 year old Medley Relay

**DÍA de los MUERTOS**

**KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR SERIES**  
**THURSDAY | SEP 28 | 6PM**  
**TERWILLIGER LODGE**

Juan Molina, Montgomery resident and member of the Diversity and Inclusion Commission, will share information about the true meaning of the Mexican celebration Día de los Muertos, Day of the Dead. Hint, it has nothing to do with Halloween.

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**PAINTBALL TRIP**

**Sycamore School's Out Day**  
**FRIDAY, OCT 27**

Kids ages 10-14

Registration opens Sept 1 and closes on Oct 20.

Cost: \$65 and includes: paintball equipment, pizza lunch, drinks, snacks

Meet at the Swaim Park Small Shelter  
 (upper level lot off Cooper Road)  
 Kids will travel by bus to Paintball Country.  
 Call 513-792-8316 with questions.

Register starting Sept 1 at  
[www.montgomeryohio.gov](http://www.montgomeryohio.gov)





## GROUP FITNESS

Registration for **2023 - Session E** 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 City Hall by calling 513-891-2424 with any questions you may have.

### Group Fitness Class Schedule 2023 - Session E

Day	Class Name	Dates of Session	No Class	Session Length	Time of Class	Res.	Non-Res.
Mon.	Mixed Level Yoga	9/11 - 10/30		8 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Mon.	Chair Yoga	9/11 - 10/30		8 classes	11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45
Mon.	Yang Style Tai Chi <b>NEW!</b>	9/11 - 10/30		8 classes	7:00-8:00 p.m.	\$80	\$90
Tue.	Cardio Strength and Stretched	9/12 - 10/31		8 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Tue.	Tai Chi	9/12 - 10/31		8 classes	10:20-11:20 a.m.	\$80	\$90
Tue.	Pilates	9/12 - 10/24	31-Oct	7 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$35	\$40
Wed.	Mixed Level Yoga	9/13 - 11/1		8 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Wed.	Beginner Level Yoga	9/13 - 11/1		8 classes	11:00-12:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Wed.	Bootcamp	9/13 - 11/1		8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45
Thur.	Cardio Strength and Stretched	9/14 - 11/2		8 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$40	\$45
Thur.	Restorative Yoga	9/14 - 11/2		8 classes	11:00 - 12:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45
Thur.	Pilates	9/14 - 11/2		8 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40	\$45

## NEW: YANG STYLE TAI CHI

**Mondays, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Recreation Annex**

This class is suited to ages 14 and up and all levels.

Develop balance, energy, concentration, relaxation, and more graceful movement through the ancient Chinese practice of Tai Chi.

Yang style tai chi uses the slow, large movements that most people associate with tai chi. This style has become the most popular and provides a low-stress form of exercise. Some of the physical benefits that tai chi promotes include increased muscle strength, increased flexibility, eases stress, better physical coordination, and balance, and promotes overall health and wellness.

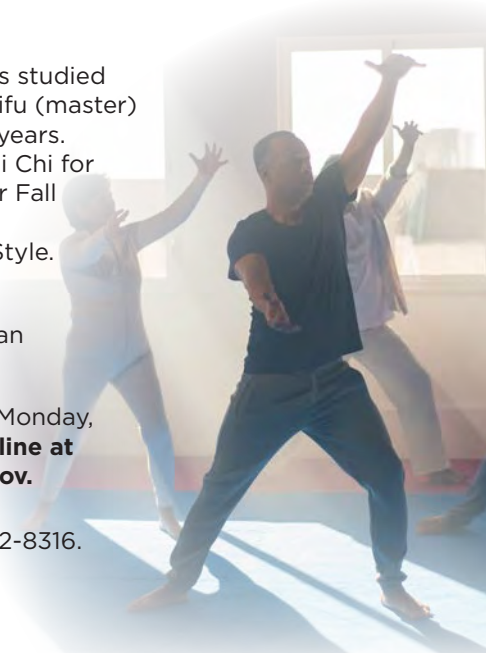


Instructor Jill McQuinn has studied Tai Chi with her father, shifu (master) Ralph Dehner, for over 11 years. Jill is certified to teach Tai Chi for Arthritis (TCA), Tai Chi for Fall Prevention, Tai Chi for Rehabilitation and Yang Style.

Wear loose comfortable clothing and shoes you can easily move in.

The new class begins on Monday, September 11. **Sign up online at [www.montgomeryohio.gov](http://www.montgomeryohio.gov).**

For questions, call 513-792-8316.





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## Kevin Hines: The Art of Wellness

Monday, October 23 at 7pm

Good Shepherd Church  
8815 E. Kemper Road

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## SEPTEMBER 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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3 BAMSO Labor Day Concert, Tom Stone Amphitheater, 7:00 p.m.	4 <b>Labor Day</b> City offices closed Trash collection as usual K-9 Kerplunk, Montgomery Community Pool, 5:00–8:00 p.m. Pool closes for the season	5	6 Council Business Session, City Hall, 6:00 p.m.	7 Vegas in the Village, Downtown Montgomery, 5:00 p.m.	8 Night Sky Star Party, Pioneer Park, 8:00 p.m. kids, 9:00 p.m. adult presentation	9
10 <b>Patriot Day</b> Beautification and Tree Commission, Public Works, 9:00 a.m. Planning Commission, City Hall, 7:00 p.m. Fall Brush Collection for residents with Monday trash collection	11	12 Environmental Advisory Commission, City Hall, 5:00 p.m.	13 Landmarks Commission, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	14 Parks and Recreation Commission, Swaim Park, 6:30 p.m.	15 3rd Qtr. 2023 City Taxes Due	16
17	18 Fall Brush Collection for residents with Tuesday trash collection Arts Commission, City Hall, 5:00 p.m.	19	20 City Council Work Session, City Hall, 6:00 p.m.	21	22	23 One Stop Drop Recycling Event, 7315 Cornell Road 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Car Show, Montgomery Square Plaza, 4:00–7:00 p.m.
24	25 Fall Brush Collection for residents with Wednesday trash collection	26 Diversity and Inclusion Commission, City Hall, 4:00 p.m. Board of Zoning Appeals, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	27	28 Know Your Neighbor, Terwilliger Lodge, 6:00 p.m.	29	30 Fall Plant Swap at Montgomery Farmer's Market, Montgomery Elementary parking lot 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. The Amazing Montgomery Race, Weller Park, 2:00–5:00 p.m.