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COUNCIL MESSAGE

ELECTION SEASON BY SASHA NAIMAN

With the election approaching, your voice matters—on your ballot and in the community.

On your ballot, your voice impacts your neighborhoods, schools, and day-to-day living. America has over 19,000 incorporated cities, towns, and villages with varying governmental structures. Each has elected officials to carry out vital community functions. Under its Charter, the City of Montgomery has a “Council-Manager” form of government, with a City Manager working alongside 7 elected Council members with staggered 4-year terms. Among other things, Council members are responsible for reviewing and passing annual budgets, approving Commission members, and voting on legislation. At city, county, school district, and state levels, voters pick the officials and “issues” that can make our ever-evolving world better, safer, fairer, smarter, and kinder. Your vote helps the community grow, adapt, learn, and improve.

The ability to vote and participate in governance systems is a hugely important opportunity that has, itself, evolved throughout American and global history. I was born in present-day Ukraine when it was still part of the Soviet Union—and as you can imagine, “voting” was a very different concept in that time and place. As a naturalized U.S. citizen and a proud Montgomery resident, the ability to vote at my polling station this November feels especially meaningful. And, I am energized by many Montgomery neighbors who take voting seriously.

Your voice also matters in the community, and with that, we must remember to treat each other with empathy. Empathy does not mean we need to agree. In fact, empathetic people can feel that their particular opinion or position is right, or someone else’s is a mistake. But, they also remember that no one is defined by their biggest mistakes, no one knows it all, everyone is capable of change, and usually there is a context behind people’s different perspectives. With time, we can all learn and evolve—finding growth and strength from our differences and our commonalities. I look up to many friends in our community, who use their voice in ways that are simultaneously bold, strong, vulnerable, humble, and empathetic.

Just a decade before Congress passed the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution (about women’s right to vote), the word “empathy” first appeared in the English language. Perhaps this is not entirely coincidental. “Empathy” was translated by psychologist Edward Bradford Titchener from the German “Einfühlung,” meaning “feeling into” someone or something outside of yourself. From its first use, “empathy” in America was about engagement and connection, not necessarily agreement. Still, I imagine that naming and promoting this connectivity helped communities reach agreements, including about increasing voting access.

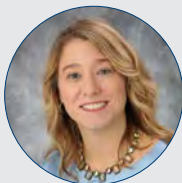
Ultimately, however you vote, and wherever you want to see the city, region, and nation go, we will get there faster and more successfully when there is greater unity. Unity does not need total consensus. Unity requires empathy. Empathy helps us understand one another and work through our differences.

This November and all year long, thank you for using your voice to make our community even stronger.

COUNCIL MEMBERS



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Craig Margolis



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Chris Dobrozsi



Member
Ron Messer



Member
Sasha Naiman



Member
Ken Suer



COUNCIL CORNER

SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 WORK SESSION

Montgomery City Council met in its regular monthly Work Session on Wednesday, September 20, 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 the Amounts and Rates as Determined by The Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to The County Auditor

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, 2024

RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

Approved Legislation

August 2, 2023

ORDINANCE 10 2023

An Ordinance Enacting And Adopting The 2023 Recodification To The Code Of Ordinances And Declaring An Emergency **(passed 7-yes, 0-no)**

ORDINANCE 11 2023

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

ORDINANCE 12 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 6-yes, 1-recuse)**

RESOLUTION 29 2023

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 **(passed 7-yes, 0-no)**

RESOLUTION 30 2023

A Resolution Approving A Construction Agreement With Brandicorp, LLC For The Stage 2 Montgomery Quarter Public Improvements **(passed 6-yes, 1-recuse)**

RESOLUTION 31 2023

A Resolution Approving A Joint Agreement With The Board Of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Ohio To Accept And Administer A Community Revitalization Grant **(passed 6-yes, 1-recuse)**

These pieces of approved legislation can be reviewed on the City's website at www.montgomeryohio.gov or in the Safety Center vestibule at 10150 Montgomery Road, Montgomery Ohio 45242.



MONTGOMERY'S MOMENT

MONTGOMERY'S MOMENT - OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT!

The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee met in late August to discuss the preliminary findings from the initial community engagement. The committee also reviewed detailed maps such as our natural amenities (i.e. parks/streams/preserves), potential opportunities for growth, places people love in Montgomery and where people spend their free time in the City.

Development statics, such as a majority of our housing stock being constructed from 1940-1979, was also presented in the context of how that impacts housing diversity and the long-term implications for new development or redevelopment. Finally, the committee

focused on key themes regarding changes in the character of the Montgomery Road Corridor, potential off-corridor development areas, Montgomery's approach to housing, walkability/bike-ability and business support. The consultant, Yard and Company, will begin formulating draft recommendations this fall regarding a 10-year development plan as we enter the second phase of the planning process. To keep involved please check out www.montgomerysmoment.com.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Kevin Chesar, Community Development Director, at 513-792-8329 (kchesar@montgomeryohio.gov).

PLANNING TIMELINE



MCLA 2024 IS FILLING UP, RESERVE YOUR SPOT

Have you ever wondered how City departments work? Now is your chance to go behind the scenes of the City and find out. Since MCLA started in 2008, we have taken students behind the scenes of the City and other local institutions.

Each of our community partners works to create an opportunity in which the participants will learn more about the schools, the hospital, the senior living community, or the financial institution and the people who run those organizations.

The class starts on Thursday, January 11. Each session is held on Thursday evenings for 10 weeks. To register, go to Montgomeryohio.gov, contact Amy Frederick at afrederick@montgomeryohio.gov, or call 513-792-8358.



"From a detailed talk about city finances, to a visit/discussion with the city's largest employer, to a 'field-trip' back to one of our leading Sycamore School district schools, you learn what makes the City of Montgomery tick at such a high level. You may begin the program as a resident, but you will finish as a citizen,"

Jorge Tameron, MCLA Class of 2023



MONTGOMERY NAMED TOP WORKPLACE FOR FIFTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

The City of Montgomery is proud to be awarded a Top Workplace, 2023, by the Cincinnati Enquirer for the fifth year in a row. It is a title the City and staff work hard to maintain.

"We are incredibly proud to be recognized as a Top Workplace in the Cincinnati area for the fifth consecutive year," said City Manager Brian Riblet. "This award is special because the feedback comes directly from our staff. The staff, along with City Council, are the reason Montgomery is such a terrific organization and great place to work."

To determine Top Workplaces, The Cincinnati Enquirer partners with Philadelphia-based Energage to rank

organizations. Energage administers a 24-question survey to employees, who are the sole deciders of whether a company's culture deserves recognition.

"Montgomery City Council is grateful for our staff, their work quality, and their thoughtfulness of each other," said Mayor Craig Margolis. "When people are happy at work, they stay engaged and longer with the City. It is a win for both our staff as well as residents."

The City of Montgomery was among 144 businesses, government agencies, and non-profit organizations to be named a Top Workplace 2023.



VOLUNTEER TO HONOR VETERANS AT HOPEWELL CEMETERY NOVEMBER 4

American Legion Post 630 is leading the effort to mark all veterans' graves at Hopewell Cemetery in honor of Veterans Day.

On Saturday, November 4, beginning at 10:00 a.m., volunteers are invited to participate in the placement of flags. There are approximately 400 veterans buried at Hopewell, some dating back as far as the Revolutionary War. This is a great way to learn more about those veterans who served our country while volunteering your time!

Post 630 consists of residents from Montgomery, Blue Ash, Madeira, Sycamore Township, Deer Park, Loveland, West Chester, and other local areas.

If you would like to register to volunteer please see page 14.



PLAN TO ATTEND THIS FINAL ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION ON OCTOBER 12.

The three-part series presented by the Alzheimer's Association in September was such a success that the City is offering an additional session on Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Terwilliger Lodge, 10530 Deerfield Road, Montgomery.

At this final session, the discussion will be related to Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors. This is sure to be an informative presentation.

For more information and to register to attend this event, please visit the city's website at [montgomeryohio.gov/mental health](http://montgomeryohio.gov/mental-health), scan the QR Code or call City Hall at 513-891-2424.



UNLIMITED YARD WASTE COLLECTION STARTS OCT. 31

Unlimited Yard Waste Collection begins Monday, October 31, and ends on December 22, 2023.

The City will also provide collections during the first three Saturdays in January to coincide with the Christmas tree and greenery collection.

If you have questions, please refer to the City's website, montgomeryohio.gov, or call 513-891-2424.

GUIDELINES

- Place leaves in regular 30-gallon trash cans, paper leaf bags, or yard waste totes (available through Rumpke).
- 30-gallon yard waste cans/totes have a 75 lb. weight limit. Once temperatures fall below freezing, all waste **must** go into bags as the moisture causes the cans/totes to freeze.

- Loosely place yard waste in trash cans or paper yard waste bags. Label yard waste totes as yard waste. Yard waste placed in unmarked totes will **NOT** be picked up.
- Place yard waste on the opposite side of the driveway from trash and leave the lids off the cans. **Plastic bags will NOT be picked up.**
- Bundle brush in 4-foot by 2-foot bundles fastened with cotton twine. The weight limit is 50 lbs.
- Cut limbs into 4-foot lengths and no larger than 6 inches in diameter.
- Place all limbs in a can or a bundle. Limbs should not reach more than 1 foot above the height of the can.

During unlimited collection, yard waste stickers are not required.



KEVIN HINES BRINGS HIS INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE TO MONTGOMERY

The City of Montgomery is proud to bring motivational speaker, suicide prevention champion, and documentary filmmaker to our community.

We hope Kevin's perseverance will inspire you.

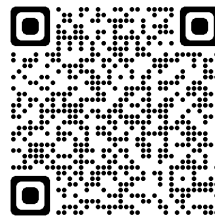
In 2000, Kevin Hines survived a suicide attempt. He jumped from the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. Kevin has said the second that his hands left the railing, he had instant regret and realized he wanted to live.

Today, Kevin spreads his message: to talk, reach out, and not stay silent. That people do care and that there's hope.

"I think that's really my biggest message is that whatever you're dealing with don't keep it to yourself because it could kill you,"

Kevin Hines

Kevin Hines: The Art of Wellness, Monday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m., Good Shepherd Church, 8815 E. Kemper Road. This event is FREE. Kevin will discuss his process for wellness, resilience, and recovery. To be self-aware and conscious of his mental wellness, Kevin has developed a 10-step evidence-informed regimen to stay on track and monitor the signs of falling off track. Audiences come away with a knowledge of how to build their own toolkit for maintaining their mental wellness, as well as the wellness of their loved ones.



At the time of publication, there was limited seating left for this event. To see if seating is still available, go to montgomeryohio.gov, scan the QR Code or call City Hall at 513-891-2424.

RITA TRANSITION READY FOR OCT 1!

Our transition to the Regional Income Tax Agency will be effective October 1. Instructions for setting up an account with RITA should have arrived in late September. We are excited to offer you RITA's online filing and payment services.

If you prefer our in-person tax assistance, our tax specialist is still available to help you. We look forward to serving you through RITA or at City Hall.

If you have questions, contact Finance Director Maura Gray at mgray@montgomeryohio.gov or call 513-792-8349.



FRANNIE, MONTGOMERY'S TOP DOG!

Residents of all ages submitted their information and pictures of their dog to the Top Dog Contest this summer, letting us know how much their pooch means to them and why they should be named Top Dog!

And, the winner is.... FRANNIE!

The incredible Portuguese Water Dog was entered by 10-year-old Montgomery resident Leo Webber. Our contest is purely for fun, and we thought the Webber Family's entry for The Top Dog was just 'dog-gone' amazing!

According to Leo Webber, "Firstly, Frannie is always at the Tanager Woods bus stop, greeting me, my brother, and all our friends with licks and tail wags in the morning and afternoon. She absolutely loves car rides! Whether it's a family trip or a short drive, Frannie eagerly jumps into the car, enjoying the wind and turning every ride into an exciting adventure. Frannie's fetching skills are extraordinary! She's lightning-fast and always ready to chase and retrieve balls, making our playtime together incredibly fun and thrilling.

Her intelligence shines as she practices her commands around Weller, impressing everyone with her clever tricks and obedience.

During soccer season, Frannie's energy levels soar! She enthusiastically watches the games at Weller



Park, playing with the kids and spreading joy wherever she goes. And let's not forget her amazing swimming skills! Frannie effortlessly glides through water, just like a true water dog, adding an extra element of adventure to our outdoor activities. With her unwavering dedication, intelligence, playfulness, and swimming talents, Frannie is the ultimate companion.

She brings joy, love, and excitement to our lives, making her the perfect top dog for Montgomery, Ohio. Plus, her morning wake-up calls make her the best alarm clock a kid could ask for!"



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 Heinz, a regional expert with nearly 30 years in horticulture and greenhouse growing. Brian will walk you through the best choices for trees, shrubs, and plants that grow in Montgomery. Which plants are the most durable, sustainable, and available.

TREE AND PLANT GIVEAWAYS!

Space is limited to 75 people. Registration is required. Register at montgomeryohio.gov, call City Hall at 513-891-2424 or scan the QR Code.





Spotlight

ON MONTGOMERY BUSINESSES

MONTGOMERY WELCOMES NEW YOGA STUDIO

Exciting news for fitness enthusiasts as PLAYLIST YOGA, a dynamic hot yoga studio, opens this fall at 9407 Montgomery Rd, in the heart of Montgomery. Led by the Moorman and Vasiliadis families who are Montgomery residents themselves. The studio says its vibrant space combines creative sequences, upbeat music, and a supportive community to create a yoga experience like no other.

"PLAYLIST YOGA is more than just a studio; it's a hub for growth and empowerment on the mat," said Leah



Vasiliadis, Founder of PLAYLIST YOGA. "Whether you're a seasoned yogi or a complete beginner, the studio welcomes all to join its music-driven approach to yoga practice."

The studio's founders envisioned a space where the community could foster connections while experiencing the transformative benefits of yoga. The facility features a hot yoga room, showers stocked with toiletries, and a lounge area for pre- or post-class relaxation. Visit playlist-yoga.com to learn more.

Family Festival

Harvest Moon

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

www.montgomeryohio.gov

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

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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 or call City Hall at 513-891-2424

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AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK APPROACHES, THE MONTGOMERY FIRE DEPARTMENT REMINDS RESIDENTS:

“Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention.”

The Montgomery Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) — the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week™ (FPW) for more than 100 years — to promote this year’s FPW campaign, “Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention™.” The campaign works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take when cooking to keep themselves and those around them safe.



According to NFPA, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires and deaths.

“Year after year, cooking remains the leading cause of home fires by far, accounting for half (49 percent) of all U.S. home fires,” said Lorraine Carli, vice president of outreach and advocacy at NFPA. “These numbers tell us that there is still much work to do when it comes to better educating the public about ways to stay safe when cooking.”

The Montgomery Fire Department encourages all residents to embrace the 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, Cooking Safety Starts With YOU. A cooking fire can grow quickly. Many homes have been damaged and people injured by fires that could easily have been prevented.

Here are some key safety tips to help reduce the risk of a cooking fire.

1. Watch what you heat. Always keep a close eye on what you are cooking. Set a timer to remind you that you are cooking.

2. Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove. Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.

3. Have a “kid- and pet-free zone” of at least 3 feet around the stove or grill and anywhere else hot food or drink is prepared or carried.



For more general information about Fire Prevention Week and cooking safety, visit www.fpw.org. For fire safety fun for kids, visit sparky.org.

SAVE A LIFE, LEARN FIRST AID/CPR

Be prepared for emergencies. The Montgomery Fire Department offers quarterly American Heart Association HeartSaver First Aid/CPR certification classes.

The next class is scheduled for Saturday, October 21 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Basic Life Support for Healthcare Workers 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
HeartSaver CPR and AED 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
HeartSaver First Aid 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

There is a fee to cover the cost of materials.

For more information or to sign up, please call 513-985-1633.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COMMISSION PROJECT

The city of Montgomery's Environmental Advisory Commission, in conjunction with the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District, is looking for volunteers to help with a storm sewer/catch basin labeling project. The project consists of attaching labels to catch basins throughout the City advising "No Dumping, Little Miami River Watershed."



This volunteer project will be held on Saturday, November 4, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Wendy Grethel at wgrethel@montgomeryohio.gov or call 513-891-2424.

A rain date will be determined and communicated to those volunteers who sign up.

IT'S FALL AND TIME TO REPLACE SMOKE-DETECTOR AND HOME-ALARM BATTERIES, BUT WHAT TO DO WITH THE SPENT BATTERIES?

Yes, you need to recycle your old batteries. Batteries are a necessity of modern life that contain toxic chemicals. If placed in a landfill, these chemicals leak, contaminate groundwater, and damage ecosystems. Transportation of trashed batteries is also a hazard, with a number of battery-caused refuse truck fires reported every year. Finally, the chemicals needed for the green revolution are in those spent batteries. Properly recycling batteries allows these chemicals to be recovered, avoiding additional mining for raw materials.

How to recycle spent batteries? The cost and convenience of recycling batteries depend upon the type of battery.

Rechargeable batteries are easily recycled for free. **Staples, Home Depot, or Lowes** recycle rechargeable batteries in our area. Rechargeable types include nickel cadmium (Ni-Cd), lithium ion (Li-Ion), small sealed lead acid (SSLA/Pb), nickel metal hydride (Ni-MH), and nickel zinc (Ni-Zn) batteries. The battery recycle bins are usually at the front of the store, and the batteries can simply be dropped off.

Safe disposal of standard **alkaline batteries** is more problematic. Currently, **Batteries Plus** recycles alkaline batteries at a charge of \$1/lb. Some communities have battery-recycle drives that include alkaline batteries.

Shomrei Olam - Jewish Environmental Advocates of Cincinnati offers recycling drives that include free collection/recycling of alkaline batteries. For details, see their webpage at Shomrei-Olam.org.



Tip: Modern Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors contain a 10-year **Lithium-Ion battery** that significantly reduces the need for limited-lifetime alkaline batteries.

Battery Recycle Plant coming to Cincinnati Area. With the advent of smart devices and electric vehicles, there is a growing market for recycled Lithium-Ion materials. This fall, **Nth Cycle** will open a full-scale Lithium-Ion battery recycle plant in nearby Fairfield.¹ This plant will make recycling of rechargeable lithium batteries more convenient and cost-effective. Watch for it!

Happy recycling!

See: [Nth Cycle to Open Ohio Plant to Reclaim Battery Metals](https://www.ttnews.com) | Transport Topics (ttnews.com)
By Mark Laskovics, EAC Commission Member

THE MONTGOMERY ARTS COMMISSION THANKS LIVE AT THE UNI SPONSORS

Celebrating its fourteenth season, the Live at the Uni performance series returns this October with concerts featuring some of the most talented performers in the area. With sincere gratitude and appreciation, the Montgomery Arts Commission would like to say "Thank you" to Twin Lakes and the Montgomery Inn for being loyal sponsors of the Live at the Uni performance series.



"Our aim from the beginning has been to offer these concerts free to the public, as a show of appreciation for the residents of Montgomery," said Nancy Nolan, Arts Commission Member. "We simply couldn't have accomplished that without the generosity of our sponsor, Twin Lakes. And Montgomery Inn has generously added value to the program by hosting post-concert receptions. The support of these city businesses enables us to present this concert series for our community."

The Live at the Uni concert series takes place in Montgomery's historic Universalist Church, located at the corner of Montgomery and Remington Roads in the center of Montgomery's Historic District.

This year the series features violinist Stacey Woolley, Carmon DeLeone's jazz trio, pop singer Nancy James, and jazz vocalist Mandy Gaines.

All concerts start at 7:00 p.m. and last about an hour. Post-concert receptions are held and hosted by the Montgomery Inn, right across the street from the church, allowing concert-goers to meet the performers and socialize with each other: enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

MONTGOMERY ARTS COMMISSION PRESENTS

LIVE AT THE UNI

REGISTER AT MONTGOMERYOHIO.GOV



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

SPONSORED BY:





There is no charge for admission to the concerts, but the Arts Commission suggests donating \$5 per adult at the door to help defray the event's costs. Reservations are required, as seating in the church is limited. To reserve your seat for this event, please register online. All concerts are sold out. We encourage you to put your name on the waiting list.



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the Montgomery Masonic Lodge #94, located at 7790 Cooper Road, was organized in 1827 by one of Montgomery's oldest settlers, Abraham Crist? The Montgomery Lodge is one of the oldest lodges in Ohio and first met in Sage's Tavern before adjourning in November of 1832. The Lodge was reinstated in 1846 and met in different homes within the area. In 1927, a movement was started to purchase the Universalist Church to be the new home of the Lodge; however, this was dropped after finding that the Church would have first rights on all day and night meetings. The Lodge moved to the basement of their current location in 1937 with the second floor being added in 1961.

TRICK OR TREAT SAFETY TIPS

Halloween is an exciting time for kids and adults alike! This year's Trick or Treat is Tuesday, October 31, from 6 pm - 8 pm, rain or shine. But before your little ghosts and goblins race out to grab as much candy as they can, please read these safety tips.

Walking: Adults should accompany young children and only cross the street at designated crosswalks. Don't Run! Running can cause kids to trip and get injured. Running also makes it harder for drivers to see you. When possible, always use the sidewalks or walk-facing oncoming traffic. Don't walk in the middle of the street.

Costumes: Costumes should have light colors to make them easier to be seen. To increase visibility, reflective tape and stickers can be added to clothing and/or bags. Consider using face paint instead of a mask. Masks can obstruct the child's vision and make it hard for them to navigate in the dark. Many kids wear glow sticks or carry flashlights to help light up where they are walking.

Drivers: If you must drive during Trick or Treat, please drive slowly and be alert. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.

Allow extra time to navigate in the neighborhoods and pull slowly and carefully in and out of driveways.

Montgomery Police wish you a Safe & Happy Halloween!



**Saturday, October, 28
10 am - 2pm
Montgomery Community Pool
Parking Lot**

**Keep them safe.
Clean them out.
Take them back.**

Visit montgomeryohio.gov for more information

OUR VOLUNTEERS SHINE!

Thanks to all our Volunteers who came out to help at the One Stop Drop Recycling Event! Our Environmental Advisory Commission works hard to find ways to keep our Earth clean and safe. We appreciate your time and your service!



Our upcoming events take us into the Holidays - We hope you can help!

Harvest Moon Fall Festival

When: Saturday, October 14 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Location: At Swaim Park, corner of Zig Zag and Cooper Roads. 2 shifts are available.

What: Assist with crafts, activities, and old-fashioned games. Adults, we also need help at the ticket and beer booths!

Holiday Decoration Workshop

When: Saturday, November 4 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Meet inside the Recreation Annex building, 10115 Montgomery Road.

What: Help ready greenery and bows to decorate the city streets during the holiday season.



Storm Sewer Labeling Project

When: Saturday, November 4 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Location: We will meet in a designated park then drive to assigned locations.

What: Volunteers under 18 need a chaperone. Help attach labels to storm sewers and catch basins in Montgomery neighborhoods.



Decorate Hopewell Cemetery

When: Saturday, November 4 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

What: Help the American Legion Post 630 honor Veterans by placing flags at their graves at Hopewell Cemetery.

Holiday Decorating Day

When: Saturday, November 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 12/12:30 p.m.

Location: Meet at the Universalist Church, 9467 Montgomery Road.

What: Help hang holiday greenery, wreaths and bows in Old Montgomery.

If you would like to help, please sign up at montgomeryohio.gov/volunteer

If you have questions or can't remember your volunteer account log-in information, please contact Wendy Grethel wgrethel@montgomeryohio.gov or 513-891-2424.

SERVE THE CITY YOU LOVE, JOIN A COMMISSION

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



CITY OF
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Arts Commission

Members promote visual and performing arts within our City. The Commission proposes and supervises programs 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.**



CITY OF
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Landmarks Commission

The Landmarks Commission provides for the preservation of Montgomery's historical, architectural and archaeological heritage. The commission makes recommendations to the Planning Commission and City Council on matters of legislation and development that may affect the City's landmarks. The Commission also provides continuing education and promotes awareness of the City's heritage. **Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 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.



GROUP FITNESS

Group Fitness Class Schedule 2023 - Session F

Day	Class Name	Dates of Session	No Class	Session Length	Time of Class	Res.	Non-Res.
Mon.	Mixed Level Yoga	11/13 - 12/18		6 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$30	\$35
Mon.	Chair Yoga	11/13 - 12/18		6 classes	11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	\$30	\$35
Mon.	Yang Style Tai Chi New!	11/13 - 12/18		6 classes	7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	\$60	\$70
Tue.	Cardio Strength and Stretched	11/14 - 12/19		6 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$30	\$35
Tue.	Tai Chi	11/14 - 12/19		6 classes	10:20-11:20 a.m.	\$60	\$70
Tue.	Pilates	11/14 - 12/19		6 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$30	\$35
Wed.	Mixed Level Yoga	11/15 - 12/20		6 classes	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$30	\$35
Wed.	Beginner Level Yoga	11/15 - 12/20		6 classes	11:00-12:00 a.m.	\$30	\$35
Wed.	Bootcamp	11/15 - 12/20		6 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$30	\$35
Thur.	Cardio Strength and Stretched	11/16 - 12/21	23-Nov	5 classes	9:00-10:00 a.m.	\$25	\$30
Thur.	Restorative Yoga	11/16 - 12/21	23-Nov	5 classes	11:00 - 12:00 p.m.	\$25	\$30
Thur.	Pilates	11/16 - 12/21	23-Nov	5 classes	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$25	\$30

Please visit the fitness page at montgomeryohio.gov for class descriptions, important information and registration.
Note: there are no classes the week of November 6 due to Holiday Decorating in the Annex.
Also note: the next group fitness session will begin the week of January 15, due to Holiday Decorating Take Down.

KIDS TREE AND NATURE WALK

Bring your children to explore the creek and trees of Dulle Park with City Arborist Mike Rogers. The Nature Walk includes a fun craft in the Shelter near the playground.

Kids: Ages 5-9

Date: Thursday, November 2

Location: Dulle Park start at small Shelter

Time: 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

This program is limited to 10 children. Registration is FREE and per child. Parents are encouraged to follow along during the walk and craft.

Registration is available at montgomeryohio.gov



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OCTOBER 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
1	2 Planning Commission, City Hall, 7:00 p.m. Fall Brush Collection for residents with Thursday trash collection	3	4 City Council Business Session, City Hall, 6:00 p.m.	5	6	7
8 •	9 Beautification and Tree Commission, Public Works, 9:00 a.m. Fall Brush Collection for Residents with Friday Trash Pickup	10 Live at the Uni, Universalist Church, 7:00 p.m. Environmental Advisory Commission, City Hall, 5:00 p.m.	11 National Fire Prevention Week Landmarks Commission, City Hall, 6:00 p.m.	12 Parks and Recreation Commission, Swaim Lodge, 6:30 p.m.	13	14 • Harvest Moon Family Festival, Swaim Park, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
15	16 Due Date for 2022 City Returns on Extension Planning Commission, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	17 Sister Cities Commission, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	18 Council Work Session, City Hall, 6:00 p.m. B&T Talk: Ready, Set, Grow!, Terwilliger Lodge, 7:00 pm	19	20	21 Cardboard Recycling, 7315 Cornell Road, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. CPR /First Aid Certification Class, Montgomery Safety Center, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lanterns & Landmarks, Universalist Church, 6:00 p.m.
22	23 Arts Commission, City Hall, 5:00 p.m. Kevin Hines-Mental Health Presentation, Good Shepherd Church, 7:00 p.m.	24 Live at the Uni, Universalist Church, 7:00 p.m. Diversity & Inclusion Commission, City Hall, 4:00 p.m. Board of Zoning Appeals, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	25	26	27 School's Out Day Paintball Trip, Swaim Park, 9:00 a.m.	28
29	30 Unlimited yard waste collection begins	31 Trick or Treat, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Rain or Shine				