

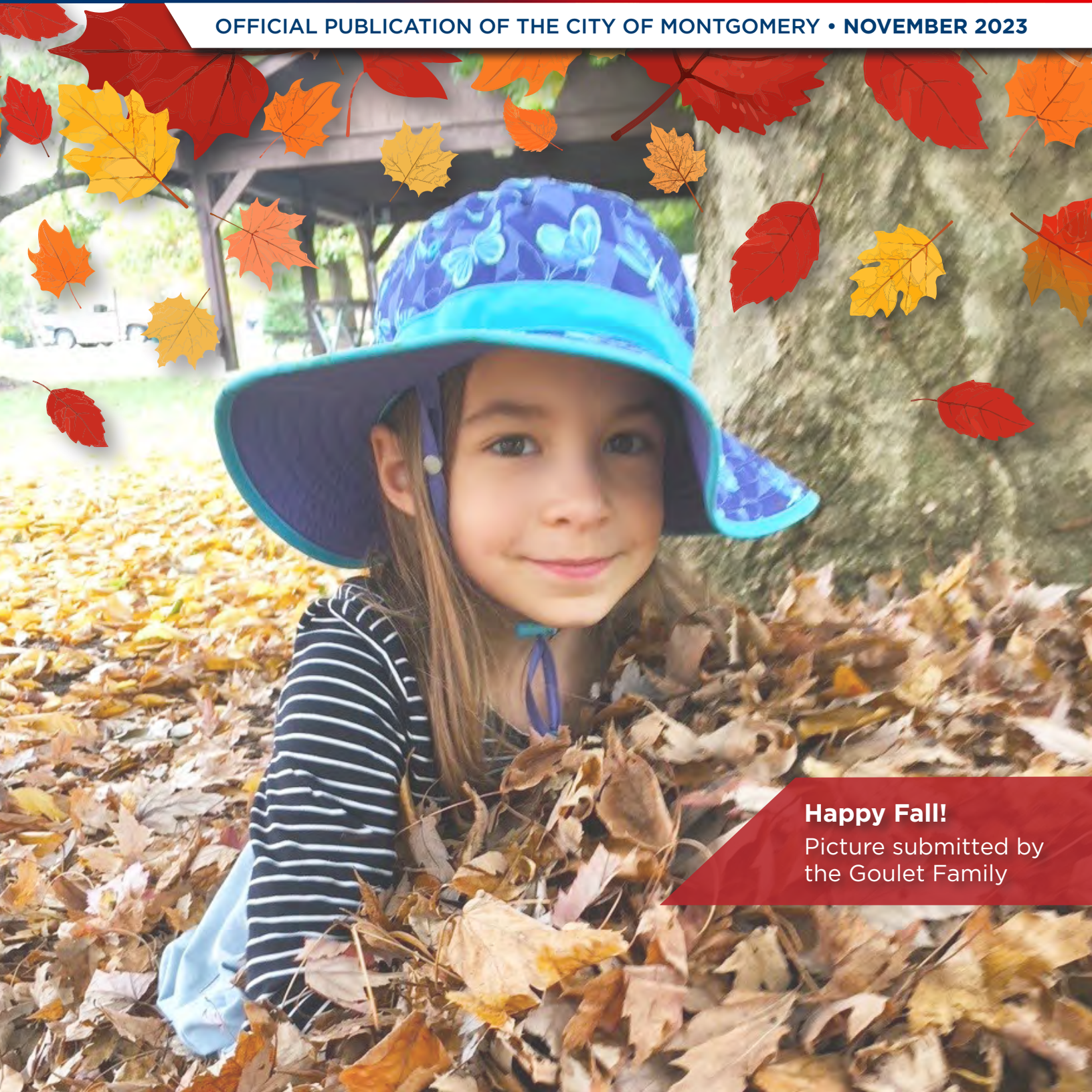


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MONTGOMERY
A CHARMING PAST. A GLOWING FUTURE.



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COUNCIL MESSAGE

CHANGE IS COMING!

BY MIKE CAPPEL

At writing time, we are in the midst of an election—sometimes called the silly season by government employees. Preposterous claims are made, exploding a once in a generation issue into what appears to be something frequent. All our personal problems suddenly become the fault of a particular candidate and can only be fixed by the election of another candidate. And the beat goes on, until the day after.

By the end of the year Montgomery will have a different city council since I am not running for a third term. It is my sincere, long-held belief that George Washington's two term precedent has served our country well. His precedent allows new ideas to trickle through our system and provides innovative solutions to current and growing problems.

When I came to council in 2015, I wanted to experience Montgomery in a very different way. I walked down all 47 miles of our publicly dedicated streets, speaking to the occasional resident and getting a different feel of the Montgomery vibe. Our community was surprisingly diverse, attractive, and welcoming. I believe that our community trends in the same direction.

But there have been massive changes. The shift to online purchasing has changed our retail mix, we endured a pandemic that claimed some of our family, friends, and neighbors. We changed how we work with many residents now shifting to work from home. We built roundabouts and plan more where they are appropriate. Voters supported the move to a full time Fire Service. And the State widened I-71 greatly reducing the number of accidents and theoretically reducing the instances where Montgomery Road slows. Finally, Montgomery Quarter and Vintage Club are open for business with residents moving in!

Change will continue. The Quarter will continue to grow with portions of the next phase expected to begin in late 2023 or early 2024. The expected mix of businesses, residences and activities will change to reflect our current needs and economic realities. Additionally, new projects are going through the permitting process in the north end of Montgomery as well.

The one thing that should not change is our residents' commitment to community, our emphasis on committed volunteers and the most amazing staff I have met in nearly 40 years of local government service and a council that is here solely for our community.



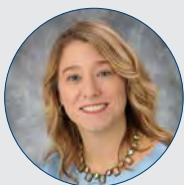
City Council will host a farewell open house in honor of Mike Cappel on Wednesday, Nov. 15 from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers

Mark your calendar to attend this farewell reception.

COUNCIL MEMBERS



Mayor
Craig Margolis



Vice Mayor
Lee Ann Bissmeyer



Member
Mike Cappel



Member
Chris Dobrozsi



Member
Ron Messer



Member
Sasha Naiman



Member
Ken Suer



COUNCIL CORNER

OCTOBER 18, 2023 WORK SESSION

Montgomery City Council met in its regular monthly Work Session on Wednesday, October 18, 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 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 (2nd reading)

New Legislation

A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract With SwimSafe Pool Management For Professional Services Related To The Operation And Management Of The Montgomery Municipal Pool

A Resolution Adopting The Hamilton County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

Approved Legislation

October 4, 2023

RESOLUTION 32 2023

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

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.



ADMINISTRATION



City Manager
Brian Riblet



Assistant City Manager
Tracy Henao



Clerk of Council
Connie Gaylor

Emergency
911

Non-Emergency
• Police Dept.
513-985-1600

• Fire Dept.
513-985-1633

Public Works
513-792-8355

**Planning/Zoning/
Building**
513-792-8309

City Hall
513-891-2424



TEAMS TRY TO WIN THE AMAZING MONTGOMERY RACE

On September 30, 38 teams left home with only their wits, sense of adventure, and the hunger to be the first team to win The Amazing Montgomery Race. We gave racers clues, which took them to different Montgomery locations for fun and challenging tasks. There was so much camaraderie, good-natured competition, and fun. Teams ended at MPH Brewing for an after-race party where stories were told, and prizes were raffled off.

Here's what our teams had to say about the race. One group said it was a fun, well-organized event that

showcased Montgomery parks. Another racer said it made her feel like a kid again. A third participant gave a shout-out to our volunteers, saying how nice, helpful, and gracious they were. We couldn't agree more! Thanks to all our volunteers.

Special thanks to European Café, Taglio Pizza, Haute Chocolate, Corner Pub, Twin Lakes, and MPH Brewing for hosting challenges for our racers! A big thank you to our Parks and Recreation Commission for hosting this event. We look forward to making it even better next year!

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VETERANS!

In honor of Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11, the American Legion Post 630 is leading the effort to mark all veterans' graves at Hopewell Cemetery and would like your help.

On Saturday, November 4, beginning at 10 a.m., volunteers will gather at Hopewell Cemetery to place flags on veterans' graves. No registration or RSVPs are needed. If you would like the City to keep track of your volunteer hours, please register at montgomeryohio.gov.

There are approximately 400 veterans buried at Hopewell, some dating back as far as the Revolutionary War.



RITA TRANSITION WAS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1!

Our transition to Regional Income Tax Agency was effective October 1. Instructions for setting up an account with RITA should have arrived in late September. If you have not received a welcome letter from RITA, please call the Tax Office at 513-792-8333 and we can help you get set up.

We are excited to offer you RITA's online filing and payment services, but 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.



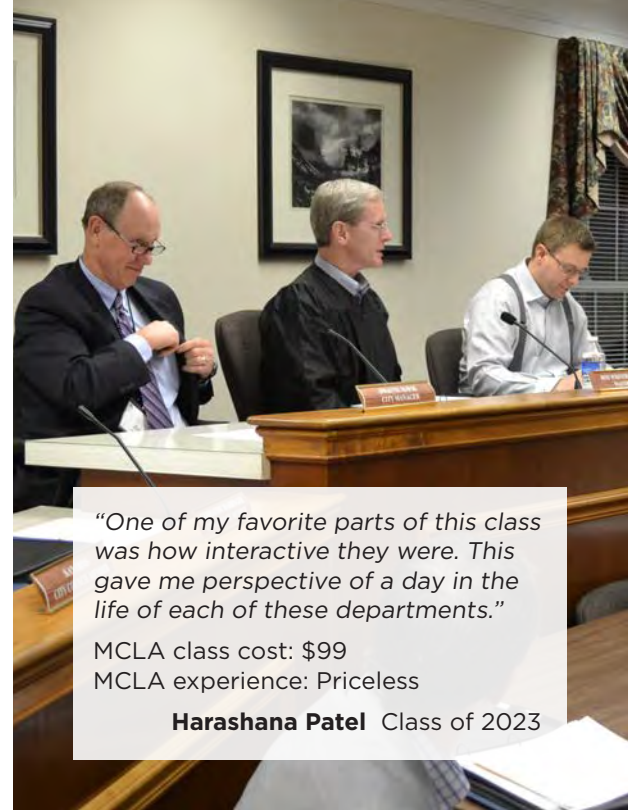
TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO JOIN MCLA

Think of the Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy as your backstage pass to the City. As one graduate said "It's Community, Camaraderie, and comedy all in one class!" We'll take you behind the scenes and you can see how it works.

Here's what the class offers:

- Meet and interact with Montgomery City Council and City Staff.
- Learn how City decisions are made and how departments operate.
- Tour facilities including Bethesda North Hospital, Sycamore High School, the Montgomery Safety Center, Montgomery Public Works, and Twin Lakes.
- Meet your neighbors and spend your Thursday evenings having fun.

MCLA begins Thursday, January 11 and runs for 10 weeks. Each session is held on Thursday evenings from 5:45 – 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$99 for meals and materials. Register at Montgomeryohio.gov or contact Amy Frederick at afrederick@montgomeryohio.gov or call 513-792-8358.



"One of my favorite parts of this class was how interactive they were. This gave me perspective of a day in the life of each of these departments."

MCLA class cost: \$99

MCLA experience: Priceless

Harashana Patel Class of 2023

ONE-STOP-DROP: THANKS TO THE COMMUNITY!

The City of Montgomery and the Environmental Advisory Commission would like to thank the community for supporting our recycling efforts.

The EAC held its annual One-Stop-Drop for Responsible Recycling in September. We celebrate every time we divert items from the landfill.

Thank you to our EAC members Mark Laskovics, Ellen Hall, Alice Aguilar, Zeeshan Pasha, Donna Schwartz, and Greg Brodrick.

And a special thank you to our volunteers Jeff Busch, Brian Laughlin, Kristen Laughlin, Oliver Mencher, Virginia Mencher, Gary Pauly, Dahlia Rapoport, Steve Uckotter, and Tracy Weeks.



By the numbers:

100
Vehicles

Goodwill
filled about
7
totes

Collected about
1 pallet of paint for
Matthew 25 Ministries
Approximately

80
gallons

Habitat for
Humanity
Restore filled

1/4
of a truck

Collected
steel and
cardboard
for the recycle
dumpsters

Collected
approximately

50
planter pots
and approximately
150
pill bottles



KINDEL MEMORIAL HOLIDAY CONCERT

Sunday, December 3, 7 p.m., Summit City Church at 7950 Pfeiffer Road in Montgomery. This year's theme will be "Ringing in the Holidays". This concert has become the traditional beginning to the holiday season for Blue Ash and Montgomery residents. All Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra concerts are free to the public!

CITY SEEKS DONATION OF A HOLIDAY TREE

The City of Montgomery is looking for a holiday tree to display in the downtown historic district. If you think you have the perfect tree, which has outgrown its location on your property, consider donating it to the City. Contact Mike Rogers, Assistant Public Works Director, at mrogers@montgomeryohio.gov or call 513-792-8318.



TWO LIVE AT THE UNI CONCERTS REMAIN

On Tuesday, November 14, Nancy James will present "Celebrating Leading Ladies of Cincinnati: Ruth Lyons and Rosemary Clooney!" Nancy is a versatile Emmy-winning performer who became a part of the Cincinnati entertainment fabric in the 1970s on TV's Bob Braun Show, singing, interviewing, and creating live commercials. Nancy will be joined onstage by Janet Vogt (co-author of Tenderly, the Rosemary Clooney Musical) on piano, and Jeff McLemore on bass. A post-concert reception will be held at the Montgomery Inn with light appetizers and a cash bar. Thank you, Montgomery Inn, for sponsoring this reception.



The series concludes on Sunday, December 10. Jazz vocalist Mandy Gaines has become a Montgomery favorite and we've developed a December tradition with Mandy and her combo performing favorite holiday tunes and music from the Great American Songbook. Mandy and her combo never fail to put us all in a holiday mood!

Participants are enjoying the cozy ambiance and intimate setting of Universalist Church which makes this music experience so special. All concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. and last about an hour. As always, concerts are free; a voluntary donation is certainly appreciated.

The Montgomery Arts Commission carefully crafted this music series so well that these concerts are technically "sold out"; however please sign up for our waiting list – so far, we've been able to seat everyone who wants to attend!

Thanks to sponsor Twin Lakes for making these concerts possible.



OUR VOLUNTEERS SHINE!

Thanks to all of our volunteers who helped with The Amazing Race – What a fun day! We have heard so many great comments about how fantastic the volunteers have been. We are so grateful to you for being such wonderful ambassadors for the City of Montgomery!

Holiday Help Needed for Upcoming Events!

Saturday, November 4

Holiday Decoration Workshop

Help prepare greenery and bows for the Holidays.

9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Meet inside the Recreation Annex building, 10115 Montgomery Road.

Storm Sewer Labeling Project

Help keep our waterways clean! Attach labels to storm sewers and catch basins.

9:00 a.m. to noon. We will meet in a designated park then drive to assigned locations.

Volunteers under 18 need a chaperone.

Decorate Hopewell Cemetery

Help American Legion Post 630 honor Veterans by placing flags on their graves.

10:00 – 11:30 am at Hopewell Cemetery.



Tuesday, November 7

Holiday Decorating Day

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

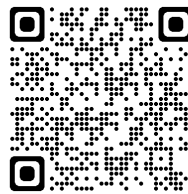
9:30 a.m. to noon. Meet at the Universalist Church, 9467 Montgomery Road.

Saturday, December 3

Holiday in the Village

Assist Mrs. Claus with holiday crafts or snacks.

4:30 to 7:30 p.m. inside the Universalist Church, 9467 Montgomery Rd



Scan the QR Code to sign up to volunteer. If you can't remember your log-in information, contact Volunteer Coordinator Wendy Grethel at wgrethel@montgomeryohio.gov or call 513-891-2424.



BREAKFAST

with

SANTA

SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER

Terwilliger Lodge in Dulle Park Sponsored by Legacy Builders Group

Enjoy a pancake breakfast with Santa!

All-you-can-eat pancakes will be served by City of Montgomery employee volunteers.

Kids, be sure to bring your wish list!

Have your family photo taken with the jolly 'ole elf!

All proceeds benefit the Holiday Family Fund to support local families in need.

**Preregistration is required (no walk ins accepted).
Registration available at montgomeryohio.gov starting on
Friday, November 3 at 9:00 a.m.*

Share in the spirit of the season and help others by bringing non-perishable food items for Matthew 25 Ministries.

SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES.

Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out.

Here's what you need to know!

- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home.
- Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- Test your smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- Today's smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions yet mitigate false alarms.
- When a smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside.
- Replace all smoke alarms in your home every 10 years.
- No smoke alarms were present in two out of every five (40%) home fire deaths.
- In fires in which the smoke alarms were present but did not operate, more than two of every five (43%) of the smoke alarms had missing or disconnected batteries.

- Dead batteries caused one-quarter (25%) of the smoke alarm failures.

Testing smoke alarms

- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.
- Make sure everyone in the home understands the sound of the smoke alarm and knows how to respond.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning to keep smoke alarms working well.
- Smoke alarms with non-replaceable 10-year batteries are designed to remain effective for up to 10 years. If the alarm chirps, warning that the battery is low, replace the entire smoke alarm right away.
- Smoke alarms with any other type of battery need a new battery at least once a year. If that alarm chirps, warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.

Change your Clocks, Change your Batteries.

Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 5. While you are turning your clocks back an hour, it is a good time to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.



THREE MONTGOMERY COMMISSIONS ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS



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.**



The Sister Cities Commission works towards "bringing the world together one friendship at a time." Montgomery's Sister City is Neuilly-Plaisance, France. Seven volunteers appointed by the Montgomery City Council compose the Commission. Members sponsor and assist with Bastille Day along with several other events. Sister Cities Commissions. **The Commission meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.**



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.

Holiday in the Village

Saturday, December 2

5:00 to 7:30 p.m.



5:00 p.m. Tree Lighting

**Downtown Montgomery,
Neuilly Plaisance Plaza, 7833 Cooper Rd.**

Gather around and count down the tree lighting with Santa, the 15 coloring contest winners and the Victorian Carolers.

North Pole Workshop

**Historic Universalist Church
Montgomery & Remington Rd.**

Sponsored by: Legacy Builders Group
After 5:30 p.m., visit Santa, create a craft at Mrs. Claus' workshop, enjoy a horse and carriage ride, and free refreshments.

Snowman Station

Twin Lakes Davies Center

Enjoy holiday music for all ages, crafts for kids, cookies and punch.
Visit Twin Lakes on facebook or lec.org

Winter Wonderland

**Bethesda North Hospital at the
Harold & Eugenia Thomas Center**

Don't miss a fun game for kids with the holiday model train displays.
Enjoy cookies and hot chocolate and a free gift for the children.



HOW TO PROTECT YOUR HOME WHILE SOUTH FOR WINTER VACATION

If your family heads south for the winter in pursuit of sunnier skies, similar to protecting your home while you're vacationing, take measures to protect and winterize your home so you can enjoy the season away without worrying about what you left behind. An empty house is an easy target for burglars, so don't advertise your absence.

Tips to protect your house while you are on vacation:

- **Have your mail held and stop newspaper deliveries.** The post office can hold your mail until you return or you can forward it to your winter location.
- **Secure windows and doors.** Help keep your home untouched by installing secure locks on all windows and doors.
- **Lighting.** Make sure there are bright outdoor lights and time them to turn on at sundown. Set lights on random timers throughout the house to give the appearance of someone is home at night.
- **Create a home inventory.** A home inventory can simplify filing an insurance claim if a burglary or accident does happen while you are away.
- **Don't advertise your travels.** Don't mention your absence on social media and wait until you return to post those travel pictures.
- **Unplug unnecessary appliances.** Unplugging TVs, coffee makers and small appliances helps protect against electrical fires or power surges.
- **Hide the "hide-a-way" key and disable remote key entries.** You won't be needing them while you are away.
- **Enlist the neighbors.** Ask a trusted neighbor to monitor your property while you're away and to inform you about suspicious activity, collect any flyers that are left on your door and possibly park their car in your driveway periodically.
- **Snow removal.** Hire a snow removal service to take care of your sidewalk and driveway.
- **DIY home security or alarm services.** Some apps connect to your home security system and alert you of changes. Others connect your mobile phone with a security camera or webcam to provide remote surveillance.
- **Consider shutting off the water at the main water valve.** Turn the water off at the water meter so the water pressure is turned off in the whole house. After turning off the main water valve, flush a toilet or open a faucet to evacuate some of the water from the interior pipes. Also, turn off the water to washing machines and dishwashers to avoid them leaking, and ensure your garden hose is detached.
- **Problems that start small in an unattended home can get serious if they're not addressed.** You can ward them off with a little preparation.
- **Prevent Frozen Pipes.** Add extra insulation around pipes located in the attic, basement or crawlspace and keep the thermostat set at 55 degrees Fahrenheit or above. Also, change the battery in the thermostat. Some thermostats offer remote control so you can check and change your home's temperature while you're away.
- **Install a whole house water leak detection system that will alert you in the event of a leak.** You can then schedule service from afar. This helpful guide has more tips for preventing frozen pipes and water damage in your home.
- **Clean gutters and trim trees.** Cut down any dead limbs or trees near your house that could fall under heavy snow or ice. Clean all gutters to help drain away ice melt, possibly preventing water from building up and causing ice dams on your roof. Prevent Pests. Throw out any food not in an airtight metal or glass container. Then empty, clean and defrost your refrigerator and freezer. Also inspect your home's foundation, inside and out, and seal any openings.



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.


 MONTGOMERY
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 KIDS: PRESCHOOL - 6TH GRADE
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NOVEMBER 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 Kid's Winter Coloring Contest begins City Council Business Session, City Hall, 6:00 p.m.	2 Kids Tree and Nature Walk, Dulle Park, 4:30 p.m.	3 Holiday Decorating Fluffing Day, Recreation Annex, 9:30 a.m. Hopewell Cemetery, Veterans Grave Marking, 10:00 a.m.	4
5 Daylight saving time ends Fall back one hour Change smoke alarm batteries	6 Beautification and Tree Commission, Public Works, 9:00 a.m. Planning Commission, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	7 Election Day Holiday Decorating Day, Universalist Church, 9:30 a.m.	8 Landmarks Commission, City Hall, 6:00 p.m.	9 Parks and Recreation Commission, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	10	11 Veterans Day
12	13	14 Environmental Advisory Commission, City Hall, 5:00 p.m. Live at the Uni, Universalist Church, 7:00 p.m.	15 Council Work Session, City Hall, 6:00 p.m.	16	17 Kid's Winter Coloring Contest ends	18 Cardboard Recycling, 7315 Cornell Road, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
19	20 Planning Commission, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	21 Sister Cities Commission, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	22	23 Thanksgiving Day City Offices closed Trash collection as usual	24 City offices closed Trash collection as usual	25
26	27 Arts Commission, City Hall, 5:00 p.m.	28 Diversity & Inclusion Commission, City Hall, 4:00 p.m. Board of Zoning Appeals, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.	29	30		