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President's Message



Matt Brolley

Recently we held an exciting Community Visioning Workshop to gather resident's ideas for the future of Montgomery. Residents gathered at the Village Hall and were split into six different groups. Each group was given a large map with seven categories to discuss and seven colored markers to draw their vision on the maps. What resulted was a blend of colors and ideas that would benefit the current residents and help grow the Village of Montgomery.

The Visioning Workshop is only one step in the Comprehensive Planning Process. There are still ways to get involved and express your opinion about the future of the Village. On the project website, which can be accessed through the Village's website at www.ci.montgomery.il.us, you will find questionnaires, a community character survey and a program that allows you to make your own map of Montgomery. I encourage everyone to share their opinions and also to participate in the upcoming Draft Plan Review Event as we work together to plan for the future.

9-1-1 Dispatch Changes

The Village of Montgomery has arrived at an agreement with KenCom Public Safety Dispatch Center for emergency dispatch services. The tentative switch over date is October 29th. Area residents are reminded that not much will change for response protocol.

"The most important thing we want to emphasize is that you still **call 9-1-1 in an emergency**," said Montgomery Police Chief Daniel Meyers. "Most of the changes will occur from an administrative standpoint."

Non-emergency calls can still be made to the Montgomery Police Department at 630-897-8707 from 7 am to 6 pm weekdays. Callers during other hours will be prompted to leave a message that will be returned on the following business day.

Calls for off-hours public works incidents such as a water main break can also be made to 630-897-8707. Simply follow the voice prompts to be connected to dispatch, which is open 24 hours a day.

Please remember to call 9-1-1 for all police, fire and medical emergencies.

Brush & Leaf Pickup

The final brush pickup for 2013 will take place the week of October 7th. If you have brush after that week, please remember that one bundle of brush or one yard waste bag can be placed out on your regular trash day for Allied Waste to pick up. Allied Waste's yard waste pickup will end November 29th and will resume in April 2014.



Leaf pickup service is scheduled to begin in mid-October, and will be provided on a weekly basis through the end of November. Leaves must be neatly raked behind the curb/edge of the roadway by 7:00 a.m. on the Monday of each week. Leaf piles should not be placed in the street as they can clog sewer drains, and cannot include grass clippings or sticks.

Public Works crews will make one pass through the Village each week, unless additional routes are required due to excessive leaf quantities. Leaves should not be placed in bags unless intended for collection by Allied Waste. **Please remember—leaf burning is prohibited by Village ordinance.**

Tree Lighting Ceremony and Festival of Trees

The Village and the Chamber of Commerce are pleased to announce the 2013 Tree Lighting Ceremony and Festival of Trees.

Please join us at 5:00 p.m. on December 8th for this popular annual event. In addition to the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony featuring the arrival of Santa, Christmas carols and free refreshments, the Village Hall will be filled with decorated trees provided by local businesses! Bring the whole family to take photos with Santa, have cookies and cocoa and vote for your favorite tree.

The Festival of Trees will stay up December 9th-27th. For more information, or if you are a business interested in putting up a tree, please call 630-896-8080 x 1114.



NEWS BRIEFS

- Construction has begun on the new Sam's Club at the Ogden Hill Shopping Center. The 136,000 sq. ft. store will take approximately one year to build.
- A new business is now calling Montgomery home. Ryan Watson is a local Farmers Insurance Agent and has chosen downtown Montgomery to open his business. He offers a wide range of insurance and financial products.
- Senior Luncheons and activities are held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. The cost is \$4. To sign up, please call 630-896-8080 ext. 1559.
- Dime Jingle for seniors is held on the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Village Hall. No skills are needed for this simple game. Just come to have fun!
- Settler's Cottage will be open on October 8th and 20th from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. before closing for the winter.
- Boo! Trick or Treating in Montgomery will be from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on October 31st. Please turn on outside lights if you are handing out candy.
- The next Mayor on the Move will be held on Saturday, November 2nd from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the gazebo in the Foxmoor subdivision near Gordon Road and Simpson Parkway.
- Another Mayor on the Move will be held on Saturday, December 7th from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Village Hall. Residents are invited to stop by to meet Village President Matt Brolley and ask questions or share suggestions.
- Village Offices will be closed on Monday, November 11th for Veterans' Day and Thursday and Friday, November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving.
- The next step in the Comprehensive Plan process will be to hold an event that allows all of the residents and businesses of the Village to review and comment on the draft plan. That event will be scheduled in the future, so be on the lookout for that announcement.



Montgomery’s Facebook page now has 1,470 followers! To sign up, just visit www.ci.montgomery.il.us and click the “Like” button below the Facebook logo. Once you “like” us, you will receive all of our news and announcements in your Facebook news feed.

Holiday Decorations Contest

The Beautification Committee is organizing a Winter Holiday Decorations Contest again this year. As always, it is an opportunity for homes and businesses to be recognized for exceptional winter holiday displays. As was done last year, instead of Committee members driving around town to try to find outstanding decorations, awards will be given only to homes or businesses that are nominated for recognition.

Residents can nominate their own property or someone else’s for an award. All that is needed is the property address. Committee members will then visit all of the nominated addresses in order to select the winners. A sign will be placed in front of the properties selected for an award. Owners are asked to leave these signs up through the holidays.

Nominations will be accepted from November 1st through December 16th, and judging will take place on December 18th. You can nominate a property by calling Public Works at 630-896-9241 or via the Village website at www.ci.montgomery.il.us.

Comprehensive Plan

The GO MontGOMery Comprehensive Planning process is in full swing. Recently the Village and its consultant Houseal Lavigne Associates held a visioning workshop to gain the public’s thoughts regarding the future of the Village of Montgomery. The workshop was well attended. Many ideas came out of the discussion and the maps that the groups created.

If you missed the visioning workshop and would like to provide your valuable input, please visit the Village of Montgomery’s website and click on the “Go Montgomery 2035 Comprehensive Plan” link on the left hand side of the home page. There are many ways to get involved on the Comprehensive Plan’s website including: taking questionnaires, making your own map, and taking the Community Character Survey.

There will be another meeting in the future to discuss much of the draft plan, so keep your eyes peeled for that opportunity to continue the discussion of how Montgomery should progress into the future.

CMAF Offers Tips on Ecology

CMAF in cooperation with the Northwest Water Planning Alliance has created a fantastic guide to maintaining your yard in an ecologically friendly way. The title of this guide is “Lawn and Landscape Practices for Northwest Water Planning Alliance Communities.” The document can be accessed through CMAF’s website or through [this link](#).

Upcoming Events



October 2	7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Cemetery Walk (Rain date October 3)	Riverside Cemetery, River & Taylor Street
October 5	9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Montgomery 5K River Run/3K Walk	River Street in front of Village Hall
October 8	10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Indoor Presentation of Cemetery Walk Senior Citizen Activity & Lunch (Cost: \$4)	Village Hall Board Room Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
October 19	9:00 a.m.-noon	Recycling Event--Electronics/batteries/metal	Police Department, 10 Civic Center Avenue
October 16	10:00 a.m.-noon	Dime Jingle Senior Activity (Cost: \$2)	Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
November 2	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Mayor on the Move	Gazebo near Gordon Rd and Simpson Pkwy
November 11	11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Veterans’ Day Program	Riverside Cemetery Veterans’ Memorial
November 12	10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Honor Flight Presentation Senior Citizen Activity & Lunch (Cost: \$4)	Village Hall Board Room Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
November 16	9:00 a.m.-noon	Recycling Event--Electronics/batteries/metal	Police Department, 10 Civic Center Avenue
November 20	10:00 a.m.-noon	Dime Jingle Senior Activity (Cost: \$2)	Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
December 7	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Mayor on the Move	Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
December 8	5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Tree Lighting Ceremony & Festival of Trees	River Street in front of Village Hall and inside
December 9-27	8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Festival of Trees Display (weekdays only)	Village Hall