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## President's Message



Matt Brolley

My professional background in engineering makes me exceptionally cognizant of planning and environmental issues and the necessity of a regional approach to problem solving. I look forward to serving on the CMAP Board as we address issues of importance to the entire area.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year from the Brolley family and the entire Village Board!

## Holiday Decorations Contest

Now is the time to nominate a property for a Holiday Decorations Award! Committee members will visit the nominated addresses on December 14th 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 award signs up through the holidays.

Nominations will be accepted through December 12th, and judging will take place on December 14th. You can nominate a property via the Village website at [www.ci.montgomery.il.us](http://www.ci.montgomery.il.us), by calling Public Works at 630-896-9241 or by submitting the form on the back of this newsletter.

## Tree Lighting Ceremony and Festival of Trees

Don't miss the 2016 Tree Lighting Ceremony and Festival of Trees at 5:00 p.m. on December 4th! In addition to the Tree Lighting Ceremony featuring Santa, Christmas music and free refreshments, the Village Hall will once again be filled with decorated trees provided by local businesses!



Bring the whole family to meet Santa, have cookies and cocoa and vote for your favorite tree. For those unable to attend on December 4th, the Festival of Trees will continue during business hours from December 5th through the 22nd.

## Rebate Deadline 12/15

Village officials are preparing to issue property tax rebate checks in March. A property tax rebate in the amount of \$45 will be mailed to the owner of each residential property who submits an application postmarked by December 15th. Additional information can be found on the [property tax refund application](#) on the Village website.

## Snow and Ice Operations

Montgomery continues to strive for service excellence by rethinking our approach to many programs. Public Works began a pretreatment and anti-icing program last season, which has been improved upon for the upcoming season. Salt brine and/or a beet juice derivative are applied to the roads before a forecasted snow storm to provide improved road conditions at the onset, during a storm, and throughout the clean-up efforts. This provides tremendous cost savings in salt procurement and overtime expenses, while significantly lessening the negative environmental impacts caused by over-salting the roads.



Snow removal crews have also begun handling operations through the use of crews working in tandem in many areas of town. This operational adjustment allows staff to clear the streets much quicker than having each truck work independently. One benefit that you may have observed is fewer passes made down many residential streets. While it cannot be eliminated, this minimizes the frequency of a plow truck leaving the annoying windrow of snow at the bottom of driveways after they pass by.

Please note that street parking is prohibited during or after a snowfall in which accumulations of two inches or more are recorded. (Village of Montgomery Code – Section: 11-43 Parking During Snow Removal Prohibited; Removal of Vehicles). While street parking is tolerated by ordinance up to two inches of accumulation, it is wise to remove your vehicles from the roadway to avoid potentially costly damage and expedite snow removal operations as well as emergency vehicle access.

For more information please visit the Public Works tab on the Village's website, [www.ci.montgomery.il.us](http://www.ci.montgomery.il.us).

## NEWS BRIEFS

- *MetroNet, a provider of fiber optic Internet, TV and phone, will begin constructing their fiber optic network on Montgomery's west side in early December. These construction teams may need to come onto the designated utility easement located on your property. Please call 1-877-386-3876 with any questions or issues.*
- *Toys for Tots donations will be accepted at the Montgomery Village Hall and Police Department until December 9th.*
- *Looking for a unique, long-lasting gift idea? Why not order a brick paver engraved with your loved one's name to be laid in the walkway in front of the Village Hall. Just call 630-896-8080 x 9003 for complete information.*
- *When cleaning up your yard this fall, be sure to disconnect your garden hose from the house spigot.*
- *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 per person. To sign up, please call 630-896-8080 ext. 9023.*
- *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!*
- *Trash collection will be delayed by one day during the week of December 26th and the week of January 2nd due to the holidays.*
- *If a fire hydrant is located on your property, please keep the area around it shoveled. It will be a big help to the Fire Department in case of an emergency.*
- *Please remember that Village ordinances prohibit depositing of snow plowed from any residence or business onto any street, gravel shoulder or sidewalk. In addition, snow cannot be deposited in a way that blocks vision at any intersection, sidewalk or driveway.*
- *Allied Waste will collect live Christmas trees for disposal on your regular collection day during the first two weeks of January, starting January 3rd and ending January 12th. Trees need to be curbside, void of all decorations and not in bags.*

### Montgomery Holiday Decorations Contest

I would like to nominate the following address for the Holiday Decorations Contest:

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Please mail or bring this form to Village Hall, 200 N. River Street. All entries must be received by December 12th.

Nominations can also be made via the Village website at [www.ci.montgomery.il.us](http://www.ci.montgomery.il.us) or by calling 630-896-9241.

\*\*\*\* Deadline for Nominations is December 12th \*\*\*\*

### Potholes/Main Breaks

Residents are encouraged to call Public Works at 630-896-9241 to report pot holes or if they suspect a water main break. After 3:30 p.m., residents may call the Montgomery Police Department non-emergency number at 630-553-0554 to report a possible main break. Messages regarding pot holes can be left on the Public Works voice mail system.

### Recycling Events

The Village hosts recycling events on the third Saturday of each month. From 9:00 a.m. until noon, you can bring electronics (and all items that plug in, except old tube TVs), batteries, metal of all types and toner cartridges to the drop-off recycling stations in front of the Police Department at 10 Civic Center Avenue. Computers and all types of computer monitors are also accepted.

Please call 630-896-8080 x 9003 with questions.

### Snow Parking Reminder

With the first snowfall just around the corner, please remember that parking on the street is prohibited when there is 2" or more of snowfall until the streets have been cleared from curb to curb. Vehicles parked on the street while snow removal is occurring make it much more difficult for snowplows to completely clear the roadway, thus creating potential traffic hazards.

As in the past, the Police Department will ticket, and possibly tow, any vehicles parked on the street during these conditions. Questions regarding snow removal should be directed to the Public Works Department at 630-896-9241. For questions regarding the parking ordinance, call the Police Department at 630-897-8707.

**That drip is money down the drain**

We depend on our water infrastructure of pipes, pumps, and meters to deliver clean, high-quality, and reliable water to our homes.

**Did you know...** the average household wastes 10,000 gallons per year on leaks, enough to fill a swimming pool?

**You can help by...** checking your toilet, faucets, showerheads, and appliances for leaks.

Water infrastructure needs to be maintained by both your utility and you. Utilities can check for leaks in pipes on the way to your home, and you can check for leaks in your home. Both actions can prevent water waste and improve the reliability of your water supply.

Thank you for doing your part to help ensure that our community and neighboring communities have a clean and reliable water source now and for future generations!

For more information, visit [www.epa.gov/WaterSense](http://www.epa.gov/WaterSense).

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### Upcoming Events

December 3	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Mayor on the Move	Village Hall, 200 N. River Street
December 4	5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Tree Lighting Ceremony & Festival of Trees	River Street in front of Village Hall and inside
December 5-22	8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Festival of Trees Display (weekdays only)	Village Hall—Vote for your favorite tree!
December 13	10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Christmas Songs with Randy Walker Senior Citizen Activity & Lunch (\$4)	Village Hall Board Room Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
December 17	9:00 a.m.-noon	Recycling Event--Electronics/batteries/metal	Police Department, 10 Civic Center Avenue
December 21	10:00 a.m.-noon	Dime Jingle	Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
January 7	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Mayor on the Move	9er's Grill, 350 US Route 30
January 10	10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Musical Variety Show by Jack Evans Senior Citizen Activity & Lunch (\$4)	Village Hall Board Room Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
January 18	10:00 a.m.-noon	Dime Jingle	Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
January 21	9:00 a.m.-noon	Recycling Event--Electronics/batteries/metal	Police Department, 10 Civic Center Avenue
February 4	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Mayor on the Move	Grandma's Table, 1700 Douglas Road