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President's Message



Matt Brolley

2015 was an awesome year for the Village of Montgomery! Highlights included the filling of several vacant businesses and implementation of the 1% sales tax that will fund future roadway repairs.

Looking ahead, our top priority is the improvement of the Route 30 and Orchard Road intersection. We also will focus on revitalization of the Douglas Road commercial corridor and the downtown area, both of which are vital to our long-term success.

As always, I would appreciate hearing from any of you with comments or suggestions on how we can work together to make Montgomery an even better place to live and work.

Code Enforcement

Please remember that parking on the street is prohibited when there is 2" or more of snowfall until the streets have been completely cleared from curb to curb. This can take up to two days after the snowfall has ended.

Vehicles parked on the street during snow removal make it difficult for snowplows to fully clear the roadway, thus creating traffic hazards. The Police Department will ticket and possibly tow vehicles parked on the street during these conditions. If you have extenuating circumstances (such as no driveway or garage), please contact the Police Department at 630-897-8707 to discuss.

Annual Budget

The annual budget is the single most important policy adopted each year. The budget process allows the Village the opportunity to carefully account for public funds, to manage municipal finances wisely, and to plan for the funding of services and facilities required by the public.

Residents and their needs are the driving force behind the budget process. Residents are invited to attend Board meetings when the budget is addressed starting February 16th at 7:00 p.m., view the budget proposal starting March 2nd on the Village website or at Village Hall, and attend the public hearing on March 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Justin VanVooren, Director of Finance, said, "The budget represents the culmination of five months of effort to present a plan honoring our commitment to our residents to maintain financial strength, fiscal responsibility and plan for long-term sustainability of the Village."

Easter Egg Hunt

The Village and Community Christian Church are pleased to announce that they will be hosting the fourth annual Easter Egg Hunt for kids aged 1-10 on Saturday, March 12th from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Each year the event has been a hopping success!

The egg hunt will take place at Montgomery Park, while refreshments, face painting, crafts and other fun activities will follow in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Village Hall. Don't forget to bring a camera to take a picture with the Easter Bunny! Please call 630-896-8080 ext. 9023 for more information.

Photo Contest

The Village of Montgomery is calling for entries into its 2016 "Montgomery: It Feels Like Home" Photo Contest. The contest is open to both professional and amateur photographers using any brand of camera or lens. Winning photos will be featured on the Village website and on its Facebook page.

Residents can submit photographs taken in Montgomery through July 15, 2016. There are three categories for the contest: environment, people/activities and architecture.

The top three photos will be displayed at Montgomery Fest, where community members will vote to select an overall winner. More information can be found on the Village's website at www.ci.montgomery.il.us.

YouTube Channel

Did you know that the Village of Montgomery has a [YouTube channel](#)? On this channel you can watch videos of all Village Board and Committee of the Whole Meetings, which are generally posted within a few days after a meeting. From time to time other videos are also posted, such as videos of Montgomery Fest and last year's State of the Village address.

You can subscribe to this channel to be notified whenever new video content is added. To find our channel, click the hyperlink above, or go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/MontgomeryIllinois>.

NEWS BRIEFS

- Village offices will be closed on Monday, February 15th, for Presidents' Day. Trash pickup will not be affected.
- Village President Matt Brolley is available to meet with residents at Mayor on the Move on the first Saturday of most months from 10-11:30 a.m. A schedule of locations is on the back of this newsletter. Residents are invited to stop by to meet Matt and discuss issues or share suggestions.
- 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!
- The Village's noise ordinance provides that snow blowers, lawn mowers and other noise-generating equipment can only be operated weekdays from 6am-8pm; Saturdays from 8am-8pm and Sundays from 9am-8pm. Please respect your neighbors and avoid operating noisy equipment outside of those hours.
- The fire departments appreciate all residents and businesses who keep sidewalks and areas around fire hydrants free of snow and ice.
- Please be aware that Village ordinances prohibit depositing of snow plowed from any residence or business onto any street, gravel shoulder or sidewalk. In addition, please do not put your trash cans in the street where they will be in the way of the snow plows. Trash cans should be placed at the end of the driveway or on the parkway.
- Despite the cold and snow, spring isn't too far away! Allied Waste/Republic Services will begin its 2016 yard waste collection season on April 4th.
- The Village's brush pickup service will begin the first full week in April. Brush should be neatly stacked at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, April 4th. Please see the Village website for complete brush pickup guidelines.

Trash Sticker Update

The price of trash stickers increased to \$2.90 from \$2.80 beginning January 1st. However, the trash stickers sold at the Village Hall have an expiration date of December 31, 2016 so they can continue to be used this year even if they were purchased in 2015. Check the expiration date on your stickers and call Republic Services at 630-892-9294 with any questions.

The price of the blue bags for the Senior Trash program has increased to \$1.70 from \$1.65. Bags purchased in 2015 can continue to be used in 2016.

Sign Up for Direct Debit

Tired of writing checks? Want a simpler way to pay your utility bill and avoid late fees? Try direct debit!

The Village can automatically withdraw your bi-monthly utility bill from your checking account. It's safe and simple. Just complete the form to the right, attach a voided check and mail to Village of Montgomery, 200 N. River St., Montgomery IL 60538. Please call 630-896-1357 with any questions.

IDOT Contact Information

We occasionally receive reports of pot holes on Route 30, 31 and 25. These are state highways that are maintained by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). For quickest service, notification regarding pot holes should be made to the IDOT Communications Center at 847-705-4612. They have the ability to contact personnel for needed maintenance or repairs during working and non-working hours.

For claims of damage that have occurred on these roads, please contact IDOT's claims department at 847-705-4062.

Village of Montgomery Utility Bill Direct Payment Authorization Form

New Bank Change Account Change

Customer Name (as it appears on water bill) _____

Utility Bill Account Number (see water bill) _____

Service Address _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____

Daytime Phone Number _____

PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK

I authorize automatic payments of my utility bill to be deducted from my account on the due date of each bill. I shall notify the Village when closing my bank account and understand fees associated with non-sufficient funds or closed accounts shall apply. This authorization is to remain in effect until I terminate it in writing. The Village reserves the right to cancel this agreement with due notification.

Authorized Signature

Date

Polar Plunge

On Sunday, March 6th, members of the Montgomery Police Department along with family and friends will participate in the Polar Plunge at Loon Lake in Yorkville. This event benefits the Special Olympics of Illinois, which provides year-round athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Anyone interested in participating or making donations can contact Sgt. Liz Palko at 630-897-8707 ext. 9054.

Upcoming Events



February 6	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Mayor on the Move	South Moon BBQ at Gray's Mill 211 N. River Street, Lower level
February 9	10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	How Do Animals Survive in Winter? Senior Citizen Activity & Lunch (\$4)	Village Hall Board Room Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
February 20	9:00 a.m.-noon	Recycling Event--Electronics/batteries/metal	Police Department, 10 Civic Center Avenue
March 5	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Mayor on the Move	Chiquita Food Market, 1525 Douglas Rd., in the Restaurant Area left of the entrance
March 8	10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Resilience Home Blood Pressure Senior Citizen Activity & Lunch (\$4)	Village Hall Board Room Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
March 10	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	"DamNation"—Movie and Information on Dams	Village Hall Board Room
March 12	10:30 a.m.-noon	Easter Egg Hunt (arrive by 10:15 a.m.) Egg Hunt by age groups (for ages 1-10) followed by crafts, refreshments and activities!	Montgomery Park and Village Hall
March 19	9:00 a.m.-noon	Recycling Event--Electronics/batteries/metal	Police Department, 10 Civic Center Avenue