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President's Message



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In 2004 the Village adopted a Pavement Management Program to guide the maintenance of Village streets. About every 5 years all of the roads in the Village are inspected and the condition of each road is rated. The Village then utilizes the Pavement Management Program to determine the timing and method of repair for streets based on the anticipated funding. The program helps the Village select the most cost-effective road repair program. Generally, the Village tries to group the streets selected for rehabilitation into

the same general area to reduce mobilization costs.

Prior to the passage of the 1% local sales tax the Village was able to rehabilitate approximately 1 mile of roadway each year. This year with the additional funding the Village is able to rehabilitate 4 miles of roadway. This year's infrastructure repair program will focus on crack sealing in Blackberry Crossing West and the downtown, as well as resurfacing in the downtown and Seasons Ridge. A map showing the [project area](#) is available on our website.

Electrical Aggregation Rates

The newly announced ComEd base rate of 6.275¢ per kWh is considerably lower than the Village's electric aggregation program rate of 6.82¢ per kWh, which will increase to 7.364¢ in June. Residents would be better served by switching back to ComEd at this time. The Village's aggregation program has no early termination fee, so any resident wanting to move to the lower ComEd rate may do so with no penalty by calling the Village's current supplier, Constellation, at 1-844-830-3339. (Neither the Village nor ComEd can switch your account, only Constellation can.) You will need to have your ComEd account number on hand when you call.

Concerts in the Park & More



FREE Ice Cream Social—On June 9th, Village Board members will be dishing out free ice cream sundaes from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Montgomery Park. A concert of the latest in country hits by **Hillbilly Rockstarz** will follow at 7:30 p.m.

** Jerry's Hot Dogs will offer hot dogs and drinks for sale during each concert!

Snap Shot—The concert in Montgomery Park on June 30th at 7:30 p.m. will feature Snap Shot performing popular classic rock songs that will make you want to dance!

Billy Croft and the 5 Alarm—On July 14th at 7:30 p.m. in Montgomery Park, Billy Croft and the 5 Alarm will provide an energetic show with feel-good country music.

Sunday in the Park



The open park area behind Lakewood Creek Elementary School will be the location for a new community event on Sunday, June 26th from 4-8pm and everyone is invited!

Join friends and neighbors for free ice cream from 4-5pm, food to purchase from food trucks, games for kids of all ages and a concert from 5-8pm. Bring picnic blankets and lawn chairs!

Plenty of parking is available at the school and in the surrounding neighborhood. The stage will be located near Prescott Drive and Jacob Avenue.



Montgomery Fest

Montgomery Fest will be held this year on August 12, 13 & 14 in Montgomery Park. This will be a fun-filled weekend of carnival rides, food, a car show, parade, fireworks, craft booths and entertainment for young and old.

Back Country Roads will perform on Friday night from 6:30-10pm. \$20 wristbands for carnival rides will be available Friday from 6-10pm and Saturday from 11am-3pm. Saturday features the popular water fights, robotics, and Montgomery's Got Talent. Centerfold will perform from 5-7pm and then Evolution will rock the stage from 8-10pm. On Sunday the parade kicks off at 1pm, followed by the world-famous BMX Stunt Team show and great music and food all day long. The day ends with the best fireworks display around!

Applications for the Craft/Business Booths are now available at the Village Hall and on the Village website. The fee for a handmade craft booth is \$35 for all three days and \$125 for a commercial booth. Non-profit booths are free.

Everyone loves a parade! If you would like to enter your business or a family float in the parade, just fill out the application available online. It is a great way to get free publicity and have some fun!

More information on all these events is available at www.ci.montgomery.il.us or by calling 630-896-8080 ext. 9003. In addition, a brochure with a complete schedule will be mailed to each household with the August water bill and newsletter.

NEWS BRIEFS

- From May 1st -September 30th, hours for lawn and landscaping watering and filling of swimming pools will be 6:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. on alternate days. Properties with an even-numbered address may water on even-numbered calendar dates, and odd-numbered addresses may water on odd-numbered dates.
- Settler's Cottage will be open on Sunday, June 12th from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and again on Sunday, July 17th from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Settler's Cottage has many new displays this year and is always free to visitors.
- The recycling event on Saturday, June 18th from 9am-noon will also offer paper shredding! Tours of the Police Department will be available from 10am-noon. Drop off electronics (no tube TVs), metal and batteries for recycling.
- Village Offices will be closed on Monday, July 4th. Trash pickup will be delayed by one day that week.
- Do you sing or play a musical instrument? Do stunts or tell jokes? If so, you are invited to audition for this year's Montgomery's Got Talent show! Tryouts are at the Village Hall on Saturday, July 9th at 10:00 a.m. The Talent Show panel will select performers to be featured at the Montgomery Fest Talent Show at noon on August 13th. Information is available at www.ci.montgomery.il.us or call 630-896-8080 ext. 9036 to sign up.
- We are excited to announce that the Division BMX Stunt Team will perform at this year's Montgomery Fest on August 14th. This world-famous team will perform gravity-defying stunts that will amaze and entertain you!
- If you notice a vacant property where the grass is not getting mowed, please provide the address to the Code Enforcement Officer at 630-896-8080 ext. 9025.
- Also related to mowing season, please note the Village's noise ordinance allows the use of power tools such as lawn mowers ONLY from 6am-8pm Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm Saturday and 9am-8pm Sunday.
- Please be courteous to your neighbors and do not block the sidewalk with your vehicle. This is an ordinance violation.

Lending Library at Village Hall

The next time you visit the Village Hall, take a minute to browse our new free book exchange in the lower lobby. It operates on the same principle as the Little Free Libraries that are springing up in the community. Bring a book or take a book—help yourselves! Fiction, non-fiction and children’s books are available along with recent magazines.

Sugar Storage Dome

You may have noticed the large white dome that has changed the landscape of the north side of Aucutt Road just east of the VVF plant. American Crystal and United Sugars Corporation are building what will be the largest freestanding sugar storage facility in the country. The dome will hold 60,000 metric tons, or about 66 railcars of sugar for customers in the food and beverage industry. Sugar will be shipped to the site on railcars from Montana and North Dakota and will be stored at the site before distribution. The facility is scheduled to be completed later this year.

Save the Date!



Montgomery’s 5K and 10K River Run is set for Saturday, October 1, 2016.

The U.S.A. Track and Field (USATF) certified course starts and finishes in front

of the Village Hall at 200 North River Street in Montgomery. This year’s race will be chip timed by Race Time!! The course goes up and down both sides of the scenic Fox River. Splits will be given at every mile. There is an overhead digital clock at the finish line. Water stations and first aid are available on the course. (Certification Code: IL-06047-JW and IL-1317-JW).

Register on-line at www.signmeup.com prior to August 31, 2016 to ensure a long sleeve dri-fit shirt and goodie bag! Look for event #114430 today!

Rethinking Montgomery

Montgomery continues to strive for service excellence by rethinking our approach to many programs. This past winter, Public Works began their first ever pretreatment anti-icing program. Salt brine applied to the roads before a forecasted snow storm provides improved road conditions at the onset, during a storm, and throughout the clean-up efforts. This provides tremendous cost savings in salt procurement and significantly lessens the negative environmental impacts caused by 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.

The Village Board with the support of Public Works has also allocated the necessary resources to increase our parkway tree replacement program by nearly 40% over previous years. This spring the Village installed over 280 new parkway trees. We are hoping to continually increase the number of trees planted annually until we successfully replant the Village’s urban forest. Much of this work is in response to the 2,000 plus trees removed by the Village over the past four years, many of which died as a result of the Emerald Ash Borer.

Staff continues to evaluate different methods and processes to improve service and make Montgomery a great place to live. For more information, please visit the Public Works tab on the Village’s website at www.ci.montgomery.il.us.

Seasonal Pool Registration

Seasonal/Temporary Pool registration forms and information are now available at Village Hall or on the Village’s website. The registration program applies only to Seasonal/Temporary pools that have the capacity to hold 24 inches of water depth or more and will not take the place of the standard permitting required for permanent pool installations. There is no cost associated with the registration. Thank you for helping us to create a safer environment for residents and neighbors. Please contact Code Enforcement Officer Matt Fitzpatrick at (630) 896-8080 ext. 9025 or via email at Fitzpatrick@ci.montgomery.il.us for more information.

Upcoming Events



June 9th	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Free Ice Cream Social Concert in the Park featuring Hillbilly Rockstarz	Montgomery Park, corner of River and Mill
June 14th	10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Live Jazz Saxophone by Mandy Habel Senior Citizen Activity & Lunch	Village Hall Board Room Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
June 18th	9:00 a.m.-noon	Electrics recycling and paper shredding! Tours of the Police Dept. from 10am-noon!	In front of Police Department 10 Civic Center Avenue
June 26th	4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Sunday in the Park—Music, games & food! Bring lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on.	Lakewood Creek Park (corner of Prescott Drive and Jacob Avenue
June 30th	7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Concert in the Park featuring Snap Shot	Montgomery Park, corner of River and Mill
July 12th	10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Larry Bergnach: Golden Age of TV Senior Citizen Activity & Lunch	Village Hall Board Room Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
July 14th	7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Concert in the Park featuring Billy Croft and the Five Alarm	Montgomery Park, corner of River and Mill
August 2nd	6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	National Night Out (Various locations)	Check website for details: ci.montgomery.il.us