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## Montgomery Park

*"A collaborative vision is essential. The park enhancements must support the growing Mill District, yet maintain the natural beauty of the Fox River, which makes downtown Montgomery a unique oasis for residents."*

### MAYOR'S MESSAGE - Matthew T. Brolley

In January, staff unveiled plans detailing various improvements to Montgomery Park (301 N. River St.) and the Mill Street Bridge beginning this summer. The park improvement project is possible through a partnership agreement between the Village and the Fox Valley Park District. Renderings of the planned park enhancements depict two expansive memorials flanking the Fox River, a Veterans Memorial, and a two-sided tribute to First Responders and Essential Workers in honor of their sacrifice during the pandemic. For two years, we have watched our police, fire, EMT, medical, and educational professionals give their blood, sweat, tears, and lives for others as we dealt with the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 crisis. The memorial will recognize local first responders and essential workers for their selfless sacrifice and will be the first of its kind in our region. In addition, a second memorial area, the Veterans Memorial, will stand adjacent to honor local heroes' military service and their willingness to sacrifice their lives for our freedom. The Village is working with stakeholders to gather input on how best to incorporate our hometown heroes into the design of the memorial monuments.

The memorials are only one highlight of the park, including a permeable paver area at the south side featuring large canopy shade sails for visitors to gather. The plan allows us the flexibility over a traditional stage to cater to larger events such as Montgomery Fest and other multi-uses to support the downtown Mill District. Additionally, updates include shoreline restoration to conserve the natural beauty along the river and promote native plants to ensure the long-term sustainability of the shoreline and its wildlife inhabitants. The plan also includes the restoration of the historic mill raceway and turbine that powered a local mill until the early 1900s and still stands today. Finally, the Village has budgeted for resurfacing, painting, and new lighting for the iconic Mill Street Bridge. We hope most of the project to be complete come late summer in time for the annual Montgomery Fest (August 19-21). Still, work will continue into spring 2023.



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## NEWS BRIEFS

Due to the required Mill Street Bridge maintenance improvements this summer, the Village cannot offer the traditional bridge flower program in 2022.

LRS Recycling begins yard waste collection season on April 1. Unlimited yard waste may be discarded each week in brown yard waste bags or in trash containers clearly marked as yard waste, plus bundled branches up to 4' long and tied with twine.

Public Works will offer spring bulk brush (unbundled) pickup the week of May 2. Crews will make one complete pass through the Village. Place all bulk brush at the front curb by Monday at 7A.

Summer watering hours begin May 1. Residents must perform lawn and landscape watering along with filling of swimming pools between 6-9A or 6-9P. Even-numbered addresses may water on even-numbered calendar dates, and odd-numbered addresses may water on odd-numbered calendar dates. Restrictions do not apply to handheld watering devices, small pools holding less than 50 gallons, or vehicle washing.

Free paper shredding will be offered at the Montgomery Police Department (10 Civic Center Ave.) on Saturday, May 21 from 9A-12P.





## Montgomery Summer Events

The Village of Montgomery is excited to announce that our community favorite special events will be back this summer.

On **Saturday, June 4 from 12-7P** the **Montgomery Street Eats Festival** will take place again in Montgomery Park and along River Street. The festival will feature ten food trucks, DJ entertainment, beer tent, and more.

This year's **Montgomery Fest** is scheduled for **Friday, August 19, Saturday, August 20, and Sunday, August 21**. The Fest Committee is busy finalizing an enhanced entertainment line-up, activities including the annual parade, fireworks, and car show, in addition to food vendors, carnival, and more! Please note, this is one week later than the traditional fest weekend, as in years past. The schedule will be available on the website as information becomes available. .



**Tree Dedication**  
**April 30 at 10A**  
**11 CIVIC CENTER AVE.**

## Sapling Giveaway in Honor of Arbor Day

Arbor Day is a holiday to encourage people to plant trees. The act of planting a tree represents the belief that the tree will provide our community with cleaner air, a habitat for wildlife, and natural beauty. The Village will give away White Fringe Trees (18" saplings) to celebrate this year. Those wishing to enter can do so by stopping by the Arbor Day Dedication Ceremony in front of the Police Department near the silo along Rt. 30 on Saturday, April 30 at 10A. In addition, community members are encouraged to join the Beautification Committee as they plant and dedicate the 2022 tree, a White Fringe. Those attending will receive a chance to win, and the committee will announce winners at 10:30A. Must be a resident of Montgomery to enter.

Fifty (50) lucky residents will get to take home mature 18" White Fringe sapling along with instructions for growing, transplanting, and long-term care of the tree. Municipal Arborist, Ed Pfaff, will also be onsite for the event and available to answer any tree or native plant questions that residents may have preparing their yards for spring and summer.

## Detectives Honored by Kane County

Detective Sergeant Greg Mayyou, Detective Jason Friedrich, and Detective Chris Johnson received recognition at the 45th annual Kane County Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Banquet for their exemplary work and diligence in a homicide investigation earlier this year. Their efforts resulted in charges and prosecution by the Kane County States Attorney's Office.

Three Montgomery Police Department members were nominated for their investigative work resulting in the arrest and first-degree murder charges from an incident on May 2, 2021, in the 1700 block of Stonegate Dr. in Montgomery. The Kane County Major Crimes Task Force assisted the nominated officers and multiple other agencies on the scene. The investigation involved obtaining search warrants, interviewing numerous witnesses and suspects, and many months of tedious and detailed investigation.



*Pictured from left to right: Chief of Police, Phil Smith, Detective Sergeant Greg Mayyou, Detective Jason Friedrich, Deputy Chief Armando Sanders, and Commander Ismael Diaz (not pictured: nominee Detective Chris Johnson).*



### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Montgomery is excited to welcome Wing Stop (2086 Orchard Rd.) this spring. The to-go food concept prides itself on flavor, offering a variety of chicken wings for carryout or delivery. A second location is under construction on the east side of Montgomery on Ogden near Hill Ave. and will open later this year.



### PARKED CARS CAN NOT COVER SIDEWALKS

Be courteous to your neighbors. It is illegal for vehicles parked in private driveways to cover sidewalks or inhibit walking in residential areas. Offenders are subject to ticketing and fines.

## QUESTIONS? WE ARE HERE TO HELP.

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