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Community First

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Mayor's Message - Matt Brolley

On July 14, the Village of Montgomery Police, Public Works, and Village Hall buildings raised green flags, and staff wore green ribbons or shirts to draw awareness of Adrenocortical Carcinoma. Additionally, the Board wore green at the July 25 meeting and set small green flags on each seat to show their continued support for our Village employee's husband (a former Montgomery resident) recently diagnosed with this very rare cancer affecting less than one out of every million individuals. Finally, on August 31, the staff hosted a blood drive, and more than 70 people came forward to donate blood, collecting enough to save approximately 210 lives in his honor.

During Montgomery Fest, volunteers and staff worked tirelessly to execute a successful beer tent operation to raise funds for the Montgomery Foundation, a 501(c)3, whose mission is to support and service Montgomery residents in need. The Foundation gives money back to the community through scholarships, grants, assistance, and support for programs such as the Shop with a Cop in December. The Foundation's first and foremost objective is to assist and support our community.

I share these accolades to demonstrate the caliber of employees and volunteers we have working hard on behalf of our Village. They demonstrate integrity, compassion, and selflessness. They are loyal, team-oriented, and understand the importance of the individual. They know the importance of giving back and supporting those in need. I am proud to work with these men and women who choose civic service as a career and volunteerism as an extracurricular. I am pleased that our Village puts our Montgomery community first. The people residing in the Village, the people running the Village, and the champions supporting the Village are the central focus of what we do every day. We should all be proud to be a part of this fantastic community.



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NEWS BRIEFS

Curbside leaf collection (no yard bags required) will begin on October 24 and continue for approximately five weeks.

Village Offices will close on Friday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day. Offices will reopen the following Monday during regular business hours. The holiday will not affect trash collection.

Village offices will close on Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25 in observance of Thanksgiving. Offices will reopen the following Monday.

There will be no garbage or recycling collection on Thanksgiving Day. Residents with scheduled pickup on Thursday will move to Friday. Friday's scheduled pickup will move to Saturday. For questions or more information, residents can email Montgomery@LRSRecycles.com or call 844-633-3577 (844-NEED-LRS).

As we prepare for the snow season, a reminder to residents that street parking during and after snowfall accumulations of two inches or more is prohibited. We ask for the community's help in removing parked cars from Village streets during the winter months to expedite plowing operations.

The Village Board will host the Annual Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 4, at 5:00P. The event starts with a visit from Santa and the lighting of the Village Hall tree. Businesses will sponsor hot chocolate, cookies, activities, and performances. Then, view the Festival of Trees display, see the holiday lights, and celebrate winter's magic.

2022 Halloween Display & Holiday Decorations Contests

The Beautification Committee will host its annual Halloween Display and Holiday Decorations Contests to recognize homes and businesses for outstanding seasonal decorations again this year. The nomination periods for each contest are listed below. Nominations must be made online at montgomeryil.org.

Halloween Display Contest | October 1-23

Holiday Decorations Contest | November 14-December 11

Residents and business owners are encouraged to self-nominate or nominate the best-decorated homes in the Village for consideration of awards. Online nominations begin on the first day of the contest, and judging takes place the Wednesday after the contest closes at approximately 5P. Please ensure lights and displays are ready for judging on October 26 (Halloween) and December 14 (Holiday). For questions, contact 630-896-9241.

Property Tax 2021 Rebate Program

The Village's Property Tax Rebate program is back for the 8th year. The program provides qualifying residential properties a \$45 refund of property taxes paid to the Village. Like last year, the application will be available on the Village's website (montgomeryil.org), and residents can elect a credit on their water bill or a paper check. The online application process opens on or about October 15 and closes on December 31. Paper applications are available upon request only. The application requires a copy of your county property tax bill (Kane or Kendall) when filling out the form. Staff is available at Village Hall (200 N River St) to assist residents with completing the online application. Qualifications for the program include: property taxes paid to the Village of Montgomery, property tax and utility accounts are current, applicant-owned property for all of the calendar year 2021, and the applicant is property owner (renters do not qualify).

In 2021, the Village Board authorized a \$45 rebate as a check or water bill credit for 1,430 residents. This program returned \$64,350 in 2020 tax dollars to the Montgomery residents we serve.

Halloween Safety Event Sunday, October 9 | 10A-2P

Come to the Montgomery Police Department on Sunday, October 9, from 10A-2P for the Annual Halloween Safety Event. Visitors will learn about Halloween safety at our safety stations, win prizes at our several games stops, do crafts, trick or treat, decorate a pumpkin, win prizes, view our Touch A Truck event, and more. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Get creative and enter the Costume Contest and take home the top trophy. The event and activities are all FREE for all attendees. Food is available for purchase onsite. This is an outdoor event, please dress accordingly.

The Halloween Safety Event occurs at the Police Department located at 10 Civic Center Ave. in Montgomery, October 9. Onsite parking is available.



LEAF COLLECTION ON OCT. 24, 31 & NOV. 7, 14, 21



Crews will make one pass through the Village on October 24, 31, November 7, 14, and 21. Additional pickups will continue as needed until the end of November. Crews cannot vacuum the leaves within 10' of a tree, mailbox, fire hydrant, street light, or street sign. Do not park cars in front of the leaves to be collected, as the leaf vac will not reach them. Additionally, the Village's refuse hauler, LRS, will pick up leaves each week on your regularly scheduled collection day for no charge through December 2. Leaves must be in yard waste bags or marked 32-gallon yard waste cans.



FREE LITTLE PANTRY AT VILLAGE HALL



The Rotary Club of Montgomery recently installed a Free Little Pantry at the lower level River St. entrance to Village Hall. Those in need are welcome to fill a grocery bag (provided). In addition, any community members interested in donating unexpired non-perishable food may drop it off on the pantry shelves Monday through Friday between 8:30A-4:30P.

QUESTIONS? WE ARE HERE TO HELP.