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Montgomery Fest

Highlights of this year's fest include more food offerings and an expanded free shuttle service for convenient and safe transportation to the fest.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE - Matt Brolley

This summer, Montgomery Fest will celebrate its 37th year. Based on community feedback, last year was one of our best fests. The committee, comprised of your Trustees and Village staff, is hard at work fine-tuning the details of this year's fest, which will take place **Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 19, 20, and 21**. The entertainment and activity schedule is available on the website at montgomeryil.org.

A few highlights for this year's event include:

- Food vendor row will expand and feature several new vendors and menu offerings.
- The Montgomery Foundation will sponsor the beer tent. Proceeds will fund foundation giving, such as scholarships for local students, donations to local charities, and grants to individuals in need.
- A new carnival company, Windy City Amusements, will provide rides, games, and amusement for the three-day fest. They will offer individual tickets and unlimited ride wristbands during specific days and hours. A \$5 minimum purchase per person is required to enter the carnival area.
- The Historic Preservation Commission Annual Car Show at Austin Park is on Saturday this year (August 20) from 11A-7P.
- Craft booths are back! The Craft Fair & Market will take place on Saturday along River Street in front of Village Hall, from 10A-7P.
- NEW this year, the free shuttle service from Lakewood Creek Elementary School (west) and U-Haul Parking Lot (east) is expanding to provide Friday service in addition to Saturday and Sunday as in the past. Shuttles arrive approximately every 30 minutes.

Included with August utility bills is the official Montgomery Fest 2022 event program. Please keep it handy and plan to spend the weekend along the Fox River in downtown Montgomery. I hope to see you there.



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NEWS BRIEFS

A list of active solicitor permits (approved and picked up) is on the website. If an unlicensed solicitor comes to your door, contact Dispatch at 630-553-0554.

In observation of Labor Day, Village offices will close on Monday, September 5. As a result, trash collection is delayed by one day that week. If your regular pickup is Monday, it will move to Tuesday, and so on.

On Saturday, September 24, from 9A-12P, the Village will co-host a Community Shredding Event with Earthmover Credit Union at the Montgomery Police Department. Details are coming soon!

Residents may only perform landscape watering and fill swimming pools between 6-9A or 6-9P. Even-numbered addresses may water on even calendar dates, and odd-numbered addresses may water on odd calendar dates. Water Conservation Day is the 31st date of the month, and watering is prohibited throughout the Village per municipal code.

As we near the end of the summer season, garden, yard, and leaf clean-up will begin. The Village will offer bulk brush pickup the week of October 3. Bulk brush must be neat and stacked untied in the parkway the Sunday evening before the scheduled pickup week. Crews will begin Monday morning and will make only one pass through each neighborhood. Brush placed after Village crews pass through will miss the collection opportunity.

The Cemetery Walk in Riverside Cemetery will return this year on October 5 at 7P. Details coming soon.



Montgomery Made

The Village Community Development Department is looking to feature products, services, and small businesses made in Montgomery as part of its renewed economic development focus. Last month, Mayor Brolley kicked off this campaign by welcoming manufacturer US Medical Glove to the Village; this is only one of the many exceptional manufacturers in our Village. If you have a great story or know a unique item, product, or professional who calls Montgomery home, please share it via email at communications@montgomeryil.org.

From the delicious pastries and coffee creations made by French-pastry Chef and Montgomery resident Jacquie Meija at Atrevete Confections (216 N. River St.) to the Adirondack chair made exclusively for Costco and distributed nationwide from Tangent Technologies (Caterpillar Dr.), there are so many great stories that showcase **Montgomery Made**. We look forward to sharing them with the community.

Property Tax 2021 Rebate Program

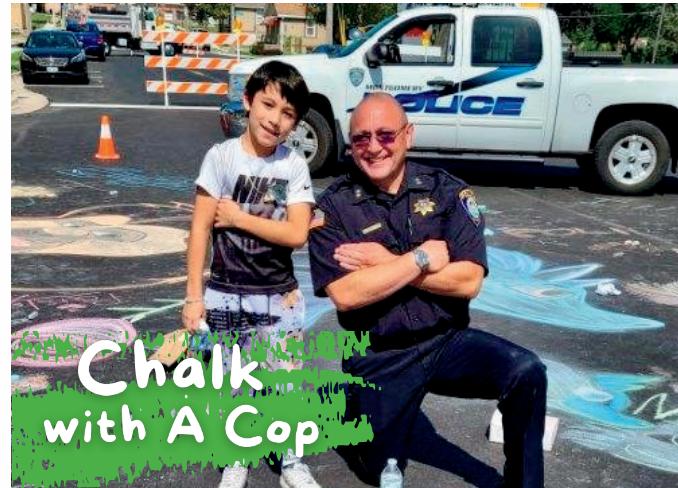
The Village's Property Tax Rebate program is back for the 8th year. The program provides qualifying residential properties a \$45 refund of property taxes paid to the Village. Like last year, the application will be available on the Village's website (montgomeryil.org), and residents can elect a credit on their water bill or a paper check. The online application process opens on or about October 1 and closes on December 31. The Village does not plan to mail paper applications. However, residents are encouraged to complete the application process online. 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 tax dollars to the Montgomery residents we serve.

Free Activities and Giveaways Saturday, August 20 | 10A-12P

Back for Year 2, the Montgomery Police Department Officers and staff will be at Montgomery Fest Saturday, August 20, from 10A-12P offering FREE activities and giveaways. This year's event expanded to include two hours of activities, including a Science Show by Mr. Freeze, Fermilab's own "Science Guy," police vehicles on site for photos and tours, giveaways, and chalk art. Chalk with a Cop is an initiative started by Deputy Chief Armando Sanders (also a phenomenal chalk artist) to engage the youngest population through art. All ages are encouraged to attend as we continue to build healthy community relationships.

Other Saturday events include the Craft Fair (10A-7P), Car Show (11A-7P), Entertainment (11A-10P), and Carnival (12-10P).



MONTGOMERY RIVER RUN

The Montgomery River Run is Saturday, October 1 at 9A. The course follows both the west and east banks of the Fox River and offers 5K and 10K options. The fee includes post-race refreshments and a commemorative race shirt—discounted pricing for kids 12 & under.

Registration at montgomeryil.org/187/River-Run.



LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

Mowing the lawn and maintaining landscaping is YOUR responsibility. This includes but is not limited to trimming bushes, trees, and hedges away from public pathways, bike trails, sidewalks, and driveways. Property landscaping infringing on public access is subject to code violations and fines.

QUESTIONS? WE ARE HERE TO HELP.

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PERMITS
331-212-9023
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