



Project Spring

Leo Tolstoy said, "spring is the time of plans and projects." The quote is very accurate this April and May in Montgomery.

Mayor's Message - Matt Brolley

May 1 begins our next fiscal year in the Village. I am happy to report that this year will end positively for the Village while accomplishing many vital projects. As a result, we will begin FY2024 with a balanced budget and more investment in our community.

Construction on the new Public Works Building (991 Knell Rd.) will be completed in the coming months. This long-awaited and much-anticipated project brings critical vehicle storage, office space, maintenance facilities, and space for our Public Works Department. The new building is visible from Aucutt Rd. The mild weather this winter has helped this project move along quickly. We plan to have an open house once the building is complete for those interested in touring the facility or checking out some fantastic vehicles and machines essential to maintaining our fleet, streets, sewers, water, and forestry.

The Montgomery Park project is breaking ground soon, and installation will be complete before Montgomery Fest, August 18-20. It includes a multipurpose shaded area at the south end for community gatherings and performances and an Essential Worker and Veteran monument paying tribute to individuals who put service to our community and country above self. The Mill Street Bridge will also receive much-needed patching, painting, and upgraded lighting.

We know spring is also when many residents take on home and yard projects. Thank you for taking pride in your properties and adding to the beautification of Montgomery.



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NEWS BRIEFS

Due to the required Mill Street Bridge maintenance improvements being delayed until the summer of 2023, the Village cannot offer the traditional bridge flower program again this year.

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

Public Works will offer spring bulk brush (unbundled) pick up the week of May 1. Crews will make one complete pass through the Village. Place all bulk brush at the front curb by Monday at 7A.

Free paper shredding will be offered to the community Saturday, May 13, from 9A-12P at the Montgomery Police Department (10 Civic Center Ave.) courtesy of the Village and Earthmover Credit Union.

The Community Garage Sale will occur May 18-20 daily from 8A-4P. The cost is \$10 per household. Registration forms are available on the Village website and are due by May 5. Maps with participating addresses will be available online by May 15.

Join seniors (55+) for lunch at Village Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The cost is \$5 per person; everyone must register in advance. Are you looking for more senior activities? Stop by the 3rd Wednesday of each month for Dime Jingle in the multi-purpose room—no need to register or know the rules. Come for socialization and fun.



Arbor Day Sapling Giveaway

Arbor Day is a holiday to encourage people to plant trees. Planting a tree represents the belief that the tree will provide our community with cleaner air, a habitat for wildlife, and natural beauty. Fifty (50) lucky community members will take home a mature sapling and instructions for growing, transplanting, and long-term tree care to celebrate this year. Those wishing to enter can stop by the Arbor Day Dedication Ceremony in front of the Police Department near the silo along Rt. 30 on Saturday, April 29, at 10A. In addition, visitors are encouraged to join the Beautification Committee as they plant and dedicate the 2023 tree to the Arbor Day Garden, a Kentucky Coffeetree. Those attending will receive a chance to win a mature sapling; the committee will announce winners at 10:30A.

Municipal Arborist, Ed Pfaff, will be onsite for the event and available to answer any tree or native plant questions that people may have preparing their yards for the spring and summer.

Building Permits Required



Are you looking to build a new deck or patio this summer? Finally, getting around to updating that kitchen or master bath? The most common required permits are fence or pool installation, basement refinishing, siding and exterior work, and driveway replacement. The spring and summer are the Building Department's busiest seasons. Doing work without a permit may cause issues when trying to sell the house and may cost time and money to correct problems if improvements are not done correctly or do not meet the Village code.

We are here to help. Permit information is available online at montgomeryil.org. For questions, contact 331-212-9023 or email permits@montgomeryil.org.

Polar Plunge 2023

On Sunday, March 5, a team of Montgomery Police Officers, their family, and friends participated in the 2023 Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Illinois. The team of 13 raised \$4,431, taking the plunge at Silver Springs State Park.

Its purpose is to raise funds to enhance the Special Olympics Illinois mission: To provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in 18 Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families and other Special Olympics Illinois athletes and the community.



BEFORE YOU DIG, DIAL 811



Remember that when digging, planting a tree, or setting up a tent for an outdoor party, it is essential to call JULIE at 8-1-1 to mark utilities to avoid hitting power, cable, or phone lines. JULIE is a free service that saves time, money, and your life.

BIKE SHARE PROGRAM



Montgomery's bike share pick-up location is near the River St. entrance to Village Hall. The site provides a great starting point to bike the Fox River or the Virgil Gilman Trails. Rent by the hour, daily, monthly, or buy an annual subscription. Download the Koloni App or visit montgomeryil.org.

WATER RATE INCREASE



Annually Village water billing rates increase by 5.5% to account for rising costs associated with water distribution. This increase will take place on May 1. Changes will be reflected in your June water bill.

QUESTIONS? WE ARE HERE TO HELP.