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## Montgomery Fest

Our Fest Committee continues to adapt and grow this community's favorite event. There is truly something for everyone this year.



## Mayor's Message - Matt Brolley

Happy 38th anniversary to Montgomery Fest. The committee, comprised of your Trustees and Village staff, is hard at work fine-tuning the details of this year's Fest, which will occur on **Friday, August 18, Saturday, August 19, and Sunday, August 20**. The entertainment and activity schedule is available on the website at [montgomeryil.org/montgomeryfest](http://montgomeryil.org/montgomeryfest).

A few highlights for this year's event include:

- Colombian cover band, Sonora Dinamita, will play Friday night from 8-10P. Opening for them at 5:30P is Soul Sacrifice, a tribute to Carlos Santana.
- Saturday will kick off a morning focused on our youngest residents. Please look at the back of this newsletter for information on all planned activities.
- Saturday also features the Car Show at Austin Park, the Craft & Market Booths on River St., and a blood drive at Village Hall.
- Sunday will feature Church in the Park at 9:30A, the parade step-off at 1P, and the firework show at 9P.
- Two shuttle locations are available for convenient transportation to the Fest. Lakewood Creek Elementary School (2301 Lakewood Creek Dr.) and Blain's Farm & Fleet (400 US-30). Shuttles are available Friday night, Saturday, and Sunday, arriving approximately every 30 minutes.

We hope to see you at the Fest. Please be sure to say hello to your elected officials and the Village staff while you are there; they are dedicated to making the Fest possible for the community. Enclosed with your utility bill this month is the full schedule of events.



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## NEWS BRIEFS

The Mill Street Bridge is closed for improvements throughout August. Support local businesses, such as Gray's Mill Estate, which will remain open during construction.

In observance of Labor Day, Village offices will close on Monday, September 4. As a result, trash collection is delayed by one day. If your regular pickup is Monday, it will move to Tuesday, and so on.

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 per municipal code.

On Saturday, September 23, from 9A-12P, the Village will co-host a free Community Shredding Event with Earthmover Credit Union at the Montgomery Police Department (10 Civic Center Dr.).

As we end the summer season, garden, yard, and leaf clean-up will begin. The Village will offer bulk brush pickup the week of October 2. 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 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 on Wednesday, October 4, at 7P. Join the Historic Preservation Commission for this educational and fun event featuring the history of Montgomery's past residents.



## KWCC, Inc. Revives 111 Lake St.

KWCC, a licensed commercial general contractor, recently purchased the former Performance Foodservice building at the southeast corner of Lake St. and Webster St. to relocate its headquarters from Sugar Grove to Montgomery. Formed by Russ Woerman in 2012, KWCC self-performs various construction services. Some of their local projects include the Montgomery Menards and the recent renovation of the former Copley Hospital in Aurora.

The north end of the building is now home to the new Atrevete Collaborative Kitchen. The leased space serves as the kitchen and prep area for Atrevete Confections (216 N. River St.) and their food truck at the Aurora Outlet Mall. In addition, Atrevete owners are renting portions of the kitchen space to support other commercial and food truck operations.

KWCC is exploring the development of a food truck park on the south end of the property. They have a temporary permit to host food trucks this summer, Thursday - Sunday. Check their Facebook page for The Russ Stop Food Truck Park (Montgomery) to find the food trucks visiting our community weekly.



## Montgomery: Level II Accredited Arboretum

The Village of Montgomery Arboretum is a collection of trees that serve as a part of the living infrastructure of the community. Nearly 11,000 trees (107 species) clean the air, capture rainwater, reduce erosion, cool our neighborhoods, and calm the roadway traffic. Montgomery is proud to be an official ArbNet Accredited Arboretum as of April 2023.

This recognition of professional standards is an essential milestone and represents advancing goals specific to tree-focused public gardens. The Village of Montgomery is now a part of the Morton Register of Arboreta, and our trees are digitally cataloged. Visit "Arboretum Accreditation" at [montgomeryil.org](http://montgomeryil.org). Search your address to view the tree species near your property.

## Montgomery Fest Kids' Activities & More

Join the Montgomery Police Department Officers and staff at Montgomery Fest on Saturday, August 19, from 10A-12P for Chalk with a Cop. Chalk with a Cop is an initiative of Deputy Chief Sanders (also a phenomenal chalk artist) to engage our youngest residents through community art. All ages are welcome - check out the police vehicles, meet Monty, participate in chalk art, and grab a giveaway.

Saturday morning is for the whole family - starting at 9:45A see Miss Jamie's Farm on stage for an educational sing-a-long show geared towards children 7 & under, followed by family-friendly Good Clean Fun. Plus, visit the petting zoo, walk the Car Show at Austin Park, and the Craft & Market Booths on River St. At 12:30P enjoy longtime fest favorite Fermilab's Mr. Freeze Science Show in front of the stage. The carnival area opens at noon on Saturday and will remain open until 10P.



### EXTENDED PERMIT PROCESS



The volume of permit applications is at an all time high due to the April hail storms. Please note, our team is working hard to process and execute building permits as quickly as possible. Please allow for additional approval times.

### 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.

### RIVER RUN 5K & 10K



The Montgomery River Run will celebrate its 20th anniversary on Saturday, October 7. The scenic race route runs along the west and east banks of the Fox River. Register as a team and save \$5 per person. Learn more and sign up at [montgomeryil.org](http://montgomeryil.org).

### QUESTIONS? WE ARE HERE TO HELP.