

OCTOBER 2023

# MONTGOMERY

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## Monumental

**mon-u-men-tal** *adjective*

great in importance, extent, size

*"It's been a monumental month."*



## Mayor's Message - Matt Brolley

Thank you to those who joined us at Montgomery Fest this year. We saw record-breaking numbers, with more than 15,000 people visiting to enjoy the music, carnival, food, car show, crafts, petting zoo, and parade. I received many calls and messages from residents commending the Village for a fantastic fest. This monumental event would not be possible without the help of our outstanding staff and volunteers.

On September 9, an official ribbon cutting occurred at the new Public Works Facility. Immediately following, we welcomed the public to tour the facility in an open house event. The new building represents a monumental change and stride toward more efficient Public Works operations in Montgomery. Our old building, built in the late 50s, served our community when we had less than 2,000 residents. Today, we stand at 20,000+ and growing. The new facility allows indoor truck storage, locker rooms, office space, and other essential building features to support our team.

The Montgomery River Run will celebrate its 20th anniversary on October 7. The event offers a 5K and 10K option for runners to enjoy a scenic race along the Fox River, north to the Ashland bridge, and south to the Oswego border near Violet Patch Park. It truly reflects our small-town charm and native Illinois beauty. It reaches into the two fantastic counties (Kane and Kendall) we exist within and the two excellent park districts (Fox Valley and Oswegoland) that offer wonderful recreational opportunities to our residents. I plan to race with my family on Saturday. Join us to celebrate this monumental anniversary.



### VILLAGE PRESIDENT

MATT BROLLEY

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## NEWS BRIEFS

Curbside leaf collection (no yard bags required) will begin on October 23 and continue for approximately five weeks.

Village offices will close on Friday, November 10, 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 23, and Friday, November 24 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. 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](mailto: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 the Village streets during the winter months to expedite plowing operations.

The Village Board will host the Annual Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 3, at 4:00P. 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.

# 2023 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](http://montgomeryil.org).

## Halloween Display Contest



## Holiday Decorations Contest

### Halloween Display Contest | October 1-22

### Holiday Decorations Contest | November 13-December 10

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 25 (Halloween) and December 13 (Holiday). For questions, contact 630-896-9241.

## Property Tax 2022 Rebate Program

The Village's Property Tax Rebate program is back for the 9th year. Last year, the Village Board increased the refund of property taxes paid to the Village to \$75 per qualifying residential property owner. The application will be available on the Village's website ([montgomeryil.org](http://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 20 and closes on December 31. Paper applications are available upon request only. When filling out the form, the application requires a copy of your 2022 county property tax bill (Kane or Kendall). Staff is available at Village Hall 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 2022, and the applicant is the property owner (renters do not qualify).

Last year, the Village Board authorized a \$75 rebate as a check or water bill credit to 1,639 residents, which returned \$122,925 in 2021 tax dollars to qualifying Montgomery residential property owners we serve.

## Halloween Safety Event Sunday, October 29 | 10A-2P

Come to the Montgomery Police Department on Sunday, October 29, from 10A-2P for the Annual Halloween Safety Event. Visitors will learn about Halloween safety at our safety stations, win prizes at several game stops, do crafts, trick or treat, decorate a pumpkin, view the Touch-A-Truck event, and more. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Get creative and enter the Costume Contest and take home the top prize. The event and activities are all FREE for all attendees. Food is available for purchase onsite. This is an outdoor event. Please dress accordingly.

Bring a non-perishable food item (or a few) and get an extra five (5) raffle tickets per family for supporting the Rotary Club of Montgomery's Free Community Pantry at Village Hall.



## 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. Registration is available onsite the day of the race. More at [montgomeryil.org](http://montgomeryil.org).

## LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS OCT. 23



Crews will make one pass through the Village on October 23, 30, November 6, 13, and 20. Additional pickups will continue as needed through the end of November. Crews cannot vacuum the leaves within 10' of a tree, mailbox, fire hydrant, street light, or sign. Do not park cars in front of leaves to be collected, as the leaf vac cannot reach them.

## WATER METER UPDATES



The Water Meter Replacement Program is continuing. The Village contracts United Meters, Inc. to assist in the transition to the new water meters. Currently, UMI is working in the Foxmoor, Fairfield, and Blackberry Crossing West subdivisions.

## QUESTIONS? WE ARE HERE TO HELP.