

APRIL 2024

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Memorial Park Renovation Project | Complete Summer 2024



NEWS BRIEFS

The Flower Planter Program is back on Mill Street Bridge. Purchase an honorary sign and support this program. The deadline is May 3.

LRS Recycling will begin yard waste collection on April 1. Under the Village's current contract, unlimited yard waste may be discarded each week in a brown yard bag or trash container marked yard waste, bundled branches up to 4' long, and tied with twine through July 31, 2024. The new contract term will begin in August, and the unlimited yard waste program will end. Residents will have free yard waste removal for two weeks in spring and fall. Otherwise, residents must purchase stickers for all other yard waste bag removal beginning August 1, 2024.

Public Works will offer spring unbundled bulk brush pickup the week of May 6. Crews will make one complete pass through the Village. Please place all bulk brush at the front curb by Monday at 7A.

Free paper shredding will be offered on Saturday, May 18, from 9A-12P at 310 N. River St. near Village Hall and Montgomery Park, courtesy of Earthmover Credit Union.

We achieved Gold Level Water Ambassador Designation through the American Water Works Association for promoting water conservation. To learn how residents can support water conservation efforts through our Rain Barrel Program, visit montgomeryil.org.

Making Montgomery
Nothing ever seems impossible in spring.
-L.M. Montgomery



Mayor's Message - Matt Brolley

The spring kicks off many infrastructure improvements, including road repaving, water main replacement, and meter replacements throughout the Village and Boulder Hill. River Street from Ashland to Mill Street will be repaved, and a bike lane will be added along the road to better connect the Fox River Bike Trail to the park and downtown.

The renovation of Montgomery Park is on schedule, with plans for completion before Montgomery Fest (August 16-18). The project includes a multipurpose shaded area at the south end for community gatherings and two monuments paying tribute to Essential Workers, First Responders, and Veterans who put service to our community and country above themselves. To celebrate the new monuments, the Montgomery Police Department and Montgomery-Countryside Fire Protection District will host a Kids Day during Montgomery Fest from 10A-2P on River Street on Saturday, August 17, featuring Chalk with a Cop, kids entertainment, an inflatable fire truck slide, Touch a Truck, fire safety activities, and more!

Excitement and development continue throughout the community. Coming late spring is the grand opening of the much anticipated Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant and Starbucks, located in the retail area at Route 30 and Ogden Ave. Cooper's Hawk is hiring and finalizing the interior space, featuring a tasting room, dining room, and event space.

Spring is a time of projects for the Village and our residents as permits increase for home renovations. We see so many caring exceptionally for their yards. Thank you for taking pride in your properties and adding to Montgomery's beautification and growth.



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2024 UPCOMING SPRING EVENTS

- Arbor Day Tree Dedication | April 27
- Community Blood Drive | May 2
- Free Paper Shredding | May 18



Tree Dedication April 27 at 10A

Arbor Day Sapling Giveaway

Arbor Day is a holiday that encourages 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. For the third year, fifty lucky community members will take home a mature sapling and instructions for growing, transplanting, and long-term tree care to celebrate this important holiday focused on our environment. Those wishing to enter can stop by the Arbor Day Dedication Ceremony in front of the Police Department near the silo along Rt. 30 (11 Civic Center Dr.) on Saturday, April 27, at 10A.

Visitors are encouraged to join the Beautification Committee as they plant and dedicate the 2024 Redbud tree to the Arboretum Garden Park. Municipal Arborist Ed Pfaff will be on site for the event and available to answer any questions about trees or native plants that residents may have while preparing their yards for spring and summer.



Building Permits Required

Are you looking to build a new deck or patio this summer? Are you finally getting around to updating that kitchen or master bath? Spring and summer are the busiest seasons for the Building Department. 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. The most common required permits are fence or pool installation, basement refinishing, siding and exterior work, and driveway replacement.

We are here to help. If you are not sure if you need a permit, please feel free to call us. We are happy to help you through the process. Permit information is available online at montgomeryil.org. For questions, contact 331-212-9023 or email permits@montgomeryil.org.

Polar Plunge 2024

On Sunday, March 3, 26 individuals represented the Montgomery Police Department by participating in the 2024 Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Illinois at Silver Springs State Park in Yorkville. The team raised \$10,061 for Special Olympics Illinois, a 127% increase over 2023, which equates to the additional sponsorship of approximately 25 athletes.

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.



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Know of someone making a difference in our community? Nominate an individual, group, or business for their volunteerism, generosity, and service to Montgomery. This is a new recognition program. Winners will be recognized at the June 10 Board Meeting.

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.

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.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING
844-NEED-LRS
montgomery@LRSrecycles.com

PERMITS
331-212-9023
M-F | 8A-3:30P

POLICE DEPARTMENT
630-897-8707
M-F | 8A-4:30P

PUBLIC WORKS
630-896-9241
M-F | 7A-3:30P

UTILITY BILLING
630-896-1357
M-F | 8A-4:30P

VILLAGE HALL
630-896-8080
M-F | 8A-4:30P