

SEPTEMBER 2024

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Montgomery Park Monument Dedication - July 8, 2024



## Mayor's Message

Matt Brolley | Village President



Dear Montgomery Community,

I extend my deepest gratitude for making our Montgomery Park Monument Dedication (July 8) and Montgomery Fest 2024 (August 16-18) a resounding success. The joy, camaraderie, and an overwhelming sense of community spirit genuinely define who we are as a village.

I must express my profound appreciation to our staff and volunteers. Your tireless efforts in planning, organizing, and executing these events did not go unnoticed. From the early morning set-up to the final clean-up, your commitment to excellence and attention to detail ensured that every aspect ran smoothly. Your hard work is a testament to your unwavering dedication to our Village.

I also must acknowledge the incredible support from our local businesses and sponsors. Your contributions were vital in bringing Montgomery Park to life. Your generosity provided essential resources and demonstrated your commitment to supporting our community. It is this kind of partnership that helps our community thrive.

To all the residents who came out to enjoy the dedication and festivities, thank you for being the heart and soul of Montgomery. Your enthusiasm and presence were the true highlights. Seeing families and friends gather, laugh, and celebrate reinforced the sense of unity that makes our Village so unique. Your participation at events like Montgomery Fest makes our community vibrant and resilient.

As we look back on this year's Fest with fondness, let us remember the spirit of togetherness and fun that it fostered. Let us continue to build on the sense of community that makes Montgomery a wonderful place.

With deepest gratitude,

*Matt*

## NEWS BRIEFS

On Saturday, September 21, from 9A-12P, the Village will co-host a free Community Shredding Event with Earthmover Credit Union at the Montgomery Police Department located at 10 Civic Center Ave.

As the summer season ends, garden and leaf clean-up will begin. The Village offers two complimentary programs for residents.

- The Bulk Brush Pickup is held the week of October 7. Bulk brush must be neat and stacked untied in the parkway on Sunday evening, October 6, before the scheduled pick-up week. Crews will begin Monday morning and will make one pass through each neighborhood. Brush placed after the crews pass through will miss the collection opportunity.
- The second program is the Curbside Leaf Collection (no yard waste bags), which will begin the week of Monday, October 21 (weather permitting) and continue for five weeks. Residents can rake leaves curbside, and Public Works will collect them at no charge with the Village-owned leaf vac truck.
- Additionally, LRS will offer sticker-free yard waste collection from November 11-22.

The Village Board and the Greater Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce will host the Annual Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 8, at 5P. Enjoy a visit from Santa to light the Village Hall tree on River Street. Businesses sponsor hot chocolate, cookies, activities, and performances. View the Festival of Trees display, see holiday lights, and celebrate winter's magic.

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# 2024 Halloween Display & Holiday Decorations Contests

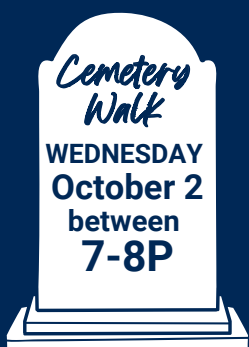
The Beautification Committee will again host its annual Halloween Display and Holiday Decorations Contests to recognize homes and businesses for outstanding seasonal decorations. The nomination periods for each contest are listed below. Nominations must be made online at [montgomeryil.org](http://montgomeryil.org).

**Halloween Display Contest | October 1-20**

**Holiday Decorations Contest | November 18-December 8**

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 on Wednesday after the contest closes at approximately 5P. Please ensure lights and displays are ready for judging on October 23 (Halloween) and December 11 (Holiday). If you have any questions, feel free to contact 630-896-9241.

## Historical Preservation Commission's Cemetery Walk 2024



Each year, the Montgomery Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) hosts a Cemetery Walk at Riverside Cemetery the first Wednesday of October at 7P. This year's event is Wednesday, October 2, with a rain date of October 3. Guests are led through the cemetery in small groups to meet some of the fascinating "ghosts" of early pioneers and other cemetery residents.

This event, geared towards all ages, is not a traditional scary cemetery walk but a fun glimpse into the past with authentic characters portraying historical figures from Montgomery's past. Each year, the HPC volunteers work to highlight new stories and icons of our community who have unique stories to tell. Visitors are welcome to come any time between 7-8P. Tours begin at the corner of Taylor & River Streets on the southeast side of the cemetery about every 10 minutes. Parking is available along River St. near Montgomery Park.

HPC is looking for volunteer tour guides and actors. If you are interested email [hpc@montgomeryil.org](mailto:hpc@montgomeryil.org).

## Halloween Safety Event Saturday, October 12 | 10A-2P

Come to the Montgomery Police Department on Saturday, October 12, 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 non-perishable food items to donate to the Rotary Club of Montgomery's Community Pantry at the event and receive five (5) raffle tickets (per family) for additional chances to win one of the awesome prizes donated by our sponsors.**



## RIVER RUN 2024 - OCTOBER 5

8:45A | Kids Dash (0.26mi) 9:00A | 5K & 10K



New this year, the Montgomery River Run 5K & 10K will offer a Kids' Dash (0.26 miles) as part of the event. The race is Saturday, October 5. The scenic race route runs along the west and east banks of the Fox River. Registration is available online at [montgomeryil.org/187/River-Run-5K-10K](http://montgomeryil.org/187/River-Run-5K-10K). All participants will receive a finisher medal!

## LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE REMINDER FOR ALL RESIDENTS



Mowing the lawn and maintaining landscaping is YOUR responsibility. This includes 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  
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M-F | 8A-3:30P

POLICE DEPARTMENT  
630-897-8707  
M | 8A-7P, T-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