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## Mayor on the Move

A Message from Matt Brolley, Village President

What an incredible sixty days it has been since my last update. Here are a few highlights from your Mayor "on the move" in the previous few months.

I was with staff as Montgomery accepted the Silver Award for EV Readiness from the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus at Argonne National Laboratories. This achievement is a big step in our Village's preparation for sustainable energy in the future, both in policy and in infrastructure.



In early October, I ran the River Run 5K with 280 fellow runners of all ages. New this year, we featured a Kids Dash, which was well attended and great to watch as the kids raced up River St. to finish at Village Hall. Congratulations to all of our top finishers, and thank you to our River Run Committee, who works hard every year to put on such a great race to support local charities.



Before our first board meeting in October, I had the privilege of touring a local Cub Scout Troop from McDole Elementary School. The Scouts learned about local government holding a "mock" board meeting to debate a topic of their choice. It was one of the most energetic and inquisitive groups we have hosted in my tenure at Village Hall. As a mayor of my hometown, it filled my bucket, and it was a very proud moment to talk to some of my younger constituents. As we gear up for the holidays in Montgomery, I look forward to staying on the move and hope to see you all soon.



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## NEWS BRIEFS

Free (unstickered) yard waste bag collection through LRS will take place November 11-22. Residents may place unlimited yard bags at the curb on their regular collection day during these two weeks without stickers.

Village offices will close on Monday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day. Offices will reopen the following day for regular business hours. The holiday will not affect trash collection.

Village offices will close on Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29 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 8, at 5:00P. 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.



Festival of Trees | All December



Annual Santa Visit | December 8

## Festival of Trees and the Annual Tree Lighting & Santa Visit

The excitement of the holidays is upon us as Village Hall prepares to celebrate its annual events, making Montgomery "Merry & Bright." Throughout December, you will find the halls of Village Hall decked inside by local groups, and the outdoors will feature the Festival of Trees, with more than twenty trees decorated by local businesses, organizations, and nonprofit groups for all to see.

On Sunday, December 8 at 5:00P, Santa will arrive at Village Hall by fire truck, courtesy of the Montgomery and Countryside Fire District, and will join Mayor Brolley in lighting the Village tree. After the tree is lit, enjoy a visit with Santa, crafts, musical performances by local and professional groups, hot cocoa, cookies, and more. The event is made possible by the Greater Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce and the generosity of local sponsors and partners. Indoor and outdoor trees are available for local groups, families, and businesses looking to get involved. Email [rboeing@montgomeryil.org](mailto:rboeing@montgomeryil.org) for more information.

## Property Tax 2023 Rebate Program

The Village's Property Tax Rebate program is back for the 10th year. In 2022, 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 November 1 and closes on December 31. Paper applications are available upon request only. When filling out the form, the application requires a copy of your 2023 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 2023, 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 1,903 RESIDENTS, WHICH RETURNED \$142,725 IN 2022 TAX DOLLARS TO QUALIFYING MONTGOMERY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS WE SERVE.

## Shop with a Cop

Every December, the Montgomery Police Department Officers raise money to sponsor families in need within the Montgomery community. The FT Cares Foundation ([ftcaresfoundation.org](http://ftcaresfoundation.org)) has graciously matched the Department's funds over the last three years to help double their holiday giving.

The shopping event will occur in December to assist local families experiencing hardship. In addition, the officers spread holiday cheer with their Random Acts initiative, surprising residents with Wal-Mart gift cards during the holiday season. If you would like to learn more or get involved, contact Commander Diaz at [diaz@ci.montgomery.il.us](mailto:diaz@ci.montgomery.il.us) or by phone at 331-212-9055.

JOIN US IN HOLIDAY GIVING! BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS OR TOYS TO VILLAGE HALL OR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND SUPPORT THE ROTARY CLUB'S FREE COMMUNITY PANTRY OR THE MARINE CORPS TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN.



## HOLIDAY DECOR CONTEST



Nominate an outstanding home or business for the Holiday Decorations Contest through Dec. 8 online at [montgomeryil.org](http://montgomeryil.org). Volunteers will judge and award honorees on Dec. 11, please ensure lights and displays are ready for judging by 5P. Questions? Call 630-896-9241.



## DECEMBER HOLIDAY GARBAGE REMINDERS

Due to the Christmas and New Year's Holidays, garbage and recycling collection service will be delayed by one day, December 25-28 and January 1-4. As a result, Wednesday's collection becomes Thursday these weeks, Thursday's collection becomes Friday, etc.

## SENIOR LUNCH 2025



Seniors (55+) are invited to gather at Village Hall for lunch on the second Tuesday of each month at 11A. Meet local seniors and enjoy a delicious lunch. Advance registration is required. Tickets are available at Village Hall, \$8 per resident (60538), and \$10 per non-resident.

## QUESTIONS? WE ARE HERE TO HELP.