

# MONTGOMERY



Pictured: Village of Montgomery Front Line / Customer Service Team



MATT BROLLEY

## Mayor's Message

As we welcome the warmer spring days, we are grateful for our library, school, and park districts, which offer various family-friendly events throughout the year. The Village will once again host the Arbor Day Tree Dedication on April 26 and our free spring document destruction on May 10; both events will be at the Police Department (10 Civic Center Ave.).

If you can't attend those events, visit Jericho Lake, walk along the Fox River, bike the Gilman Trail, take your furry friend to Stuart Sports Complex's dog park, or Spring at the Farm at Dickson-Murst on May 4. We rarely talk about Montgomery's great outdoor recreational offerings, but we are lucky to have many open spaces to enjoy when the weather breaks.

Spring also marks the beginning of our new budget year, which focuses on continued investments in infrastructure, public safety, and economic development. We are committed to responsible financial planning that supports our current needs and long-term vision.

We want to remind residents that water rate increases occur annually on May 1. Customers will see, on average, a \$15 per month increase as we move closer to the vital water source transition from our current deep sandstone aquifers to Lake Michigan. This investment secures a reliable and high-quality water supply for generations to come. Our Village Board does not take these increases and decisions lightly, and we work daily to ensure we are focused on fiscal responsibility without compromising the future of our community's essential resources.

If you have not seen our *We Are Montgomery* video features on social media, I encourage you to visit the Village YouTube channel to see the fantastic stories of our residents and staff. Our Communications Team is working hard to share unique and heart-warming stories that tell the story of Montgomery and the great people who call our community home.



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## NEWS BRIEFS

The Friends of the Mill Street Bridge Sign Program is back. Purchase your 2025 sign in support of the program on or before May 1.

LRS Recycling will offer free yard waste collection from April 7-18. Residents are offered two free (unstickered) weeks of yard waste collection in a brown yard bag or trash container marked yard waste, bundled branches up to 4' long, and tied with twine. Residents must purchase stickers for all yard waste bags, containers, or bundles outside these free weeks. Stickers are available at several local retailers, Village Hall (200 N. River St.), and the Police Department (10 Civic Center Ave.), during regular business hours, for more information visit [montgomeryil.org](http://montgomeryil.org).

Public Works will offer spring unbundled bulk brush pickup the week of May 5. 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 10, from 9A-12P at the Police Department (10 Civic Center Ave.), courtesy of Earthmover Credit Union and the Village.

Montgomery is a Gold Level Water Ambassador through the American Water Works Association for promoting water conservation. To learn how you can support water conservation efforts through our Rain Barrel Program, visit [montgomeryil.org](http://montgomeryil.org).

## 2025 UPCOMING SPRING EVENTS

- Arbor Day Tree Dedication | April 26
- MPD Community Blood Drive | May 1
- Free Paper Shredding | May 10

## 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 fourth 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 26, at 10A.

**Tree Dedication  
April 26 at 10A**

Visitors are encouraged to join the Beautification Committee as they plant and dedicate the 2025 Paw Paw tree to the Arboretum Garden Park. Arborist Ed Pfaff will be on site and available to answer any questions about trees or native plants that residents may have while preparing their yards for spring and summer.

## Village Building Permits are now online!



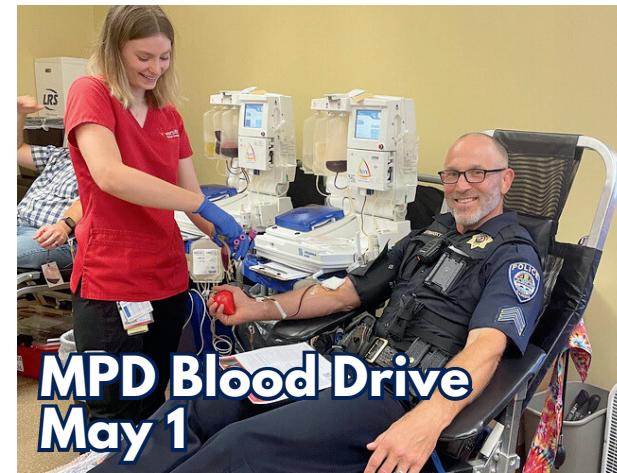
Are you looking to build a new deck or patio this summer? Are you finally getting around to updating that kitchen or master bath? Spring and summer are the busiest seasons for the Building Department. Doing work without a permit may cause issues when trying to sell the house and may cost time and money 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.

Our permit process is now online to make it quick and easy for our residents. If you are not sure if you need a permit, please feel free to call us or visit [montgomeryil.org](http://montgomeryil.org). We are happy to help you through the process. For questions, contact 331-212-9023 or email [permits@montgomeryil.org](mailto:permits@montgomeryil.org).

## BE A HERO. Give Blood - Save Lives

On Thursday, May 1, the Montgomery Police Department is teaming up with Versiti Blood Centers for a Community Blood Drive in honor of Police Week later in the month. Did you know that approximately 38% of the population is eligible to donate blood, but less than 5% actually do? Every day patients in our community require red blood cells, platelets, and plasma to keep them feeling healthy and strong.

The Montgomery Police Department knows first hand the importance and impact of blood donors. Join us at the Police Department (10 Civic Center Ave.) Blood Drive on May 1. If you can't donate, but want to support our initiative, share the event on social media, consider donating raffle prizes for donors, or make a fun sign to hang up in the lobby to celebrate Police Week. To register, visit [montgomeryil.org](http://montgomeryil.org). Help us make a difference!



## 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 23 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 RATES INCREASE MAY 1



Each year, on May 1, water rates increase to account for rising costs associated with water distribution. Changes will be reflected in your June water bill. On average, account holders will see an increase of approximately \$15 per month this year.

## QUESTIONS? WE ARE HERE TO HELP.

**GARBAGE & RECYCLING**  
844-NEED-LRS  
[montgomery@LRSrecycles.com](mailto:montgomery@LRSrecycles.com)

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

**POLICE/RECORDS**  
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