

# MONTGOMERY



## NEWS BRIEFS



### Mayor's Message

Mayor Brolley is counting down to the start of the first Kids' Dash at the River Run last year. The dash is back in 2025. Kids interested in joining in on the fun this year can register online at [montgomeryil.org](http://montgomeryil.org).

Montgomery Fest 2025 was one for the books! From the car show to the music, food, and the Family Fest along River Street, it was inspiring to see our community come together in such a fun way, despite the challenges Mother Nature provided. I would be remiss if I didn't thank the Montgomery Fest Committee for the thousands of hours spent planning all of the various activities and ensuring a safe and successful event in our 40th year of the Fest.

Additional thanks to our staff, volunteers, sponsors, partners, vendors, and most importantly, our residents and guests who made this year's Fest a success. The energy, pride, and spirit that fill our downtown truly showcase what makes Montgomery such a special place.

The community events don't stop with Montgomery Fest this year. We are excited to announce our next community event—a **free Concert in the Park on Thursday, September 18, featuring Symple**, a dynamic rock band that sings in Spanish and English. The band was a hit at Montgomery Fest 2024, and we invited them back to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, which is observed each September. Bring your lawn chairs, gather your friends and family, and join us as we celebrate culture, music, and community. The park opens at 5:00P, and the band will play from 6:30-8:30P.

Looking ahead, lace up your running shoes for the **annual River Run 5K, 10K, and Kids' Dash on Saturday, October 4**. Whether you're a seasoned runner or simply looking for a fun morning along the scenic Fox River, this event is one of my family's favorite fall traditions. I hope you can join us for the race. Go Montgomery!

-Matt

On Thursday, September 18, the Village will host its second Concert in the Park at Montgomery Park from 6:30-8:30. Residents are encouraged to bring chairs, blankets, picnic dinners (or grab food from one of the onsite food trucks), and enjoy the music of Symple, a bilingual rock band. The Park opens at 5P.

On Saturday, September 27, from 9A-12P, the Village will co-host a free Community Shredding opportunity with Earthmover Credit Union and State Representative Matt Hanson at the Montgomery Police Department located at 10 Civic Center Ave.

As the summer season comes to a close, garden and leaf cleanup will begin. The Village offers two complimentary programs for Village residents (excludes unincorporated areas).

- The Bulk Brush Pickup is the first full week of October each year. Bulk brush must be neat and stacked untied in the parkway on the Sunday evening before the scheduled pickup week. Crews will begin Monday morning and will make one pass through each neighborhood. The brush placed after the crews pass through will miss the collection opportunity.
- Curbside Leaf Collection (no yard waste bags), which will begin the week of Monday, October 20 (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.

### Save the Date for Upcoming Events:

- Concert in the Park | September 18
- Free Shred Event | September 27
- Cemetery Walk | October 1
- River Run 5K & 10K | October 4
- Halloween Safety Event | October 18
- Tree Lighting & Santa Visit | December 7



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Halloween Display Contest



Holiday Decorations Contest

## 2025 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 24-December 14**

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 22 (Halloween) and December 17 (Holiday). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 630-896-9241.

## Historic Preservation Commission's 2025 Cemetery Walk



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 on Wednesday, October 1, with a rain date of Thursday, October 2. 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 approximately 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 18 | 10A-2P

Come to the Montgomery Police Department on Saturday, October 18, 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, create crafts, trick-or-treat, pick up 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 on-site. This is an outdoor event. Please dress accordingly.

Please 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 fabulous prizes donated by our sponsors.



The Historic Preservation Commission offers Centennial and Pioneer Family Certificates to descendants of early Montgomery families. If your family ties date back 100 years or more, you may qualify. For more information, email [hpc@montgomeryil.org](mailto:hpc@montgomeryil.org).



**RIVER RUN 5K, 10K, & KIDS' DASH**

The Montgomery River Run offers a 5K, 10K, and a Kids' Dash (0.26 miles) on Saturday, October 4. The scenic race route runs along the Fox River. Registration is online at [montgomeryil.org](http://montgomeryil.org). All participants receive a finisher medal.



**YARD WASTE STICKERS ARE REQUIRED**

Don't forget stickers are required when disposing of yard waste in the Village. Stickers are available at Village facilities and through select local retailers. Stickers are \$2.62 through July 31, 2026. LRS will offer free collection weeks in the fall, November 10 to 21.

## QUESTIONS? WE ARE HERE TO HELP.

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M-F | 8A-3:30P

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PUBLIC WORKS  
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630-896-1357  
M-F | 8A-4:30P

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