



Village of Montgomery

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Montgomery Branch Library Update

Construction of the new Montgomery Branch of the Oswego Library District is progressing rapidly. Most of the external building is finished. The builders are in the process of finishing the brick work and then more internal work will commence.

The Library is tentatively scheduled to open in August 2009. When the Montgomery Branch opens, the Library in downtown Oswego will close for several months in order to complete renovations on that building.



The new Library is visible on the north side of Route 30 west of the Ogden Hill Shopping Center. It will be opening later this summer.

Community Cookbook

The Village of Montgomery will be celebrating 175 years in 2010. The Village plans on compiling a community cookbook in honor of this occasion. Please submit any recipes to Mera Johnson at 200 N. River Street or email to johnson@ci.montgomery.il.us with your name and address. Look for more information about anniversary events and activities in future newsletters.

Community Garage Sale

Montgomery's third annual Community Garage Sale will take place on May 29th and 30th, with rain dates of June 5th and 6th. Each year more than 125 homes participate in this community wide event.

Residents can sign up at the Village Hall beginning April 1st. Registration forms also are available at www.ci.montgomery.il.us. The fee to participate will be \$10. A list of those participating in the Community Garage Sale will be published in the Ledger-Sentinel on the Thursday prior to the sale. The Village Hall will also distribute flyers with a map showing all garage sale locations, plus a 15 word ad for each address describing the items for sale, and will also post this on the Village website. The deadline to be included in the advertising is May 15th. For additional information, please call Debbie Buchanan at (630) 896-8080 ext. 1114.

Spring Clean Up

Spring clean up service will be provided on the regularly scheduled trash pickup day on either Monday, May 4th or Wednesday, May 6th. **No stickers are required! Items must be at the curb prior to 6:00 a.m. as crews will not return to pick up items that are placed out later.** Residents may discard unlimited amounts of trash, yard waste, furniture, appliances and up to four tires (no rims). All trash must be placed in cans, bags or boxes and set in an organized manner at the curb. Piles of loose trash, demolition material, concrete, metal poles, liquids and hazardous waste will not be accepted.

Hydrant Flushing

Public Works will be flushing water mains during April to clear sediment from the water lines and help maintain water quality. Residents should refrain from washing laundry when flushing is done in or near their neighborhood as the temporarily discolored water may cause laundry staining. Residents should also run their cold water taps first to clean out any sediment that may enter the water lines inside the homes. Public Works crews will flush hydrants from approximately 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily according to the following schedule: week of April 13th—all areas east of Orchard Road; week of April 27th—all areas west of Orchard Road.

NEWS BRIEFS

- Coffee with the Mayor will be on Saturday, May 2nd from 9-11 a.m. at the Dickson Murst Farm, 2550 Dickson Road.
- Village offices will be closed on Friday, April 10th for the Spring Holiday and on Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day.
- Trash collection will be delayed by one day the week of May 25th due to the Memorial Day holiday.
- Elections will be held on Tuesday, April 7th. Running unopposed for Village President is Marilyn Michelini and for Clerk Barbara Argo. Running to fill three Trustee positions are incumbents William Keck and Denny Lee in addition to Stanton Bond and Andrew Kaczmarek.
- Brush pickup for residential properties will be provided the weeks of April 6th, May 4th, June 1st, July 6th, August 3rd, September 8th and October 5th. This service will collect branches, hedge trimmings and yard wastes (excluding grass clippings) that won't fit in yard bags.
- Please note that skateboarding or rollerblading are not allowed on the Village Hall site. These activities can be dangerous, especially near the water feature on the north side of the Village Hall.
- A **free** family event—Spring at the Farm—will be held at the Dickson-Murst Farm, 2550 Dickson Road, on Sunday, May 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. For further information, call 630-337-6817.
- Allied Waste will begin yard waste pickup on April 6th. As part of the weekly trash service, one paper yard waste bag or one securely tied bundle of brush will be collected. Any additional yard waste items will require stickers.
- Public Works appreciates residents who report items that require repair, such as burnt out street lights, pot holes, water main breaks, etc. When calling, it is important to provide the address—or the closest intersection—to aid crews in locating the correct area. Public Works can be reached Monday to Friday from 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at 630-896-9241.

Foreclosure Information

The Illinois Homeowner’s Rights Act requires lenders to provide borrowers with a clear notice of their legal rights and options when they are served with a foreclosure suit. This notice must advise homeowners that they can sell their home, refinance or pay off the loan during the redemption period. It will also advise homeowners to call their mortgage company to discuss alternatives to foreclosure.

Illinois has established a Homeowner’s Referral Helpline to answer questions for people who may be faced with foreclosure. The helpline staff can also provide assistance and resources to help explore options in dealing with a possible foreclosure. The toll free number for the helpline is 1-866-

Water Conservation Hours

Beginning May 1st, hours for lawn and landscaping watering and filling of swimming pools will be 6:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. on alternate days. Properties with an even-numbered address may water on even-numbered calendar dates, and properties with an odd-numbered address may water on odd-numbered calendar dates. These restrictions do not apply to hand-held watering devices, swimming pools holding 50 gallons or less, or vehicle and equipment washing.

From July 1st through August 31st, use of water from the Village’s system to water new sod or seeded lawns is prohibited. Special watering provisions exist for sod and new lawn watering at other times of the year. For additional information, please contact the Public Works Department at 630-896-9241, or visit the Village’s website at www.ci.montgomery.il.us.

C.O.P. Chat

The Police Department has received many calls lately from residents asking what they can do to make their home safer. While it's difficult to protect your home from professional thieves, most home and vehicle burglaries are done by amateurs looking for a quick “score.” These thieves can be discouraged by some simple security precautions:

- Your house should appear occupied at all times. Use timers to switch lights and radios on and off when you're not at home.
- Instead of keeping a spare key in a mailbox, under the doormat, or on a nail behind the garage, wrap the key in foil -- or put it in a 35mm film can -- and bury it where you can easily find it if you need it.
- If the entrances to your home are dark, consider installing lighting with infrared detection. Most thieves don't want to be observed trying to get in a door.
- One of the easiest things to do is talk to your neighbors about any suspicious people or strange cars you notice lurking about.
- Dogs are great deterrents to burglars. Even a small, noisy dog can be effective since burglars don't want to draw attention to themselves.
- Keep valuables in the glove box or center console of your car. Burglars are often looking for items such as GPS units, wallets and loose change that are sitting on the passenger seat or the dashboard.
- Whether you have an alarm system or not, simply putting an alarm system sign in your yard can act as a deterrent to burglars.
- Keep landscaping around windows and window wells to a minimum. Burglars often use this as cover to hide their activities.
- Last but certainly not least, lock up. Even if you are going to “be right back,” lock up your house and car. Many burglars simply enter houses and cars through unlocked doors or windows.

This list provides some easy, low cost options for protecting your homes and vehicles from being burglarized. For additional information, please feel free to call the Police Department at 630-897-8707.

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Upcoming Events

April 7th	6:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.	Municipal Election Village President, Clerk & three Trustees	Various Polling Places
April 18th	8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Earth Day Recycling Extravaganza (Electronics, books, paint, scrap metal, etc.)	100 Theodore Drive, Oswego (behind Oswego’s Public Works facility)
April 20th	9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Safe Disposal of Unused Medications Event is free and open to the public Must RSVP to 1-866-776-8362	Provena Mercy Medical Center 1975 Melissa Lane, Aurora, IL
May 2nd	9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Coffee with the Mayor	Dickson-Murst Farm, 2550 Dickson Road
May 4th and 6th (Regular trash days)		Spring Clean Up—Dispose of all unwanted items for free!	
May 17th	10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Day at the Farm FREE family event featuring animals, hayrides, games. Food available.	Dickson Murst Farm, 2550 Dickson Road Free parking in adjacent areas Call 630-955-0052 for information
May 29-30th	8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Community Garage Sale Sign up by May 15th at Village Hall or at www.ci.montgomery.il.us	\$10 per participating household