

Village of Montgomery

August 2010

Montgomery Fest

Montgomery Fest will be held this year on August 14th and 15th. As always, this will be a fun-filled weekend of carnival rides, food, a car show, craft booths and entertainment for young and old. Please see the enclosed flyer for a complete schedule and additional information.



Fall Clean Up

Fall clean up service will be provided on the regularly scheduled trash pickup day on either Monday, September 20th or Wednesday, September 22nd. **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.

Parking on Sidewalks

Please do not park your car in such a way that it blocks the sidewalk. This is a safety issue for children riding bicycles. If a car is blocking the sidewalk, children will often go around the car and into the street, putting themselves into a potentially dangerous encounter with a moving vehicle. This is not an ordinance unique to the Village of Montgomery. It is specifically prohibited in Section 11-1303 of the Illinois Vehicle Code that also prohibits parking near fire hydrants, stop signs and other specific locations. Violators will be ticketed.

Barking Dogs

The Police Department receives hundreds of calls every year regarding barking dogs. Please remember that it is illegal to allow any animals to bark, howl, cry or make distressing, loud or unusual noises that disturb the peace. Please keep this in mind when your pets are outside.

5K River Run/3K Walk

It's time to sign up for the Montgomery Oktoberfest 5K River Run and 3K River Walk! This fun event, which is great for families as well as serious runners, will be on Saturday, October 2nd at 9:00 a.m. The flat, fast course follows both sides of the beautiful Fox River and winds through downtown Montgomery. All registered runners will receive a t-shirt, goody bag and refreshments. Pre-registration for adults is only \$20 and for children ages 4-12 is just \$5! The race will begin in front of the Village Hall at 200 N. River Street. Food, water, restrooms and music will be available at that location.

There are three ways to sign up - go to www.ci.montgomery.il.us to print and mail in a form; sign up at www.signmeup.com; or sign up the day of the race. Same day registration is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children.

Engraved Brick Pavers

Engraved brick pavers for the pathway around the historic Settler's Cottage are still being sold. The deadline for ordering engraved brick pavers for fall 2010 installation has been extended to August 31st. More than 125 pavers have already been installed, but more are available for families or businesses. They make a great gift for anyone who has ever lived in Montgomery!

All pavers purchased by August 31st will be installed this fall. Pavers may still be purchased after that date, but will not be installed until next year. For more information, please contact Debbie Buchanan at (630) 896-8080 ext. 1114 or visit our website at www.ci.montgomery.il.us.

Did You Know?

The late 1800s were a boom period for the growing Village of Montgomery. In 1880, the Burlington Railroad established a huge layover station on the west side of the railroad tracks in Montgomery for feeding and watering cattle and sheep before being shipped to the Chicago Stockyards. This eventually became the largest sheepyards in the world. The Montgomery School (now Nicholson) was built in 1891 and River-view Park on the far southern edge of the Village opened in 1899. By 1900, Montgomery had a population of 350 people.

NEWS BRIEFS

- Village offices will be closed on Monday, September 6th for Labor Day. Trash collection will be delayed by one day during that week.
- There will be a Blood Drive at the Village Hall on September 16th from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. Call Debbie Buchanan at 630-896-8080 ext. 1114 or sign up online at www.heartlandbc.org.
- Coffee with the Mayor will be on Saturday, October 2nd from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Dickson-Murst Farm, 2550 Dickson Road. Refreshments will be provided.
- By September, the Village Hall will be able to accept credit and debit cards for payments. Payments can be made with credit or debit cards for water bills, permits and for any other purchases, both in person and over the phone.
- Anniversary Cookbooks are now available at the Village Hall for \$8.00 each.
- A special 16-page newspaper insert celebrating Montgomery's 175th Anniversary was included in the Ledger-Sentinel in May. Additional copies are available at the Village Hall.
- Many thanks to Denny Lee, Gary Pregel, Barbara Peck, Alice Seidelman, Jeanne Wollenweber, Thomas Calder and others who recently donated items to the Village's historical collection.
- The Grand Opening of Settler's Cottage museum will take place on August 14th during Montgomery Fest. If you have any items that could be displayed in the museum, please contact Debbie Buchanan at 630-896-8080 ext. 1114.
- The 2010 Annual Report is now on our website at www.ci.montgomery.il.us.
- All types of household batteries are now being accepted for recycling at the Village Hall and Police Department. Batteries can also be dropped off at the Village Hall during Montgomery Fest.
- A Gala 175th Anniversary Dinner will be held on October 26th at Gray's Mill. The event will begin with a reception at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner and a program at 7:00 p.m. Additional information will be provided in the October newsletter.

Hydrant Flushing

The Public Works Department will be flushing water mains the week of September 13th in areas east of Orchard Road, and the week of September 27th in subdivisions west of Orchard Road. Residents should refrain from washing laundry when flushing is being done, 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. Please Public Works at 630-896-9241 with questions.

Stormwater Pollution Control

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snow flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces such as driveways, sidewalks and streets prevent stormwater from soaking into the ground. As stormwater flows over these surfaces, it picks up debris, chemicals and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, river or wetland. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing and providing drinking water.

By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings and automotive fluids off the ground and out of stormwater. A few habits you can adopt include picking up your pet's waste and disposing of it properly; using a commercial car wash or washing your vehicle on an unpaved surface; using pesticides and fertilizers sparingly; draining your pool when it's chlorine free; and purchasing/using nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled and recyclable products whenever possible. Remember to share these habits with your neighbors!

Fall Community Garage Sale

The annual Fall Community Garage Sale will be held on September 17th, 18th and 19th, just prior to the Fall Clean Up event. This offers a chance to sell unwanted items, and dispose of any leftovers the following week.

Residents can sign up at the Village Hall beginning August 2nd or online at www.ci.montgomery.il.us. The fee to participate is \$10. Ads will be placed in the Beacon News and the Ledger-Sentinel before the sale. The Village Hall will also distribute flyers with a map showing garage sale locations, plus a 15 word ad for each address. Maps will also be posted on the Village website. The deadline to be included in the advertising is September 3rd. For additional information, please call Debbie Buchanan at (630) 896-8080 ext. 1114.

Road Kill Deer Law

Starting July 1st, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources instituted a new law change concerning the reporting of road kill deer. Any person who takes possession of a road kill deer needs to file a report with IDNR Law Enforcement within 24 hours by completing an electronic form on the IDNR website at www.dnr.state.il.us. The person is then given a confirmation number after reporting the deer. If a person does not have Internet access, then they can report the deer by calling IDNR in Springfield at 217-782-6431.

Clip and Save



Upcoming Events

August 3	6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	National Night Out Against Crime	Check newspapers or website for times and locations: www.ci.montgomery.il.us
August 10	10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Jim Phillips — "The Fox" Senior Citizen Activity & Lunch	Village Hall Board Room Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
August 14-15	10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.	Montgomery Fest See enclosed flyer for information	Montgomery Park Corner of River and Mill Streets
August 22	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Day at the Farm *Free Family Event* Hayrides, petting zoo, kids games, music	Dickson Murst Farm 2550 Dickson Road, Montgomery
September 14	10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	How to Trace Your Family Tree Senior Citizen Activity & Lunch	Village Hall Board Room Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
September 16	2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Blood Drive (sign up at www.heartlandbc.org)	Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
September 17-19	8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Fall Community Garage Sale	See article above for additional information
September 19	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Bluegrass Jam, features individual musicians and bands, hayrides, art show, food for sale	Dickson Murst Farm 2550 Dickson Road, Montgomery
September 20 & 22	(Regular trash days)	Fall Clean Up	Dispose of all unwanted items for free!
October 2	9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Coffee with the Mayor	Dickson-Murst Farm, 2550 Dickson Road
October 2	3:00 p.m.	Montgomery OktoberFest 5K River Run and 3K Walk	Sign up at Village Hall or online at www.signmeup.com
October 6	7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Cemetery Walk at Riverside Cemetery Wear sturdy shoes and bring a flashlight	Corner of River & Taylor Street Rain date will be October 7