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FEEDBACK

This form provides a way for you to communicate with the Village. Suggestions and questions are appreciated and will be responded to if you provide your contact information.

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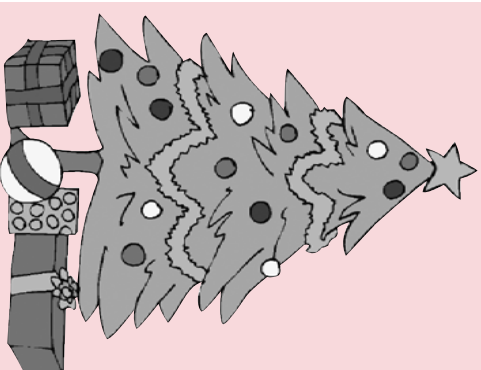
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December 2006

*Happy
Holidays
and
Best Wishes
to All!*

From your Village President,
the Board of Trustees
and Village Staff



Christmas Tree Recycling

Allied Waste will offer free curbside disposal of Christmas trees on regular garbage pick-up days from **January 8-19**. Please **do not** put trees in plastic bags. Also, all tree stands, tinsel, garland, lights and ornaments must be removed.

Any trees set out for disposal after January 19 will require a **refuse sticker** to be attached.

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Bring the whole family and gather at the Village Christmas Tree in Montgomery Park at the corner of River and Mill Streets on Sunday, December 3rd at 5:00 p.m. To kick off the evening, children from elementary schools in the area will decorate the tree with handmade ornaments while they wait for **Santa and Mrs. Claus** to arrive on a fire engine and light the tree. Then everyone can visit with Santa in his house and enjoy **free refreshments** provided by the Chamber of Commerce while children perform holiday songs on the Park District's sound stage. The evening will conclude with a fantastic **fireworks** display. What a great way to begin the holiday season!

Privy Dig

During several weekends in September and October, visitors to Montgomery's downtown would have seen three men walking the properties the Village owns on Main Street, Clinton Street and River Street. Armed with nothing more than a shovel and a t-shaped tool that they constantly forced into the ground, the three men were diligently searching for 19th century "**privies**." Known today as outhouses, privies served not only as toilet facilities, but also as garbage dumps for unburnable items, and are veritable **treasure troves** of information from the earliest days of Montgomery.

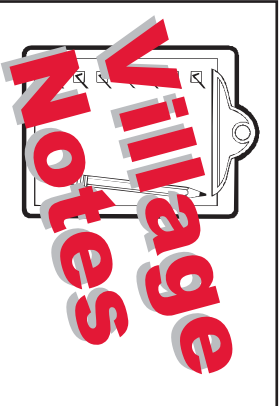
Privy diggers Tom Majewski of Naperville, along with Dan Puzzo and John Wilson of Woodstock, volunteered **150 hours** of their time to search for and unearth the privies that were used by the residents of 209, 211 and 212 Clinton; 114 N. River; and 209, 211 and 215 N. Main Street. These three men have more than 100 years combined experience locating and digging out privies.

By digging up the privies and unearthing the **artifacts** buried within them, historians are able to learn about the residents of particular houses; trends through the years and even the ages of people in the house. For instance, on the first day of the privy dig, the crew unearthed a pit that contained vast amounts of beer and whiskey bottles along with a 1917 Red Cross Welcome Home badge from **World War I**. At the second pit down the street, dated during the same time frame as the first, a large amount of broken china was found with hardly any alcohol bottles. A china doll and marbles were also found, leading to speculation that a girl and boy had inhabited that house.



Privies are exciting time capsules containing artifacts from early settlers in Montgomery, such as these household items.

In all, many cartons full of bottles, china, pottery and other items have been recovered. Amazingly, hundreds of these long-buried items remain intact after more than a century in the ground. These items will be cleaned and displayed in the new Village Hall and in **Settler's Cottage** after it is restored.



Business Update

Many new businesses are starting to appear in the Village. **Menards**, **JPenney** and **Office Depot** are all under construction in the Ogden Hill shopping center at the intersection of Routes 34 and 30. These stores will be opening during the first half of 2007. **National Tire and Battery** will begin construction soon in the same shopping center.

Meanwhile, **Auto Zone** opened its store at 1690 Douglas Road in September. **Cookie's Family Fun Center**, located at 1590 Douglas Road in the former Sears Hardware building, celebrated its grand opening in September. **Cookie's** provides children's entertainment, food, games and active play, similar to Chuck E. Cheese.

Most recently, Wal-Mart held a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the start of construction of the new **Wal-Mart Supercenter** in the Orchard Crossing shopping center at Orchard and Route 30. Wal-Mart plans to open by August 2007. Other announced occupants of that shopping center are **Starbucks** and **Harris Bank**.

FAQ's

From time to time this newsletter column will answer frequently asked questions from residents. Here are a few traffic related FAQ's:

Q: When will Orchard Road be widened?

A: Orchard Road falls within **two jurisdictions**: Kane County north of US Route 30 and Kendall County south of US Route 30. The Village of Montgomery has no jurisdiction for the roadway, which means it does not have control over when certain improvements are completed. Kane County has approved plans to widen Orchard Road from Jericho Road to just north of US Route 30; however the **timeline** for completion is unknown at this time.

There are also plans to improve the intersection of Orchard Road and Jericho Road and to widen Orchard Road south of Jericho Road to just south of **Cornell Avenue**. This project was scheduled to be bid in November; utility relocations will take place during the winter and the bulk of the roadway improvements will be completed during the 2007 construction season.

In **Kendall County**, there are planned improvements to Orchard Road just south of US Route 30 that will coincide with the Orchard Crossing/Wal-Mart development. Two right in right out access drives will be installed between Caterpillar Drive and Route 30 to provide access to the Wal-Mart site. In addition, Orchard Road will be resurfaced between Route 30 and Caterpillar Drive. This work is scheduled for spring of 2007.

Would you like to help? Residents may **contact Kane County** directly to emphasize the need for Orchard Road to be widened between Jericho Road south to Route 30. A strong public demand may encourage Kane County to prioritize this work. Please contact Carl Schoedel, Kane County Division of Transportation, 41 W011 Burlington Road, St. Charles, Illinois 60175. He can be reached by phone at (630) 584-1170.

Q: When will a traffic signal be installed at Gordon Road and US Route 30?

A: The traffic signal is currently projected to be installed in the summer of 2008. The timing for installation of this signal is dependent on Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) review and approval. IDOT has jurisdiction over U.S. Route 30; all traffic signals on State routes must be permitted through IDOT.

The first step in this process is approval of a **Traffic Signal Warrant Study**. The Village submitted the Traffic Signal Warrant Study to IDOT on March 9, 2006. IDOT approved the Village's Traffic Signal Warrant Study for the intersection on September 20, 2006. The Village was then required to submit an **Intersection Design Study (IDS)** for this location, which was submitted in late October.

Following review and approval by IDOT of the IDS, the Village will then submit detailed **Plans and Specifications** for the traffic signal installation; again these documents need to be approved by IDOT before the Village can proceed with construction of the improvement. Following approval by IDOT, the Village will schedule the traffic signal for installation.

Work-at-Home Job Scams

Lured by convenience and seemingly easy money, more and more people are falling prey to work-at-home job scams. Those who fall victim can suffer **serious consequences** including debt collection and criminal charges. Here are five common job scams:



1. Nigerian Check Cashing Scam. This scam usually involves transferring funds internationally. The scam artist attempts to reassure the victim by offering apparently legal contracts, **forged or false documents** bearing company letterhead, false letters of credit, payment schedules and bank drafts.

2. Reshipping. Reshipping scams often begin with an employment offer, usually via e-mail. These "employers" offer **bogus contracts** and other documentation to make them appear legitimate. Once the victim's trust has been obtained, packages are shipped to the victim's residence with instructions to reship the packages to another address.

3. Envelope Stuffing Scams. These scams usually incorporate a "registration fee" that must be paid before work begins. Once this fee has been paid, the "employee" is asked to post an ad using his or her own contact info. The "employee" will then stuff an envelope with information on how to get started and mail it to anyone who responds to the ad. The victim is "paid" based on the number of responses received from the ad.

4. Medical Billing. Advertisements for these **prepackaged businesses** always contain an initial financial investment. The ad or solicitation explains that only a small percentage of medical claims are transmitted electronically and that the market for medical billing is wide open. Because competition is so prevalent, few consumers who purchase medical billing business opportunities are able to locate clients to generate enough revenue to profit, and they usually can't even earn enough to recover their initial financial investment.

5. Work-at-Home Job Lists. These scams claim to sell lists of companies that are hiring for work-at-home positions. These lists are rarely updated and often yield a list of **worthless leads**. Please visit the Village of Montgomery's web-site to read the complete article which contains more information on these scams and ways to guard against them.

Depositing of Snow

Village ordinances prohibit depositing of snow plowed from any residence or business onto any street, gravel shoulder or sidewalk. In addition, snow cannot be deposited in a way that would block vision at any intersection, sidewalk or driveway.

Snow and Ice Removal

Public Works crews will concentrate on clearing **primary streets**, highly traveled intersections and "trouble spots" first during a snowstorm. After primary streets are plowed, roads that lead to neighborhoods, side streets and secondary streets will be plowed. At least one pass will be made through cul-de-sacs and minor streets. Once the storm has passed, crews will continue plowing until all Village streets are cleared. Crews work to minimize excess snow and ice deposits across driveways while plowing as they cannot return to plow individual driveways.

Please keep in mind that Illinois highways, which include **Routes 30, 25, and 31**, are maintained by the State. Recently added subdivisions to the Village's snow removal route include: Silver Springs, Blackberry Crossings West (all streets east of Gordon Road) and Fairfield Way.

The following subdivisions are maintained by the developer and are not plowed by Village crews: Huntington Chase (contact Kimball Hill Homes at 847-981-2114), Orchard Prairie North (contact William Ryan Homes at 630-836-9200), Balmorea and Saratoga Springs (contact Saratoga Homes at 815-254-1485). In the **Foxmoor** subdivision, the following streets are plowed by the developer: Shetland Drive, Newport Lane, Aberdeen Drive, and Darley Drive (contact Cambridge Homes at 847-984-4442).

Please contact Public Works at 896-9241, Monday-Friday from 7:00am to 3:30pm, with any **snow removal questions** or concerns. To report serious snow or ice conditions outside these hours, please call the Police Department at 897-8707.

Village

Calendar

December 2006

11th	Board Meeting Monday, 7:00 p.m.
14th	Plan Commission Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
19th	Committee of the Whole Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
26th	Board Meeting To be canceled

January 2007

8th	Board Meeting Monday, 7:00 p.m.
11th	Plan Commission Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
16th	Committee of the Whole Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
22nd	Board Meeting Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Holidays!

Village offices will be closed on the following dates:

December 25 & 26-Christmas Holidays

Holiday Decoration Recognition

The Village's Beautification Committee members will place signs in front of 70 homes in recognition of **exceptional holiday decorations** once again this year.

The Committee members will view the homes during the week of **December 11th**. Residents receiving recognition are asked to keep the signs on display throughout the holidays as they will be collected in early January.

Coffee with the Mayor

Village President Marilyn Michelini will hold this year's final "Coffee with the Mayor" on December 2nd at **Jason's Steakhouse** (lower level), 211 N. River Street. This is a great opportunity for residents to meet with the Village President on an informal basis and discuss items of concern.

Refreshments will be provided. No Coffee will be held in January.

Holiday Garbage Pick-up Schedule

Due to Christmas and New Year's Day falling on Monday this year, garbage services will be **delayed by one day** during those two weeks. Therefore, pick-up days during the weeks of December 25th and January 1st will be **Tuesday and Thursday**.