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FEEDBACK

The purpose of this column is to provide a way in which you can communicate with the Village. Your advice, suggestions and questions are appreciated and will be responded to.

Please mail to:
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Montgomery, IL 60538

As a citizen of Montgomery, I ... _____

Name, Address & Phone Number: _____

*Happy
Holidays
and
Best Wishes
to All!*

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



Christmas Tree Recycling

BFI will offer free curbside disposal of Christmas trees on regular garbage pick-up days from **January 2-13**. Please **do not** put trees in plastic bags. Also, all tree stands, tinsel, garland, lights and ornaments must be removed.

If you miss the free pick-up dates, BFI will still pick up trees in the following weeks. However, after January 13, a refuse sticker must be attached to each tree.

Tree Lighting Ceremony—December 4th

Q: What has fireworks, music, fire engines, free refreshments and Santa Claus?

A: Montgomery's Tree Lighting Ceremony! Gather at the Village Christmas Tree in Montgomery Park at the corner of River and Mill Streets on Sunday, December 4, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. Children from elementary schools in the area will decorate the tree with handmade ornaments, then Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive on a fire engine and light the tree. After a fantastic fireworks display, Santa will lead a procession to the VFW (about ½ block south on River Street) where everyone can visit with Santa and enjoy free refreshments provided by the Chamber of Commerce while area school children perform holiday songs.

For additional information on this event, please contact the Greater Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce at (630) 897-8137 or the Montgomery Village Hall at (630) 896-8080, ext. 21.

Recent Board Actions

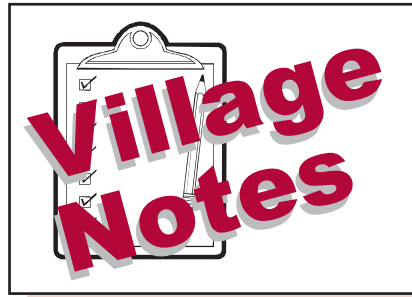
On October 24, 2005, the Village Board approved plans for the annexation of a 158 home subdivision called Hearthwood Farms located just west of Dickson Road and south of Route 30. The plans for the development include 65 single-family homes and about 93 ranch-style townhomes, as well as an 8.19 acre commercial site.

At the same meeting, the Village Board approved a contract with the architectural firm of Nagle Hartray Danker Kagan McKay Penney for the new Village Hall. The new Village Hall will be built on the properties that the Village purchased in the downtown in the area of River and Clinton Streets. The construction of the Village Hall should be completed in early 2008.

New Vehicles

The Village Building Department recently took delivery of two new vehicles. Building Inspectors Mike Klupar and Jose' Rivera are pictured with the two new 2006 Chevy Trailblazers. These 4-wheel drive vehicles will allow Inspectors access to unimproved or difficult to get to construction sites. Additionally, both units are set up to allow remote computer usage. These vehicles also allow for the movement of equipment and personnel and will be advantageous in case of emergency. Both will prove valuable to the Village for years to come.





Holiday Decorations

The Village's Beautification Committee members will place signs in front of 50 homes in recognition of **exceptional holiday decorations** once again this year. The Committee will view the homes during the week of December 12th. Residents receiving recognition are asked to keep the signs on display throughout the holidays as they will be collected after January 1st. **Thank you for contributing to making Montgomery beautiful!**

Election Update

When will the next elections be held?

1. The next General Primary Election will be held on March 21, 2006.
2. The next General Election will be held on November 7, 2006.

If you recently moved or had a name change, you may register to vote at the Village Hall before February 21, 2006. The Village has two deputy registrars available to assist you with the voter registration process between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Both Kane and Kendall Counties will have a grace period from February 22 through March 7, 2006. You may still register to vote during that time period by going to the Kendall County Clerk's Office at 111 W. Fox Street in Yorkville or the Kane County Clerk's Office at 719 Batavia Avenue in Geneva.

Coffee with the Mayor

Montgomery's Village President continues to hold "Coffees with the Mayor" from 9-11 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month. The next Coffee will be on December 3 at **Elmer's Restaurant, 1250 S. Broadway**. Elmer's has generously offered to provide a complimentary breakfast buffet for this event. No Coffee will be held in January.

These Coffees provide an opportunity for residents to meet the Village President on an informal basis and discuss items of concern. Residents are encouraged to bring their comments, questions and ideas to the sessions.

Residents who have questions or comments but are unable to attend the Coffee are encouraged to submit those to the Village President using the Feedback Form on the back page of this newsletter.

Public Improvements in New Subdivisions

Many Village residents live in one of the newer neighborhoods in Montgomery. As these are being built, it is the responsibility of the developer to manage and maintain the common and public infrastructure. For example, snow removal, street repairs, maintenance of stormwater basins (ponds), replacement and maintenance of landscaping (on public or common property such as right-of-ways and entry areas) and any and all other components of the development that are not private property (owned by a home owner) are the **developer's responsibility**.

The Village's engineering and landscape architect consultants complete a **"punch list"** (a list that identifies items that need to be fixed before acceptance) in the field and the developer must complete all items before the Village will formally accept the development. Once the development is completed to a certain level and satisfies the Village's standards and requirements, the Village will formally "accept" the public improvements in the development. At the time of acceptance, all items identified above that the developer was required to install and maintain become the responsibility of the Village. Likewise, the securities held by the Village to guarantee the implementation of the improvements are reduced and/or returned to the developer.

The Community Development section on the Village's website lists the various subdivisions and whether a particular neighborhood's public improvements have been accepted or not. If it has been, please contact the Village regarding any problems, questions or issues associated to those improvements. If not, the developer should be contacted if questions arise regarding streets, ponds or other public improvements in the neighborhood.

Utility Bill Assistance

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is designed to help eligible low-income households pay for winter energy services. LIHEAP provides eligible households a benefit once per year to be used for energy expenses. The payment awarded is based on several factors including household size, location and income.

Seniors and disabled persons may apply for this assistance in October. Open registration for all other applicants began **November 1**. In addition to help with utility bills, repair or replacement of inoperable and/or dangerous furnaces is available through the **Emergency Furnace Program**. As the funds are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, early registration is advised. For more information, please contact DCCA at 1-800-252-8643.

Residents who do not qualify for LIHEAP but still need help paying their gas bill, may be eligible for the **Nicor Gas Sharing Program**. Administered by the Salvation Army, Sharing provides one-time annual grants of \$150 to residential customers. For information, please contact the local Salvation Army office.

Parking During Snow Removal

Montgomery is always working to keep the streets safe and that includes keeping them free of snow. To accomplish this during the coming winter months, it is important that residents obey the ordinance regarding parking during snow removal. This ordinance states that vehicles cannot be parked on the street or in an alley during or after a snow fall with an accumulation of 2" or greater until the roads have been cleared of snow. Any resident that does not follow this ordinance will be ticketed and could have their vehicle towed at their expense. Please help Village staff in keeping Montgomery's streets safe.

Code Enforcement

The Village has been without a Code Enforcement Officer for the past several months. During this time, the task of ordinance enforcement has been handled by the Village's Building Inspectors. However, due to their large workload, they have had to concentrate on simply responding to specific complaints received by the Village. This means that no Village staff has been actively patrolling the Village to watch for **property maintenance** problems, parking over the sidewalk and other code violations normally addressed by the Code Enforcement Officer. The number of complaints received by the Village during this time indicates there is a definite need for an ongoing patrol of properties in the Village in order to monitor compliance and correct violations before they become a focus of complaints in a neighborhood.

The Village is pleased to announce that a new Code Enforcement Officer has been hired from a large pool of very qualified candidates and will be starting in December. The Code Enforcement Officer will be working 25 hours a week and will be assigned various duty hours, including days, evenings and weekends, so as to provide better coverage and availability to Montgomery residents. **To report a complaint** to the Code Enforcement Officer, please call 896-8080, ext. 27 to provide the address of the violation and specific details regarding the issue. The Code Enforcement Officer will inspect the location and work with the residents to resolve any violations.

Snow and Ice Removal

Public Works crews strive to provide accessible passage on Village streets by keeping them clear of excess snow and ice. Crews also work to minimize depositing snow at the end of driveways while plowing, as they cannot return to plow individual driveways. Also, please keep in mind that Illinois highways, which include **Routes 30, 25, and 31**, are maintained and plowed by the State rather than the Village.

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) and Blackberry Crossings West (contact Ryland Homes at 224-293-3100). The following streets in Fairfield Way (contact Kennedy Homes at 847-756-2100) are plowed by the developer: Marbill Farm Rd., Ivy Crt., Ivy Ln., Stonegate Dr., Kenilworth Ln., and Candlelight Dr. In the Foxmoor Subdivision (contact Cambridge Homes at 847-984-4442), the following streets are plowed by the developer: Shetland Dr., Newport Ln., Aberdeen Dr., and Darley Dr.

Please contact Public Works at 896-9241, Monday-Friday from 7:00am to 3:00pm, 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.



Snow Shoveling Guidelines

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 the vision at any intersection, sidewalk or driveway.



C.O.P. Chat

Village Calendar

December 2005

12th	Board Meeting
15th	Plan Commission Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
20th	Committee of the Whole Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
27th	Board Meeting Monday, 7:00 p.m. (May be canceled)

January 2006

9th	Board Meeting
12th	Plan Commission Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
17th	Committee of the Whole Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
23rd	Board Meeting Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Holidays!

Village offices will be closed on the following dates:

December 23 and 26, 2005
January 2, 2006