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Montgomery, IL 60538**

Village of Montgomery

Founded in 1835

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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.

Please mail to:
Village President
1300 South Broadway
Montgomery, IL 60538

As a citizen of Montgomery, I ... _____

Name, Address & Phone Number: _____

Block Parties

Neighborhood Block Parties have become a very popular social event over the last few years. These gatherings have become the best way for residents to get acquainted. A Temporary Use Permit is required to be completed for each Block Party. The Village can supply invitations and also two "Greeter" T-shirts at no charge.

In addition, the Police Department will contact the Block Party organizer to arrange for barricades to block off the street. The Police Department will also coordinate for a squad car and fire truck to visit the party; however, appearance is based on their availability.

The Block Party permit must be available during the party day. A signature is required in order to issue the permit along with a list of regulations. Simply choose a date and notify the Deputy Village Clerk at (630) 896-8080 ext. 33 to schedule your party.



Summer Fun Schedule

Concerts in the Park – Looking forward to the great entertainment at Montgomery Fest? There's no need to wait until August for an outdoor concert! Two free Concerts in the Park will be offered at 7:30 p.m. at the Park District's Sound Stage at Montgomery Park (corner of Mill and River Street) this summer. Both concerts are free and suitable for the entire family. As an added attraction, a food vendor will offer drinks, funnel cakes and fruit smoothies during the concerts.

Thursday, June 28th—*Smokin' Gunz* will be bringing their Top 40 country music to Montgomery. Billed as the Midwest's Hottest Top 40 country band, their show features music the whole family will enjoy.

Thursday, July 12th—*Country Sky Band*, a Chicago-based band with a huge following, will offer a show guaranteed to get your feet tapping! They have performed at Country Thunder USA as well as many local venues.

Family Night in the Park – 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 26th in Montgomery Park. This new family event will feature a juggler/comedian who will involve audience members in his entertaining show. As an added bonus, he will spend ½ hour after his performance teaching 30 lucky kids how to juggle! This promises to be a fun evening for the whole family. A vendor will provide great food, including funnel cakes, fruit smoothies and gourmet coffees.

Montgomery Fest will be held this year on Saturday, August 11th and Sunday, August 12th. This is a fun-filled weekend of carnival rides, food, a craft show, entertainment and other events for young and old. A complete schedule will be posted on the Village web site and mailed to every home in August.

National Night Out – Join more than 10,000 communities across the country in a Night Out Against Crime on August 7th. The Police Department will be organizing special National Night Out activities in more than 20 neighborhoods in Montgomery during that evening.

Community Garage Sale

Montgomery's first Community Garage Sale will take place on June 22nd and 23rd. Sign up at the Village Hall by June 8th to be included in the advertising. 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 20-word ad for each address describing the items for sale. Flyers are available at the Village Hall and on the Village website. For additional information, please call Debbie Buchanan at (630) 896-8080 ext. 21.

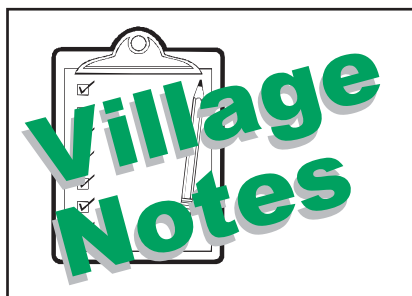
Holiday Garbage Collection Schedule

Due to the 4th of July holiday, the following schedule will be observed:

Monday, July 2nd, will be the regular pick-up. Garbage normally collected on Wednesday will be picked up on Thursday, July 5th.



New this year--
food vendors!



Watering Restrictions- Sod & Lawn Seeding

Please be reminded that from July 1st through August 31st, use of water from the Village system to water and establish new sod and seeded turf lawns is strictly prohibited. At all other times, use of water from the Village system to establish new sod and seeded turf lawn is allowed with the following provisions:

- **On the first day** new sod or seed is planted, watering is allowed for up to eight hours that day.
- **For the next nine days**, watering is allowed every day from 6-9 a.m. and from 6-9 p.m.
- **After the first ten days**, regular water conservation provisions regarding even/odd watering days and times will apply.

Although the Village of Montgomery will charge for all water used regardless of the purpose, Fox Metro is able to reduce your sewer bill for water used for watering new sod, since that water doesn't go through the sewer system. To obtain this discount, please contact Fox Metro at (630) 892-4378.

Village Board Meetings on Cable TV

The second Board Meeting of each month is videotaped and broadcast on Comcast Cable TV each Monday at 10:00 a.m. on Channel 10. The same meeting is broadcast each Monday for one month until the next meeting is shown.

Building Permits

The Village of Montgomery requires building permits for improvements such as decks, patios, fences, sheds, swimming pools, basement finishes, driveway extensions and for heavy maintenance work such as reroofing and residing. Permits are necessary to ensure proper zoning compliance as well as fire, health and structural safety for your home or business. Improperly designed or installed materials could result in expensive and potentially hazardous results. When considering any type of improvement on your building contact the Village Building Department to determine if a permit is required. Ensure a safe and good project by obtaining the proper permit. It's a good plan and it's the law.

Be Kind to Stormwater Basins

Many neighborhoods in Montgomery contain stormwater basins or small lakes that help regulate stormwater drainage and reduce flooding. All of the newer basins are "naturalized," meaning that the vegetation around the basins are natural and native plantings that produce benefits such as flood reduction, less maintenance, reduction of erosion, improvement of water quality, discouragement of geese, and beautification using native species.

It is important to understand that the vegetation surrounding these basins or lakes is still being established and that the Village has professional consultants monitoring their progress, which is generally very good, by the way! **Homeowners should be aware they should not mow the native plants, dump any type of grass clippings in or near the water or remove/replace the native vegetation.** These types of activities will only increase the cost of establishing and maintaining the vegetation, which will be directly borne by the residents, and also encourage the growth of algae in the water.

If you see anyone mowing or dumping in these areas, please remind them not to or notify the Community Development Department at (630) 896-8080 ext. 62. The Village website contains information regarding these basins on the Community Development page under the Maps, Ordinances, Plans and Programs section, and then under the Stormwater Technical Memo.

Code Enforcement Issues

- Grass and weeds must be cut as necessary so as not to exceed 10 inches.
- Garbage may not be set out at the curb until 4 p.m. on the evening before pickup, and cans must be removed by 7 p.m. the same day as pickup.
- Garbage cans must be stored out of the public view and not near the front of residences.
- Campers and trailers are prohibited from being parked in a driveway in front of a residence.
- Homeowners should perform necessary exterior maintenance, such as painting, repairing broken windows or gutters, trimming bushes and other property maintenance issues.
- Village ordinances state that residents are allowed no more than two dogs and two cats. No person who owns domestic animals shall permit them to run loose in the Village.
- Water conservation is in effect from May 1st through September 30th with restricted watering hours of 6-9 a.m. and 6-9 p.m. on odd or even days corresponding to the property's odd or even address.
- Residents are not allowed to have inoperable vehicles on their property. This includes vehicles with flat tires, cars on jacks and cars that don't run or move on their own power.
- Homeowners should have all holiday lighting and decorations removed within 90 days after the holiday.

Anyone with questions about these items can contact the Code Enforcement Officer at (630) 896-8080 ext. 27.

Dirtbikes, Scooters, Mini-bikes, Go-Carts & Quad Runners

Unlawful to operate or ride on public property and/or sidewalk, trail, street, etc.

Attention all mini-bike, dirtbike, pocket bike, ATV, and electric or gas scooter owners!

Illinois state law defines a motor vehicle as every vehicle that is self-propelled, except for vehicles moved solely by human power and motorized wheelchairs. Illinois state law also states that no motor vehicle may be operated on any public land or on any sidewalk, and all motor vehicles operated on the street must have a valid registration and be operated by a licensed driver.

So what does this mean to you? It means if you are operating any of these items within the Village of Montgomery, except in your own yard, you are breaking the law and will be charged and possibly fined. If you have any question about whether a vehicle you own fits into this category, please contact the Montgomery Police Department at (630) 897-8707.

Fireworks are Illegal!

Every year in the United States, thousands of injuries are reported to have been caused by fireworks, with some resulting in death. Not only are fireworks dangerous, but most are illegal. Illinois State law and Montgomery Ordinances state that firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, roman candles and all types of bombs are specifically prohibited. Sparklers, snake/glow worm pellets, smoke devices, trick noisemakers, and plastic and paper caps are the only items that are allowed.

Anyone caught with illegal fireworks will be arrested and fined and the items will be confiscated. If you have any fireworks and are unsure if they are illegal, please contact the Montgomery Police Department for assistance at (630) 897-8707.



Fire Pits

It is unlawful to burn leaves, paper, treated building materials, cardboard, grass, rags, garbage or garden materials within the Village. Residents can burn tree limbs, twigs or non-treated wood building materials in domestic fireplaces or campfires for cooking, recreational or religious purposes, provided the fire is attended at all times. Patio fire pits are legal; however, things to consider are the distance from the residence, size of the fire and possible wind considerations. Campfires should also have same considerations. Campfire pits should have a dirt or gravel base with a rock or brick border around the pit to contain the fire inside. Residents with questions can also check with the appropriate Fire Protection District for any additional requirements.

Recycling

Residents may use other types of containers for disposal of recycling items in addition to the regular blue recycling can. However, these additional cans must be clearly marked "RECYCLING" and placed next to the regular blue can separated from regular trash garbage cans to avoid missed pick-ups.

Paint Disposal

Residents are allowed to dispose of latex paint in with your regular trash; however, the paint **must** be dry. Paint cans may be dried by leaving them open to evaporate outdoors. For fuller cans you may mix in an absorbent such as kitty litter or oil dry. Then leave the lids off and place the solidified cans in your garbage. Another method is to spread the paint onto newspapers and once dry, they can be rolled up and placed in with your regular trash.



C.O.P. Chat

Village Calendar

June 2007	
11th	Board Meeting Monday, 7:00 p.m. May be canceled
14th	Plan Commission Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
19th	Committee of the Whole Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
25th	Board Meeting Monday, 7:00 p.m.

July 2007	
9th	Board Meeting Monday, 7:00 p.m. May be canceled
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.

Holiday!

Village offices will be closed on the following date:

July 4th--Independence Day

NOTE: All Board, Committee of the Whole and Plan Commission Meetings are now held at the new Police Department, 10 Civic Center Avenue.