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Village of Montgomery

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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
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Montgomery, IL 60538

As a citizen of Montgomery, I ... _____

Name, Address & Phone Number: _____

Nicholson School

A study for the West Aurora School District has proposed closing of Nicholson Elementary School and two other elementary schools. Superintendent Rydland is holding several meetings to gather input from residents before making a final decision regarding school closings. Village officials are hoping to encourage the School District to remodel or rebuild Nicholson School in order to keep a neighborhood school in Montgomery.

Two meetings are scheduled to be held in Montgomery. On **October 23rd at 7:00 p.m.** in the Montgomery Police Department Community Room, Supt. Rydland will make a presentation on future facility plans for the School District. He will also answer questions from the public and ask for feedback on the plans. On **November 8th at 6:30 p.m.**, Supt. Rydland will hold a similar meeting at Nicholson Elementary School. Residents are encouraged to attend one or both of these meetings to voice their opinions before the School District makes a final decision regarding school closings.

Halloween Trick-or-Treat Hours

Halloween is Tuesday, October 31st. The designated 2006 Trick-or-Treat hours are **4:00 to 8:00 p.m.** Anyone who doesn't want trick-or-treaters should leave their outside lights off.

Oktoberfest 5K River Run/3K Walk

The 3rd Annual Montgomery Oktoberfest 5K River Run and 3K River Walk will be held Saturday, **October 7th** at Montgomery Park. This year, the race is even bigger and better than in previous years. The course has been **certified** by the USA Track and Field Association, and RaceTime will be handling all of the timing and results. The course is set up on both sides of the beautiful and scenic Fox River and it is a flat, fast course.

All River Run competitors will be divided into seven age groups and there will be thirty **trophies** – first and second place for each age group and the overall male and female winners. Sponsors have generously supplied many items for the competitors' **goody-bags** and all registrants will receive a Montgomery Oktoberfest River Run T-shirt.



Registration begins at 2 p.m. with the runners starting at 3 p.m. and the walkers starting 10 minutes later. This is a great event for families with young children, people trying a 5K for the first time and for serious runners hoping to improve their race times.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase before and during the run. All registered competitors will receive a free ticket to the Chamber of Commerce Oktoberfest at the VFW, which begins at 4 p.m. There will also be a free inflated jump toy for children to enjoy during the River Run.

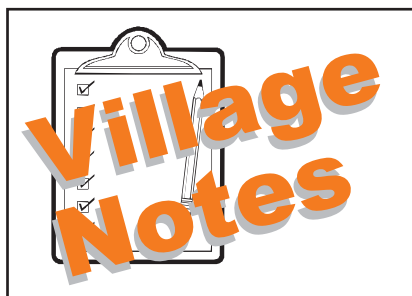
Registration is just \$15 for adults and \$5 for kids (4-12) before the day of the race, or \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids on race day. Volunteers are also needed to help during the run by passing out water and keeping runners on the correct path. For additional information or a registration form, go to www.ci.montgomery.il.us or call (630) 896-8080 x59.

Montgomery Receives Preservation Award

The Village of Montgomery has been selected to receive the 2006 Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Award in the category of **Outstanding Advocacy** for its efforts in preserving the **Dickson-Murst Farmstead** on Dickson Road. This is one of nine outstanding preservation projects throughout Illinois that will be honored at Landmark Illinois' Annual Awards Dinner in Chicago on October 14th. The awards are funded by a grant from the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation to honor individuals and organizations whose works demonstrate a commitment to excellence in historic preservation.

The Dickson-Murst Farm is registered with the Illinois Department of Agriculture as an Illinois **Sesquicentennial Farm** and an Illinois Centennial Farm. This program recognizes farms that have been held by descendants of the same family for 150 and 100 years, respectively. The Village completed purchase of the property in July 2006 and turned it over to The Conservation Foundation for preservation.

This is the second Driehaus award to be presented to a Montgomery preservation project. In 2001, Tim Ivers received an award in the category of Adaptive Re-Use for his restoration of the 150-year-old **Gray's Mill** in downtown Montgomery, which now houses Jason's Steakhouse.



Final Brush Pickup

The final brush pickup service for 2006 will take place the week of **October 2nd**. This service is only provided to residential properties within the Village. Please have the brush stacked neatly behind the curb by **7:00 a.m. on October 2nd**. Twigs and smaller yard debris should be placed in yard waste bags for removal by **Allied Waste**. Please call the Public Works Department at (630) 896-9241 with any questions regarding this service.

Leaf Collection Service

Leaf pickup service begins the week of October 9th. This service will be provided during the months of October and November. Leaves must be neatly raked behind the curb/edge of the roadway by **7 a.m.** on the Monday of each week. Leaf piles should not be placed in the street as they can clog sewer drains. Do not include grass clippings or sticks in the pile. Public Works crews will make one pass through the Village each week, unless additional routes are required due to excessive leaf quantities. Leaves should not be placed in bags unless intended for collection by Allied Waste. Please remember that **leaf burning** is prohibited by Village ordinance.

Yard Waste Pickup to End

Allied Waste will end their yard waste pickup on **November 29th**. Yard waste pickup will resume with the first April 2007 garbage pickup date.

Upcoming Events

Oktoberfest – The Greater Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to present Oktoberfest on Friday, October 6th and Saturday, October 7th. Come enjoy a **family friendly** weekend of music, food and fun beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the VFW located at 121 N. River Street. From food provided by Reuland’s Food Service, to raffles and pumpkin painting, this year’s festival is sure to please all. The Chamber will also sponsor a free **inflatable jump** in Montgomery Park from 1:00-4:00 p.m. during the **River Run**.

Tree Lighting Ceremony – 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. for an evening of holiday songs, tree decorating, free refreshments, and the arrival of **Santa Claus**.

Coffee with the Mayor – Village President Marilyn Michelini continues to hold “Coffees with the Mayor” from 9-11 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month. Coffees will be held on October 7th at **Jason’s** (lower level), 211 N. River Street and on November 4th at 3054 Gaylord Lane in the **Blackberry Crossing West** subdivision. Coffee and donuts will be provided. 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 session.

New Village Hall Plaza Change

At the August 22nd Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Board members made a significant change to the site plan of the new Village Hall. The **Founder’s Plaza** that was originally on the Main Street (west) side of new Village Hall building has now been moved to the River Street (east) side of the building. The plaza will be approximately 5,000 square feet and will be adjacent to the Multi-Purpose Room providing for indoor and outdoor events to be held in the two spaces. Board members cited the following reasons for moving the plaza:

- The plaza will become part of the **downtown streetscape** on River Street.
- It will be more directly accessible from the River Street lobby and Multi-Purpose Room.
- The plaza will become a more usable space for **community events**, such as Montgomery Fest and Oktoberfest.
- Founder’s Plaza will be visible from River Street and from the intersection of Mill and River Streets, as well as the VFW property, Gray’s Mill and Montgomery Park.
- The grading transition from the Village Hall to **Settler’s Cottage** works better by providing a more gradual slope.
- The cottage can be better incorporated into the physical plan and planned plaza festivities.
- The plaza will be closer to one of the Village’s most valuable assets, the **Fox River**.

The building will have to be shifted further west to accommodate the new plaza area. The land on the west side of the building will be used mainly for parking.

Final Inspections

The Village of Montgomery requires building permits for home improvement projects such as fences, decks, sheds, patios, swimming pools and basement alterations. By law, once these projects are completed, a **final inspection** is required to be conducted by the Building Department. While many people do secure the necessary inspection, scores of permits still remain on file as not complete. The final inspection helps to ensure that nothing was overlooked and the work was completed in such a way as not to be a structural, health or fire problem to the residents.

Once a project is complete, please remember to contact the Village Building Department at (630) 896-8080 ext. 24 to arrange a convenient time for the final inspection. It only takes a few minutes to ensure correct construction and **close out the permit**.

Sgt. Caho to Serve as Code Enforcement Officer

Sergeant Randy Caho ended a 24 year career with the Montgomery Police Department on August 26th. He had been a Police Officer since 1982, worked as an Investigator from 1985-1991, and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1991. Most recently he had served as **Patrol Sergeant** and was head of the Special Services Division. This included responsibility for community functions, research and planning, vehicle and equipment maintenance, extra duty work schedules, evidence custodian and traffic services.

During his career, Caho was nominated for **Officer of the Year** two times in Kendall County and four times in Kane County. In 1992, he was selected as Kendall County Officer of the Year along with two other Montgomery officers for their work in solving a home invasion and aggravated criminal sexual assault case.

Caho said he had been contemplating retirement from the Police Department for many months before he heard that the Village was advertising for a **Code Enforcement Officer**. “I learned of the job opening and decided to interview for the position. Like many Police Officers, I had planned to go on to a second career after I retired, and the chance to stay with the Village of Montgomery appealed to me. Since I love Montgomery, I’m happy to have the chance to continue serving the Village and its residents.”



As Code Enforcement Officer, Caho will patrol Montgomery looking for violations of Village Codes and Ordinances. **Violations** that are not corrected within a given time can result in citations and fines. Village Officials believe that the Code Enforcement Officer plays an important role in keeping Montgomery attractive and a great place to live. Residents who notice code violations are encouraged to report them to Caho by calling (630) 896-8080 ext. 27.

“ICE” Your Cell

The Village is strongly encouraging all residents of Montgomery to “ICE” their cellular phone contacts. “ICE” stands for “**In Case of Emergency**” and it can be a valuable tool for emergency personnel who may need to contact a family member. Emergency contacts should be entered into a phone contact list beginning with the letters “ICE,” for example, “ICE Husband” or “ICE Mike.” For more than one “ICE” contact, enter “ICE 1 Mike”, “ICE 2 Dad,” “ICE 3 Joan.” It is important to keep these numbers current in order for them to be useful in an emergency. For additional information, please visit www.ice.illinois.gov.

Remember that this does not take the place of carrying identification and important phone numbers in a purse or wallet, along with information regarding diabetic status, allergies and other important **medical information**.

General Election

The next General Election will be held on November 7th. Residents of Montgomery in Kane and Kendall County can **register to vote** at the Village Hall, 1300 S. Broadway until October 10th. Both Kane and Kendall County will have a grace period from October 11th through October 24th. To register during the grace period, you must go to the Kendall County Clerk’s Office at 111 W. Fox St. in Yorkville or the Kane County Clerk’s Office at 719 Batavia Avenue in Geneva, depending on which county you live in.

Spring Election

The Consolidated Election will be held on April 17, 2007. The offices to be elected in April will include **three Village Trustee positions** to be elected to four-year terms. Anyone interested in running for office should contact the Village Hall at (630) 896-8080 ext. 33 for information on when petitions will be available and additional information.



C.O.P. Chat

Village Calendar

October 2006

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

November 2006

13th	Board Meeting Monday, 7:00 p.m.
16th	Plan Commission Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
21st	Committee of the Whole Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
27th	Board Meeting Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Holidays!

Village offices will be closed on the following dates:

November 10--Veterans’ Day
November 23 & 24--Thanks-giving Holiday

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