

Village of Montgomery

October 2009

NEWS BRIEFS

- There will be a Blood Drive at the Village Hall on October 15th from 2-7 p.m. Call (630) 896-8080 ext. 1114 to sign up.
- Village offices will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th for Veterans Day.. Trash collection will not be affected. Village offices will also be closed on November 26th and 27th for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- The Montgomery Anniversary Committee has commemorative Anniversary Pins available for \$2.00 and also Commemorative Mugs for \$3.00. Both are available at the Village Hall.
- Many thanks to Ron LaDew, Gene Michaels, Rich Messenger and others who have donated or allowed us to copy their old photos and historic items. We still need more photos for a Community Memory Book and video for the Village's 175th Anniversary Celebration next year. Please call Debbie Buchanan at 630-896-8080 ext. 1114 for more information.
- Rogy's Day Care has opened in the Blackberry Creek Shopping Center on Orchard Road south of Route 30.
- The final brush pickup service this year will take place the week of October 5th. Brush should be stacked neatly behind the curb by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, October 5th. Twigs and smaller yard debris must be placed in yard waste bags for removal by Allied Waste.
- Allied Waste will end their yard waste pickup the week of November 23rd. Yard waste pickup will resume the first week of April in 2010.
- The new Montgomery Library campus, located at 1111 Reading Drive (near Goodwin Drive and Route 30), opened in August. The Oswego campus is closed until spring while remodeling is done.
- Coyotes have been reported in the area. Use caution when children and small pets are outdoors, especially at night.
- 2010 is right around the corner. Please be prepared to fill out the 2010 census form and send it in. Many good things come from an accurate Census, such as creating maps to speed emergency services to local households and delivering goods and services to local markets.

Senior Citizen Program

The Village will be hosting a monthly Senior Citizen Program at the Village Hall starting in October. The first event will be on Tuesday, October 13th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be games and other activities, and lunch will be served. A \$3 donation is suggested and reservations are required.

Future activities will be held on the second Tuesday of every month from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Meetings will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room on the lower level of the Village Hall just inside the River Street entrance.

For more information or reservations, please contact Mera Johnson at 630-896-8080 ext. 1112.

Cemetery Walk

A Cemetery Walk will be held on October 7th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Riverside Cemetery. Guests will be led through the cemetery in small groups to meet the fascinating "ghosts" of early pioneers and other residents of the cemetery. This is not a scary event, but rather an opportunity to learn about the past from authentically costumed actors who will portray some of the people buried there. Tours will begin near the corner of River and Taylor Streets on the south side of the cemetery about every 10 minutes, so visitors can arrive any time between 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Parking is available along River Street and at the playground at the north end of Montgomery Park. Please bring a flashlight and wear sturdy shoes.

The Cemetery Walk is being planned by Montgomery's Historic Preservation Commission. There is no charge for this event. In the event of rain, the Cemetery Walk will be on October 8th.

Halloween

Trick or Treating in Montgomery will be from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on October 31st. Please turn on outside lights if you are handing out candy.



For information on Halloween safety, please visit the website www.halloween-safety.com. It provides safety tips for both kids and adults as well as ideas for Halloween parties.

PACE Survey

A survey regarding transportation trends in Montgomery is attached to this newsletter. This represents an important opportunity to have your voice heard in planning the Village's future.

The Village recently completed a study on the downtown and the feasibility of creating a Park and Ride in that area. This survey will gain information on the transportation choices that the residents of Montgomery make daily. Responses will be kept completely confidential and will allow the Village to make more informed decisions in regards to a Park and Ride. Please fill out the short survey and return it to the Village with the water bill, or by dropping it off at the Village Hall.

New MEDC Director

The Montgomery Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) welcomed a new Executive Director in September. Charlene Coulombe-Fiore comes to Montgomery with more than 21 years of economic development experience. She has served as Economic Development Director in two counties, as well as for the Village of Bolingbrook. She brings to the MEDC a wealth of knowledge and expertise, as well as a track record of success.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Montgomery's annual Tree Lighting Ceremony is a fun family event that features music, fire engines, free refreshments and, of course, Santa Claus!

Everyone is invited to gather near the Village Christmas Tree in front of the Village Hall at 200 N. River Street on Sunday, December 6th at 5:00 p.m. After children from local elementary schools decorate the tree with handmade ornaments, Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive on a fire engine and light the tree. Area school children will perform holiday songs while everyone visits with Santa in his house and enjoys free refreshments provided by the Chamber of Commerce.

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. 1114.

Community Policing

The Illinois Secretary of State’s Office established the Emergency Contact Database on July 1, 2009. The database allows Illinois driver’s license and ID cardholders to enter emergency contact information into a voluntary, secure database. In the event of a motor vehicle crash or other emergency situation when a person is unable to communicate directly, law enforcement may access the database to help them reach the person’s designated contacts.

For more information or to join the Emergency Contact Database, visit them at www.cyberdriveillinois.com and click on the box towards the bottom of the web page or call 800-252-8980 and press 0 for an operator.

Verticillium Wilt

Residents may have noticed a wilted appearance to some neighborhood trees—especially maple trees—this past July and August. These trees may have been suffering from Verticillium Wilt, a condition caused by a soil fungus. Obvious symptoms can include leaf scorch (browning of the leaf edges) and/or the yellowing of small leaves. More severe symptoms include leaf curling, drying and an abnormal red or yellow coloring of the leaves. Many times, only one branch or section of the tree will be affected.

The prognosis for the tree depends on how severely the tree was infected with the fungus. Remission of the disease can occur, which would result in containment of the fungus. More severe cases often result in tree replacement. When replanting, residents should select varieties of trees immune to this fungus.

Leaf Collection Service

Leaf pickup service will begin the week of October 19th, and will be provided on a weekly basis through the end of November. Leaves must be neatly raked behind the curb/edge of the roadway by **7:00 am** on Monday of each week. Leaf piles should not be placed in the street as they can clog sewer drains, and cannot include grass clippings or sticks.

Workers 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—leaf burning is prohibited by Village ordinance.**

Water Bill Payments—URGENT!

If you use a bill payment process through your bank to have water bill payments mailed to the Village Hall, please advise your bank of our new address, 200 N. River St., Montgomery, IL 60538. Our forwarding order will expire on November 3, 2009. After that date, checks will be returned to the sender and your payment may be applied late, incurring a penalty charge. Direct debits and payments made to P.O. Box 739 are not affected by this change.

Winterizing Tips

The Public Works Department suggests inspecting your mailbox for any repairs it may need in order to withstand snow plow season. In many instances, damage to a mail box is not caused by the plow, but rather from the weight of the snow that is placed near the post. Check now and repair any weaknesses (rotten wood, cracks, etc.) or leaning of the post.

Another winterizing tip--when putting away patio furniture, remember to disconnect garden hoses from the house spigot. Water remaining in the spigot or hose can freeze and cause damage to these items.

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Upcoming Events

October 3	9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Coffee with the Mayor	Riverview Diner, 1420 S.E. River Road
October 3	3:00 p.m.	Montgomery OktoberFest 5K River Run and 3K Walk	Sign up at the Village Hall or online at www.signmeup.com
October 7	7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Cemetery Walk at Riverside Cemetery Wear sturdy shoes & bring flashlights	Corner of River & Taylor Street Rain date will be October 8
October 13	11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Senior Citizen Activity & Lunch	Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
October 15	2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Blood Drive	Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
October 31	4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Trick or Treating	Please turn on outside lights if participating
November 7	9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Coffee with the Mayor	Bill’s Restaurant, 702 Montgomery Road
November 10	11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Senior Citizen Activity & Lunch	Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
December 5	9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Coffee with the Mayor	Elmer’s Restaurant, 1250 S. Broadway (Rt. 25)
December 6	5:00 p.m.	Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony Greet Santa and enjoy free refreshments	Village Hall, 200 N. River Street