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President's Message



Matt Brolley

The Village Board recently approved a budget for the upcoming fiscal year that begins May 1st. Our Board is financially conservative, and we are working hard to hold the line and do what we can to keep taxes low.

The Board has frozen property taxes for the third year in a row in an effort to help our citizens. The new budget maintains the programs and services that our residents benefit from the most. It also includes a revamped roadway improvement program utilizing funds from the new 1% sales tax.

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The [new budget](http://www.ci.montgomery.il.us) is available for viewing on the Village's website at www.ci.montgomery.il.us.

Community Garage Sale

Montgomery's annual Spring Community Garage Sale will take place on May 19th-21st. Each spring nearly 100 homes participate in this community-wide event. Residents can sign up at the Village Hall beginning April 1st. Registration forms also are available at www.ci.montgomery.il.us. The fee to participate will be \$10. The garage sale will be advertised in local newspapers and promoted on the Village website and Facebook.

The Village Hall will distribute flyers with a map showing all garage sale locations, plus a 15-word ad for each address describing the items for sale. The map will also be posted on the Village website. The deadline to be included in the advertising is May 6th. For additional information, please call 630-896-8080 ext. 9003.

Storm Water Drainage

When mowing your lawn, please take care to keep the grass clippings out of the street. Clippings can collect in catch basins, clog the sewers, and cause flooding during rain events. Additionally, this debris contributes to the material that has to be removed from catch basins and dredged from the ponds and detention basins. Please help Montgomery remain beautiful by cleaning up in front of your own property.

May 6th Deadline for Bridge Planter Program

The 2016 Flower Box program is quickly approaching. Sign-up sheets can be picked up at the Village Hall or should be received with April water bills. The deadline to register is May 6, 2016. Unfortunately, we cannot process any registrations received after May 6th.

Space for a sign on the Mill Street Bridge is limited, so sign up early to ensure your spot. Any questions, please contact Renee at the Village Hall 630-896-8080 ext. 9034.

Spring at the Farm

Celebrate at the FREE Spring at the Farm event on Sunday, May 1st from 10am to 3pm.

Bring the family to experience the simple joys of life on the farm as you pet farm animals, do crafts, enjoy hayrides and sample tasty vittles from the Country Kitchen.

Antique trucks and tractors and traditional bluegrass music will set a nostalgic mood.

This event is free and open to the public. Free parking is available and the event will be held rain or shine. The Dickson-Murst Farm is located at 2550 Dickson Road in Montgomery, south of Route 30.

Spring Cleanup

It's almost spring cleaning time! Spring clean up services will be provided by Republic Services May 24th-27th on residents' regularly scheduled trash pickup day. **No stickers are required!** Items must be curbside prior to 6:00 a.m. as crews will not return to pick up items that are placed out later.

Residents may discard unlimited amounts of trash, yard waste, furniture, appliances and up to four tires (no rims). All trash must be placed in cans, bags or boxes not exceeding 32 gallons or 50 pounds each and set in an organized manner at the curb. **Please note:** Piles of loose trash, electronics, demolition materials, concrete, metal poles, liquids and hazardous waste will not be accepted.

* No electronics will be picked up curbside! *

NEWS BRIEFS

- Village Offices will be closed on Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day. Trash pickup will be delayed by one day that week.
- Village President Matt Brolley is available to meet with residents at Mayor on the Move on the first Saturday of most months from 10-11:30 a.m. A schedule of dates and locations is on the back of this newsletter. Residents are invited to stop by to meet Matt and discuss issues or share suggestions.
- Senior Luncheons and Bingo are held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. The cost for lunch is \$4 per person and sign-up a week in advance is required. To sign up, please call 630-896-8080 ext. 9023.
- Dime Jingle for seniors is held on the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Village Hall. No skills are needed for this simple but fun game.
- Republic Services will begin yard waste collection season on April 4th.
- Public Works will begin brush pick-up on April 4th. Please have the cut ends of brush stacked neatly towards the curb for collection by 7:00am on April 4th. Please refer to the Village's website for further [brush pick-up guidelines](#).
- Please be considerate of your neighbors, and remember that barking dogs cannot be left outside to disturb the peace.
- Settler's Cottage, located in front of the Village Hall, reopens in May! Learn more about Montgomery's history on May 15th from 12:30pm to 2:30pm.
- Once again the Village of Montgomery will be partnering with The Conservation Foundation to offer rain barrels and accessories. You can order these online with the option of home delivery for an additional fee, or you can pick yours up at the Village Hall on the scheduled pick up date. Water collected in rain barrels can be used to water plants and lawns, wash cars, etc. For more information, please visit the Rain Barrel page on the Village's website at www.ci.montgomery.il.us.

Montgomery Fest

Planning has begun for this year’s Montgomery Fest on August 12th-14th and the Village is seeking volunteers. If you would like to assist with this fun annual event, please call Debbie Buchanan at 630-896-8080 ext. 9003.

Applications for the 2016 Montgomery Fest Craft/Business Booths are now available at the Village Hall and [online](#). The fee for a handmade craft booth is \$35 for the event and \$125 for a commercial booth. Vendors also have the option of participating on Friday evening with no additional cost.

Watch the Village website and Facebook page for announcements on tryouts for this year’s Montgomery’s Got Talent!

Water Conservation

Beginning May 1st, hours for lawn and landscaping watering and filling of swimming pools will be 6:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. on alternate days. Properties with an even-numbered address may water on even-numbered calendar dates, and properties with an odd-numbered address may water on odd-numbered calendar dates. These restrictions do not apply to hand-held watering devices, swimming pools holding 50 gallons or less, or vehicle and equipment washing.

As always the Village encourages year round water conservation through smart water use. For additional information, please contact Public Works at 630-896-9241, or visit the Village’s website at www.ci.montgomery.il.us.



Paper Shredding

On Saturday, June 18th, paper shredding will be available at the monthly recycling event from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the Police Department. There is a limit of two banker boxes of paper per vehicle.

Code Enforcement

With spring fast approaching, this is a friendly reminder for residents to be sure and keep up on property maintenance as well as follow Village ordinances. The most common violations are tall grass, garbage and debris in front of homes, recreational/trailer parking, parking on unimproved surfaces, and inoperable vehicles. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the Code Enforcement Officer at 630-896-8080 ext. 9025.

Floodplain Assistance

As a free public service, the Certified Floodplain Manager for the Village of Montgomery can provide residents with assistance related to flood risk management and drainage concerns. On-site visits can be arranged for property owners, contractors and real estate agents who are interested in specific advice about measures that can be taken to reduce flood risk.

The Village can also provide information about financial assistance that may be available to property owners who would like to better secure their structures against flood damage. To make an inquiry or to set up an on-site appointment, please contact the Community Development Department at (630) 896-8080 ext. 9022 or visit Village Hall.

Upcoming Events



April 12	10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Henry Ford and the Model T by Jim Weren Senior Citizen Lunch (Cost: \$4) & Bingo	Village Hall Board Room Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
April 16	9:00 a.m.-noon	Recycling Event (Electronics and more)	Police Department, 10 Civic Center Avenue
May 1	10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Spring at the Farm/Antique Truck Show Free family fun including baby animals, hayrides, bluegrass music, games, food to purchase	Dickson-Murst Farm, 2550 Dickson Road
May 7	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Mayor on the Move (Tours will be available)	Dickson-Murst Farm, 2550 Dickson Road
May 10	10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	County & Western Singer Randy Walker Senior Citizen Lunch (Cost: \$4) & Bingo	Village Hall Board Room Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
May 15	12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	Settlers Cottage Museum opens	In front of Village Hall
May 19-21	8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Community Garage Sale	Get map of locations on Village website
May 21	9:00 a.m.-noon	Recycling Event (Electronics and more)	Police Department, 10 Civic Center Avenue
May 24-27	All Day	Spring Clean Up (on your regular trash day)	Discard unlimited trash/yard waste for free!