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President's Message



Matt Brolley

I will be presenting my annual State of the Village Address at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 17th at the Village Hall.

My report will focus on highlights and accomplishments of 2014, current initiatives, Village finances, and future opportunities and goals. All Montgomery residents and stakeholders are invited and encouraged to attend. The presentation will also be made available on YouTube and on the Village website shortly after the event.

As always, I would appreciate hearing from any of you with comments or suggestions on how we can work together to make Montgomery an even better place to live and work.

Code Enforcement

Please remember that parking on the street is prohibited when there is 2" or more of snowfall until the streets have been completely cleared from curb to curb. This can take up to two days after the snowfall has ended.

Vehicles parked on the street while snow removal is occurring make it much more difficult for snowplows to fully clear the roadway, thus creating potential traffic hazards. The Police Department will ticket and possibly tow vehicles parked on the street during these conditions. If you have extenuating circumstances (such as no driveway or garage), please contact the Police Department at 630-897-8707 to discuss.

Sales Tax Referendum Update

The 1% sales tax referendum passed on November 4, 2014 with more than 62% voting in favor. The Village received the certified vote tally from the Counties in December and in January the Village Board approved an ordinance to impose the tax. The Village must provide certified documentation to the State, after which the increased sales tax will be imposed beginning on July 1st. The Village will begin receiving the increased 1% sales tax revenues in October 2015.

Due to this timetable, during 2015 the Village will assess its road improvement plan and compile a list of planned road repairs that will begin in 2016. This will allow the Village to receive approximately six months of revenue before undertaking roadway projects. More information will be forthcoming on the tax rebate program.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Village and Community Christian Church are pleased to announce that they will be hosting the third annual Easter Egg Hunt for kids aged 1-10 on Saturday, March 28th from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Each year the event has been a hopping success!

The egg hunt will take place at Montgomery Park, while refreshments, face painting, crafts and other fun activities will follow in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Village Hall. Don't forget to bring a camera to take a picture with the Easter Bunny! Please call 630-896-8080 ext. 1559 for more information.

Student Essay Contest

Have you ever thought about what you might do if you were mayor of Montgomery? Do you have ideas on how to make Montgomery an even better place to live? Now is your chance to write up your ideas and possibly win a prize!

The Village of Montgomery is sponsoring an essay contest on the topic of "If I were mayor, I would..." The contest is limited to residents of the Village of Montgomery who are in 4th or 5th grade. Essays should be up to 250 words in length and must be received at the Village Hall, 200 N. River Street by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 27th. Winners will be announced in May and will receive a free carnival wristband for Montgomery Fest and a certificate for a free pizza. For more information, please visit our website at www.ci.montgomery.il.us.

YouTube Channel

Did you know that the Village of Montgomery has a [YouTube channel](#)? On this channel you can watch videos of all Village Board and Committee of the Whole Meetings, which are generally posted within a few days after a meeting. From time to time other videos are also posted, such as the 2014 Montgomery Fest video and last year's State of the Village address.

You can subscribe to this channel to be notified whenever new video content is added. To find our channel, click the hyperlink above, or go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/MontgomeryIllinois>.

NEWS BRIEFS

- Village offices will be closed on Monday, February 16th, for Presidents' Day. Trash pickup will not be affected.
- 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 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 activities are held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. The cost is \$4 per person. To sign up, please call 630-896-8080 ext. 1559.
- 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 game. Just come to have fun!
- The Village's noise ordinance provides that snow blowers, lawn mowers and other noise-generating equipment can only be operated weekdays from 6am-8pm; Saturdays from 8am-8pm and Sundays from 9am-8pm. Please respect your neighbors and avoid operating noisy equipment outside of those hours.
- The fire departments appreciate all residents and businesses who keep sidewalks and areas around fire hydrants free of snow and ice.
- Please be aware that 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 blocks vision at any intersection, sidewalk or driveway.
- Despite the cold and snow, spring isn't too far away! Allied Waste/Republic Services will begin its 2015 yard waste collection season on March 30th.
- Public Works will begin the Village's brush pickup service on April 6th. Brush (no grapevine or roots) should be neatly stacked at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on Monday morning, April 6th. Please refer to the Village's website for brush pickup guidelines.



Trash Sticker Update

The price of trash stickers increased to \$2.80 instead of \$2.70 beginning January 1st. However, the trash stickers sold at the Village Hall have an expiration date of December 31, 2016 so they can continue to be used this year even if they were purchased in 2014. Check the expiration date on your stickers and call Republic Services at 630-892-9294 with any questions.

The price of the blue bags for the Senior Trash program have increased to \$1.65 from \$1.60. Bags purchased in 2014 can continue to be used in 2015.

Water Bill Address Change

Please do not mail your water bill payments to the Village Hall. When mailing a payment, please use the mailing address provided on the water bills, which is P.O. Box 786, DeKalb, IL 60115.

If you pay your water bill online through your bank account, please be sure that you give the bank the new address in DeKalb so your payments can go directly to our bank to be credited to your account as quickly as possible. Another option is to use automatic payments. If you have questions, please call 630-896-1357.

IDOT Contact Information

We occasionally receive reports of pot holes on Route 30, 31 and 25. These are state highways that are maintained by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). For quickest service, notification regarding pot holes should be made to the IDOT Communications Center at 847-705-4612. They have the ability to contact personnel for needed maintenance or repairs during working and non-working hours.

For claims of damage that have occurred on these roads, please contact IDOT's claims department at 847-705-4062.

Facebook Communications

Montgomery's Facebook page now has over 2,600 followers! To sign up, just visit www.ci.montgomery.il.us and click the Facebook logo in the lower right hand corner. Once you "like" our page, you will receive all of our news and announcements in your Facebook news feed.

Last winter Village staff saw the value of a strong Facebook presence when snow and cold temperatures resulted in the last minute cancellation of trash pickup services. We were notified of the cancellation on a Sunday evening and posted the information on our Facebook page, and within 12 hours the notice had been seen by nearly 7,000 people. Of course, Facebook is just one of several communication tools used by the Village, but following our page is a great way for you to get up-to-date information. You can also help your neighbors by "sharing" our Facebook posts so they will be seen by more people.

Recycling Events

To help area residents dispose of electronics and other recyclables that are not collected curbside, the Village hosts recycling events on the third Saturday of each month. From 9:00 a.m. until noon, you can bring electronics (and all items that plug in), batteries, metal of all types, books, removable media (VHS tapes, CDs, floppy discs, etc.) printer cartridges and textiles to the drop-off recycling stations in front of the Police Department. Please call 630-896-8080 x 1114 with questions.

Polar Plunge

On Sunday, March 8th, members of the Montgomery Police Department along with family and friends will participate in the Polar Plunge at Loon Lake in Yorkville. This event benefits the Special Olympics of Illinois. Anyone interested in participating or making donations can visit the team's page at <http://soill.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=5271> or contact Sgt. Liz Palko at 630-897-8707 ext. 2231.

Upcoming Events



February 7	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Mayor on the Move	Farm & Fleet, 400 US Route 30
February 10	10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Love Songs performed by Jenna Constable Senior Citizen Activity & Lunch (\$4)	Village Hall Board Room Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
February 17	8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	State of the Village	Village Hall Board Room
February 21	9:00 a.m.-noon	Recycling Event--Electronics/batteries/metal	Police Department, 10 Civic Center Avenue
March 7	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Mayor on the Move	Bank of Montgomery, 1333 Douglas Avenue
March 10	10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Safety and Crime Prevention Tips Senior Citizen Activity & Lunch (\$4)	Village Hall Board Room Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
March 21	9:00 a.m.-noon	Recycling Event--Electronics/batteries/metal	Police Department, 10 Civic Center Avenue
March 28	10:30 a.m.-noon	Easter Egg Hunt (arrive by 10:15 a.m.) Egg Hunt by age groups (for ages 1-10) followed by crafts, refreshments and activities!	Montgomery Park and Village Hall