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President's Message



Matt Brolley

The Mill Street Bridge deck recently received a new overlay as our first project using funds from the new 1% sales tax. This tax shares the cost of maintaining our roads with everyone who drives on our streets to shop in Montgomery.

Roads are a high priority, and we look forward to completing approximately \$2 million in roadway repairs annually due to this important new funding source. I appreciate the voters who understood the importance of maintaining our streets and provided this new revenue source that will help secure a bright future for our community and its residents.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year from the Brolley family and the entire Village Board!

Holiday Decorations Contest

Now is the time to nominate a property for a Holiday Decorations Award! Committee members will visit the nominated addresses on December 16th in order to select the winners. A sign will be placed in front of the properties selected for an award. Owners are asked to leave these award signs up through the holidays.

Nominations will be accepted through December 14th, and judging will take place on December 16th. You can nominate a property via the Village website at www.ci.montgomery.il.us, by calling Public Works at 630-896-9241 or by submitting the entry form on the back of this newsletter.

Tree Lighting Ceremony and Festival of Trees

Don't miss the 2015 Tree Lighting Ceremony and Festival of Trees at 5:00 p.m. on December 6th! In addition to the Tree Lighting Ceremony featuring Santa, Christmas music and free refreshments, the Village Hall will once again be filled with decorated trees provided by local businesses! Bring the whole family to meet Santa, have cookies and cocoa and vote for your favorite tree. For those unable to attend on December 7th, the Festival of Trees will continue during business hours from December 7th through the 23rd.



Rebate Deadline 12/15

Village officials are preparing to issue property tax rebate checks in the spring. A property tax rebate in the amount of \$45 will be mailed to the owner of each residential property who submits an application by December 15th. The applicant must provide a copy of the 2014 property tax bill and a current driver's license or State ID. Additional information can be found on the [property tax refund application](#) on the Village website.

Snow Parking Reminder

With the first snowfall just around the corner, please remember that parking on the street is prohibited when there is 2" or more of snowfall until the streets have been cleared from curb to curb. Vehicles parked on the street while snow removal is occurring make it much more difficult for snowplows to completely clear the roadway, thus creating potential traffic hazards.

As in the past, the Police Department will ticket, and possibly tow, any vehicles parked on the street during these conditions. Questions regarding snow removal should be directed to the Public Works Department at 630-896-9241. For questions regarding the parking ordinance, call the Police Department at 630-897-8707.

Potholes/Main Breaks

Residents are encouraged to call Public Works at 630-896-9241 to report pot holes or if they suspect a water main break. After 3:30 p.m., residents may call the Montgomery Police Department non-emergency number at 630-553-0554 to report a possible main break. Messages regarding pot holes can be left on the Public Works voice mail system.

Recycling Events

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, except tube TVs), batteries, metal of all types and toner cartridges to the drop-off recycling stations in front of the Police Department at 10 Civic Center Avenue. Please call 630-896-8080 x 1114 with questions.

NEWS BRIEFS

- *The next Mayor on the Move will be held on Saturday, December 5th from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Village Hall. Residents are invited to stop by to meet Village President Matt Brolley and ask questions or share suggestions.*
- *Looking for a unique, long-lasting gift idea? Why not order a brick paver engraved with your loved one's name to be laid in the walkway in front of the Village Hall. Just call 630-896-8080 x 1114 for complete information.*
- *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!*
- *Trash collection will take place on Thursday, December 24th and Thursday, December 31st.*
- *Toys for Tots donations will be accepted at the Montgomery Village Hall and Police Department until December 11th.*
- *Allied Waste will collect live Christmas trees for disposal on your regular collection day during the weeks of January 4th and 11th. Trees need to be curbside, void of all decorations and not in bags.*
- *When cleaning up your yard this fall, be sure to disconnect your garden hose from the house spigot.*
- *If a fire hydrant is located on your property, please keep the area around it shoveled. It will be a big help to the Fire Department in case of an emergency.*
- *Please remember 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.*

Montgomery Holiday Decorations Contest

I would like to nominate the following address for the Holiday Decorations Contest:

Please mail or bring this form to Village Hall, 200 N. River Street. All entries must be received by December 14th.

Nominations can also be made via the Village website at www.ci.montgomery.il.us or by calling 630-896-9241.

**** **Deadline for Nominations is December 14th** ****

Message from Your Water Utility

As temperatures turn colder and the frost occurs, the frequency of water main breaks is anticipated to increase as well. With that comes the potential for precautionary boil water advisories to be issued to specific addresses affected by the water main work. A precautionary boil water advisory is a public notification advising customers to boil tap water before consuming it. Advisories are issued when an event has occurred with the potential to adversely affect water quality.

Precautionary boil water advisory: Issued when the water system experiences a loss in positive water pressure, typically due to a serious main break. A loss of positive water pressure indicates the existence of conditions that could allow contamination to enter the distribution system. This advisory is typically issued as a precaution until water samples are collected and analyzed to confirm that water quality has not been affected.

Water customers who are affected by a precautionary boil water advisory will receive a notice on the front door with further directions. Once water samples are confirmed to be safe for consumption, you will receive another notice which gives the all clear. During a precautionary boil water advisory, customers are asked to boil water used for consumption for five minutes before using that water to cook, drink, or brush your teeth. There is no concern related to water being used for bathing, cleaning, laundry, or used in humidifiers.

Snow and Ice Removal

The Public Works Department’s mission is to provide safe and accessible passage on Village streets for emergency and non-emergency uses. Public Works crews will concentrate on clearing primary routes and the Village’s thoroughfares first during a snow-storm. After primary streets are plowed, secondary streets will be plowed. Cul-de-sacs will be plowed and opened up during the storm. Once the storm has passed, crews will continue plowing until all Village streets are cleared.

While crews work to minimize excess snow and ice deposited across driveways, this is an unavoidable aspect of snow removal operations. Crews will not return to plow ends of individual driveways. The Village’s entire Snow Plan can be viewed at: www.ci.montgomery.il.us.

Please keep in mind that Illinois Routes 25, 30 and 31 are maintained by the state, and Orchard Road is maintained by the county.

You can contact Public Works at 630-896-9241, Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with any snow removal questions or concerns. To report serious snow or ice conditions outside these hours, please call the Police Department non-emergency dispatch number at 630-553-0554.

Holiday Safety Tips

The holiday season is a special and joyful time of year. Unfortunately, the holiday season is also a busy time for pickpockets, burglars, and shoplifters.

When holiday shopping, park in a well-lit, visible place and try to shop during daylight hours. Never leave your purse in a shopping cart or place it on the counter. Keep your purse close to your body and limit the amount of cash that you are carrying to avoid pickpockets. Also, remember to not overload yourself with packages. Make trips to the car as needed and place gifts out of sight, in the trunk or under seats. Following these few simple tips can help keep the holiday season a safe and happy time of year.

Upcoming Events



December 5	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Mayor on the Move	Village Hall
December 6	5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Tree Lighting Ceremony & Festival of Trees	River Street in front of Village Hall and inside
December 7-23	8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Festival of Trees Display (weekdays only)	Village Hall—Vote for your favorite tree!
December 8	10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	All Christmas, All the Time (music) Senior Citizen Activity & Lunch (\$4)	Village Hall Board Room Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
December 16	10:00 a.m.-noon	Dime Jingle	Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
December 19	9:00 a.m.-noon	Recycling Event--Electronics/batteries/metal	Police Department, 10 Civic Center Avenue
January 12	10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Montgomery Rotary Club Senior Citizen Activity & Lunch (\$4)	Village Hall Board Room Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
January 16	9:00 a.m.-noon	Recycling Event--Electronics/batteries/metal	Police Department, 10 Civic Center Avenue
January 20	10:00 a.m.-noon	Dime Jingle	Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room