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President's Message



Matt Brolley

I will be presenting my State of the Village Address at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 28th at the Village Hall.

My report will focus on recent highlights and accomplishments, current initiatives, Village finances, and future opportunities and goals. All Montgomery residents and stakeholders are invited and encouraged to attend. For the first time, we will also be livestreaming the event on our Facebook page.

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 during snow removal make it difficult for snowplows to fully clear the roadway, thus creating 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.

Annual Budget

The annual budget is the single most important policy adopted each year. The budget process allows the Village the opportunity to carefully account for public funds, to manage municipal finances wisely, and to plan for the funding of services and facilities required by the public.

Residents and their needs are the driving force behind the budget process. Residents are invited to attend Board meetings when the budget is addressed starting February 21st at 7:00 p.m., view the budget proposal starting March 1st on the Village website or at Village Hall, and attend the public hearing on March 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Justin VanVooren, Director of Finance, said, "The budget represents the culmination of five months of effort to present a plan honoring our commitment to our residents to maintain financial strength, fiscal responsibility and plan for long-term sustainability of the Village."

Easter Egg Hunt

The Village and Community Christian Church are pleased to announce that they will be hosting the fifth annual Easter Egg Hunt for kids aged 1-10 on Saturday, April 8th from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Each year the event has been a hopping success! Please plan to arrive by 10am in order to get to the correct area.

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. 9023 for more information.

Online Payments

The Village of Montgomery recently partnered with PSN (Payment Services Network) to offer a new electronic billing and payment service through the Village of Montgomery website. Utility customers will be able to sign up to view their bills online, make an immediate payment, schedule a future payment, set up full-balance or fixed-amount auto payments, monitor status of payments, view payment history and view scheduled payments.

Users also may set up email notices about payments and bills (e.g. credit card is expiring, bill is past due, bill is ready for viewing, payment confirmed, payment denied).

Residents will need to create new login information to access their account online if they wish to use the new system. Visit the Village's website at www.ci.montgomery.il.us and click on the "Make A Payment" button to set up your new profile and make utility bill payments. If you need assistance with setting this up, please call 1-866-917-7368 to speak with a representative at PSN.

Election Information

At the Consolidated Election on April 4, 2017, Montgomery voters will have the opportunity to elect a Village President, Village Clerk and three Trustees.

Matt Brolley and Penny FitzPatrick are running unopposed for President and Clerk. Running for the three available Trustee positions are three incumbents, Steve Jungermann, Denny Lee and Theresa Sperling, along with three challengers, Tom Betsinger, Bill Keck and Glenn Macey.

NEWS BRIEFS

- Village offices will be closed on Monday, February 20th, 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. 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 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, please do not put your trash cans in the street where they will be in the way of the snow plows. Trash cans should be placed at the end of the driveway or on the parkway.
- Despite the cold and snow, spring isn't too far away! Allied Waste/Republic Services will begin its 2017 yard waste collection season on Monday, April 3rd.
- The Village's brush pickup service will begin the first full week in April. Brush should be neatly stacked at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, April 3rd. Please see the Village website for complete brush pickup guidelines.

Trash Sticker Update

The Village of Montgomery has extended their waste hauling contract with Republic Services, at the current rate, for an additional seven months, ending July 31, 2017. The green trash stickers currently being sold have a printed expiration date of December 31, 2016; however, due to the contract extension the trash stickers will continue to be valid, at the same price, through July 31, 2017.

The price of the blue bags for the Senior Trash program will also remain at \$1.70 through July 31st. Bags purchased in 2016 can continue to be used in 2017.

Sign Up for Direct Debit

Tired of writing checks? Want a simpler way to pay your utility bill and avoid late fees? Try direct debit!

The Village can automatically withdraw your bi-monthly utility bill from your checking account. It's safe and simple. Just complete the form to the right, attach a voided check and mail to Village of Montgomery, 200 N. River St., Montgomery IL 60538. Please call 630-896-1357 with any questions.

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.

Village of Montgomery Utility Bill Direct Payment Authorization Form

New Bank Change Account Change

Customer Name (as it appears on water bill) _____

Utility Bill Account Number (see water bill) _____

Service Address _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____

Daytime Phone Number _____

PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK

I authorize automatic payments of my utility bill to be deducted from my account on the due date of each bill. I shall notify the Village when closing my bank account and understand fees associated with non-sufficient funds or closed accounts shall apply. This authorization is to remain in effect until I terminate it in writing. The Village reserves the right to cancel this agreement with due notification.

Authorized Signature

Date

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 Meetings within a few days after a meeting. From time to time other videos are also posted, such as videos of Montgomery Fest and the 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>.

Upcoming Events



February 4	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Mayor on the Move	Grandma's Table, 1700 Douglas Road
February 14	10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Jenna Constable Love Songs Senior Citizen Activity & Lunch (\$4)	Village Hall Board Room Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
February 18	9:00 a.m.-noon	Recycling Event--Electronics/batteries/metal	Police Department, 10 Civic Center Avenue
February 28	8:30 am-10:00 am	State of the Village Address	Village Hall, 200 N. River Street
March 4	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Mayor on the Move	Speedway, 2110 Orchard Road
March 14	10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Vocalist Jack Evans Senior Citizen Activity & Lunch (\$4)	Village Hall Board Room Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
March 18	9:00 a.m.-noon	Recycling Event--Electronics/batteries/metal	Police Department, 10 Civic Center Avenue
April 1	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Mayor on the Move	MEDC, 200 Webster Street
April 8	10:30 a.m.-noon	Easter Egg Hunt (arrive by 10:00 a.m.) Egg Hunt by age groups (for ages 1-10) followed by crafts, refreshments and activities!	Montgomery Park and Village Hall