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President's Message



Matt Brolley

I'm looking forward to Montgomery Fest on August 11th-13th as we gather together for three days of old-fashioned family fun. It's a great opportunity to mingle with friends and neighbors and build community spirit.

The Craft Beer Booth will be returning, along with a full schedule of activities and entertainment. There is always lots to see and enjoy each year at Montgomery Fest, and I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Community Garage Sale

The annual Fall Community Garage Sale will be held on September 21st, 22nd and 23rd. Residents can sign up at the Village Hall beginning August 1st or print a registration form at www.ci.montgomery.il.us.

The fee to participate is \$10. Ads will be placed in the Beacon News and the Ledger-Sentinel before the sale. The Village Hall will distribute maps showing garage sale locations, plus a 15 word ad for each address. Maps will also be posted on the Village website. The deadline to be included in the advertising is September 8th. For more information, please call 630-896-8080 ext. 9003.

Cemetery Walk

The annual Cemetery Walk will be held on October 4th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Riverside Cemetery. Guests will be led through the cemetery in small groups to hear the fascinating stories of early pioneers and other residents of the cemetery. Tours will begin near the corner of River and Taylor Streets about every 10 minutes. Please bring a flashlight and wear sturdy shoes. There is no charge for this event. In the event of rain, the Cemetery Walk will be held on October 5th.

Craft Beer Booth

The Village of Montgomery is partnering with the Montgomery Foundation to offer a craft beer booth at Montgomery Fest again this year.

Anyone 21 years of age or older can grab a cold beer to go along with their favorite festival food. All proceeds will benefit the Montgomery Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that supports programs of education and community service.

Montgomery Fest

Montgomery Fest will be held this year on August 11-13th in Montgomery Park. This will be a fun-filled, 3-day weekend of carnival rides, food, a craft beer booth, car show, parade, fireworks, petting zoo, free pony rides, vendor booths and entertainment for all ages.

The Fest begins at 5 pm on Friday with food vendors and a craft beer booth! The carnival is offering \$20 wristbands good for unlimited rides from 6-10 pm only. Back Country Roads will perform from 6:30-10 pm.

Saturday morning will again offer \$20 carnival wristbands good from 11 am-3 pm only. Fire Department water fights will begin at 1:30 pm. Saturday entertainment includes a talent show, guitarist Randy Walker and a science show presented by SciTech. The day will conclude with two great bands: LAVA Rock and Semple.

One highlight of the Fest will be performances by the amazing Mudslingers BMX Stunt Team from Plano on Sunday afternoon at 3 pm and 5 pm.

Sunday features a carp fishing derby, car show and the parade, which begins at 1 pm. ASAPH, Corey O'Donnell, Mr. Freeze and Whiskeyfist will provide entertainment after the parade, topped off by Field Day. The day ends with fireworks at 9 pm.

A complete schedule of events is included with this newsletter. The schedule with any last-minute updates will be posted on the Village website at www.ci.montgomery.il.us.

Trash Program Changes

The Village Board approved a new refuse contract with DC Trash beginning August 1st that includes new wheeled trash and recycling containers. The new monthly rate will be \$16.47 per household, compared to the current \$19.65 per household.

DC Trash will pick up unlimited trash, recycling and yard waste each week, with no need for stickers on any items. Unlimited tied bundles of brush and bags of yard waste can be disposed of each week from April 1st through the end of November. Since unlimited trash can be disposed of each week, there will be no designated spring and fall cleanup. Leftover unused trash stickers and blue bags may be returned to the Village Hall by August 31st for a refund.

NEWS BRIEFS

- *Water conservation hours will continue through August 31st. Please note that watering new sod and landscaping is prohibited during July and August.*
- *We are now taking orders for engraved brick pavers that will be laid in the fall. Please submit your order by August 31st to be included in this year's order.*
- *Settler's Cottage will be open from 11am-4pm on August 12th and 13th. The cottage will also be open on September 17th from 12:30-2:30 pm before closing for the season.*
- *A Downtown Walking Tour of historic buildings will take place Saturday, August 12th at 11:00 a.m. The tour will start in front of the Village Hall.*
- *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. Advance registration is required; 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 and maybe win some prizes!*
- *We have had numerous barking dog complaints this year. It is a violation of the Village Code to allow any animal to bark, cry, or otherwise make noises and disturb the peace. Please be considerate of your neighbors in this regard.*
- *Village Offices will be closed on September 4th for Labor Day. Trash pickup will be delayed by one day that week.*
- *Have you ever wondered if your home is susceptible to flooding? If so, contact the Community Development Department and ask about flood maps, letter of map amendments and other related information.*
- *Did you know you can report criminal or suspicious activities anonymously? Just contact Aurora Area Crime Stoppers 630-892-1000 or Montgomery Police Crime Tip Line at 630-897-8707 ext. 9058 to leave an anonymous message.*
- *Please remember that trash and recyclables can be placed curbside no earlier than 4:00 p.m. the day prior to pick-up. All empty containers must be removed by 7:00 p.m. the day of pick-up.*

Water Rate Increase

Water and sewer base charges, as well as water usage rates increased as of May 1st and are reflected on your August 1, 2017 utility bill. Maintaining safe drinking water and environmentally sound sewer services is one of the most important responsibilities of the Village of Montgomery. As providing water and sewer services becomes more expensive, the Village is faced with the constant challenge of balancing our interest in offering a fundamental public health service at an affordable price, against the necessity of managing our systems in a financially sustainable manner. We owe it to you as ratepayers to run a competent, strong, logical and fair water and sewer utility that is always ready to serve you. Adjustment of the Village's existing rates was necessary to address goals for continued system operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement.



Montgomery's 5K and 10K River Run is set for Saturday, October 7, 2017.

The U.S.A.

Track and Field (USATF) certified course (Certification Code: IL-06047-JW and IL-1317-JW) starts and finishes in front of the Village Hall at 200 North River Street in Montgomery. The course goes up and down both sides of the scenic Fox River. The race will be chip timed again this year by J3 Timing. Splits will be given at every mile. There is an overhead digital clock at the finish line. Water station and first aid will be available on the course. Post-race goodies will also be available.

Register on-line at www.signmeup.com/#!/events prior to August 31, 2017 to ensure a long sleeve dri-fit shirt and goodie bag! Look for event #119936 today!

Day at the Farm

Don't miss the FREE Day at the Farm event on Sunday, August 20th from 10am to 3pm. Bring the family to experience the simple joys of life on the farm as you pet farm animals, enjoy hayrides and pony rides, and sample tasty vittles from the Country Kitchen. Antique cars, 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.

Help Your Parkway Trees to Flourish

Proper watering will improve the chances of survival and long-term health of newly planted parkway trees on your property.

The proper amount of water following planting is the main factor in the establishment and health of the tree. The goal is to keep the soil around the tree moist, but not saturated. Application of 15-20 gallons of water weekly should keep the tree in good health under normal weather conditions. A single watering of 20 gallons will cost less than 12 cents per watering. Water should be applied slowly by trickling water from the end of a garden hose for about 50 minutes, or the use of a tree watering bag. Over watering a tree will starve the roots of oxygen and drown the tree.

Recycling Electronics & More

The Village hosts a recycling event on the third Saturday of each month. From 9:00 a.m. until noon, you can drop off electronics (and all items that plug in, except tube TVs), batteries, metal of all types and toner cartridges in front of the Police Department at 10 Civic Center Avenue. Please note that this recycler DOES NOT accept tube TVs, including projection, plasma and console TVs, but does take computers, computer monitors, and LCD TVs with no fee.

Upcoming Events

August 1st	6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	National Night Out (Various locations)	See website for complete schedule
August 8th		No Senior Lunch or presentation today due to Montgomery Fest preparations	
August 11th	5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.	Montgomery Fest	See enclosed brochure for details
August 12th-13th	10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.	Montgomery Fest	See enclosed brochure for details
August 19th	9:00 a.m.-noon	Recycling Event (Electronics, metal, batteries)	Police Department, 10 Civic Center Avenue
August 20th	10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Day at the Farm/Farm Animals/Pony Rides	Dickson-Murst Farm, 2550 Dickson Road
September 12th	10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Virgil Ostreng, Accordion Music Senior Citizen Activity & Lunch (\$4)	Village Hall Board Room Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
September 16th	9:00 a.m.-noon	Recycling Event (Electronics, metal, batteries)	Police Department, 10 Civic Center Avenue
September 21st-23rd	8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Community Garage Sale	See map of locations on Village website
October 4th	7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Cemetery Walk (Rain date is October 5th)	Riverside Cemetery Corner of River and Taylor St.
October 7th	9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	5K and 10K River Run (Registration begins at 7:00 a.m.)	River Street in front of Village Hall

