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President's Message



Matt Brolley

The October newsletter contains a lot of important information. We publish this information in various ways, but always appreciate you sharing details with friends, neighborhood Facebook pages, etc. so that everyone is kept up to date.

First is the change in our recycling events, with a new location, new dates, and new options to recycle old TVs with no charge.

Next is a reminder about the property tax rebate. The deadline for applications is December 15th, and we don't want anyone to miss out.

If you have kids, please note the new trick or treat hours of 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. And be sure to bring the kids to the Halloween event at the Police Department on October 29th! It's grown every year and is always a fun event as well as an opportunity for children to have a positive experience with our officers.

Property Tax Rebates

Property tax rebate applications were mailed out on September 1, 2017! Applications can also be printed directly from our website at: ci.montgomery.il.us. This rebate is made possible by the referendum passed in November 2014 implementing a 1% non-home rule sales tax.

Property tax rebate checks in the amount of \$45 will be mailed to the owner(s) of each residential property who submit a qualifying application. Applications must be postmarked by December 15, 2017 to the Village of Montgomery, 200 N. River St., Montgomery, IL 60538. Property tax rebate checks for approved applications will be mailed out by April 30, 2018.

Holiday Decorations Contest

The Beautification Committee will offer a Holiday Decorations Contest again this year to recognize homes and businesses for exceptional holiday displays.

Residents can nominate their own property or someone else's simply by submitting the property address to Public Works at 331-212-9044 or via the Village website at www.ci.montgomery.il.us. Nominations will be accepted from November 22nd through December 17th.

Committee members will visit all of the nominated addresses the evening of December 20th in order to select winners. A sign recognizing the selected winners will be placed in front of property.

Recycling Event Changes

Beginning in October, our recycling events will be changing locations and moving to quarterly events. The first quarterly event (for Village of Montgomery residents only—ID required) will be Saturday, October 21st, from 8 am to 1 pm at the Public Works facility at 891 Knell Road off of Route 31.

TVs of all types, all electronics (basically anything with an electric plug or batteries), metal, batteries, and household hazardous waste will be accepted for recycling with no charge. Going forward, the new quarterly events will take place on the 3rd Saturday of January, April, July and October.

Halloween Safety Event

The Montgomery Police Department invites everyone to our 4th annual FREE Halloween Safety Event on Sunday, October 29th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Costumes are encouraged, and costume contests will be held every hour. There will be safety stations, games, treats and many more surprises that you won't want to miss! Games will be geared towards elementary school age.

The event will be held on the grounds of the Montgomery Police Department at 10 Civic Center Avenue.

Tree Lighting & Festival of Trees

The Village and the Chamber of Commerce are pleased to announce the 2017 Tree Lighting Ceremony and Festival of Trees.

Please join us at 5:00 p.m. on December 3rd for this popular annual event. In addition to the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony featuring the arrival of Santa, Christmas carols and free refreshments, the Village Hall will be filled with decorated trees provided by local businesses! Bring the whole family to take photos with Santa, have cookies and cocoa and vote for your favorite tree.

The Festival of Trees will stay up December 3rd-22nd. For more information, or if you are a business interested in putting up a tree, please call 630-896-8080 ext. 9023.



NEWS BRIEFS

- The annual Cemetery Walk will be on October 4th from 7-8:30 p.m. at Riverside Cemetery! The rain date will be October 5th.
- 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 and registration one week in advance is required. To sign up, please call 630-896-8080 ext. 9023.
- Many thanks to Rich Messenger, Edith Holst and others who have donated historic items or allowed us to copy old photos.
- Boo! Trick or Treating in Montgomery will be from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on October 31st. Please turn on outside lights if you are handing out candy, and parents, please instruct your children to only go to houses with their lights on.
- The next Mayor on the Move will be held on Saturday, November 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at West Suburban Dental, 1901 Douglas Road.
- The year's final Mayor on the Move will be held on Saturday, December 2nd from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Village Hall. Residents are invited to stop by to meet Village President Matt Brolley and preview the Festival of Trees.
- Village Offices will be closed on November 10th for Veterans Day and on November 23rd and 24th for Thanksgiving.
- 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 win prizes!
- As a reminder, motorized vehicles such as dirt bikes or dune buggies are not allowed on park district property or on Village streets or sidewalks.
- For questions about trash service, or to report any issues such as trash not being picked up, please contact DC Trash customer service at 815-758-7274.
- We've had numerous barking dog complaints this year. It's 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.

Brush & Leaf Pickup

During the months of October and November, Village public works crews provide bulk leaf pick-up services to Village residents. Residents who wish to have their leaves collected must have them raked neatly within 5' behind the curb/edge of roadway in front of their homes by 7 am on the Monday of each collection week.



Crews will make one pass through the Village each of the following weeks: October 30th, November 6th, and November 20th. Grass clippings, sticks, twigs and other debris cannot be collected through the bulk leaf collection process. Placement of foreign debris will result in the crew skipping your address. Additionally, crews cannot vacuum leaves that are within 10' of a tree, mailbox, fire hydrant, street light, street sign, etc. Do not park cars in front of the leaves to be collected, as our crew will not be able to collect them.

The Village's new refuse hauler, DC Trash, will also pick up leaves each week on your regularly scheduled collection day for no additional charge. There are no stickers needed, however, you will need to put the leaves in yard waste bags or clearly marked 32 gallon yard waste cans with two handles. Bags shall be placed at the curb no earlier than 5:00pm the night before your schedule collection.

It is also important to remember that leaves must be placed on the parkway in front of the property from which they originate, so please do not rake leaves into the street or onto other lots. **Please remember—leaf burning is prohibited by Village ordinance.**

Planning for Snow Season

Throughout the winter season, Village crews conduct a coordinated effort to keep roads clear of snow and ice, and safe for travel. Salt brine and/or a beet juice derivative are applied to the roads before a forecasted snow storm to provide improved road conditions at the onset, during a storm, and throughout the clean-up efforts. This provides huge cost savings in salt procurement, wear and tear on equipment and roads, fuel consumption, and over-time, while significantly lessening the negative environmental impacts caused by over salting the roads.

Snow removal crews have also begun handling operations through the use of crews working in tandem in many areas of town.



This operational adjustment allows staff to clear the streets much quicker than having each truck work independently. One benefit that you may have observed is fewer passes made down many residential streets. While it cannot be eliminated, this minimizes the frequency of a plow truck leaving the annoying windrow of snow at the bottom of driveways after they pass by.

Please note that street parking is prohibited during or after a snowfall in which accumulations of 2" inches or more are recorded. While street parking is tolerated by ordinance up to two inches of accumulation, it is wise to remove your vehicles from the roadway to avoid potentially costly damage and expedite snow removal operations as well as emergency vehicle access.

For more information please visit the Public Works tab on the Village's website at www.ci.montgomery.il.us.

Upcoming Events



October 4	7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Cemetery Walk (Rain date October 5)	Riverside Cemetery, River & Taylor Street
October 10	10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Indoor Presentation of Cemetery Walk Senior Citizen Activity & Lunch (Cost: \$4)	Village Hall Board Room Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
October 21	8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Quarterly Recycling Event (TVs, electronics, batteries, metal, household hazardous waste)	Public Works Building, 891 Knell Road
October 29	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Halloween Event (games, treats, prizes, & safety tips!) Costumes are welcome!	Police Department Community Room 10 Civic Center Avenue
November 4	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Mayor on the Move	West Suburban Dental, 1901 Douglas Road
November 10	Veterans Day	Village Offices Closed	
November 14	11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Senior Citizen Lunch (Cost: \$4)	Riverview Restaurant, 1420 SE River Road
November 23-24	Thanksgiving	Village Offices Closed	
December 2	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Mayor on the Move (Preview the Festival of Trees!)	Village Hall, 200 N. River Street
December 3 December 4-22	5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Tree Lighting Ceremony & Festival of Trees Festival of Trees Display (weekdays only)	River Street in front of Village Hall and inside Village Hall