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President's Message



Matt Brolley

In October I was pleased to receive, on behalf of Montgomery, Oswego and Yorkville, a Local Transformer Award due to our successful partnering efforts.

This award from the Transform Illinois group recognized our three communities for exploring ways to share knowledge and services in order to reduce expenses. Oswego and Montgomery began working together on a de-icing program two years ago, and have signed a formal agreement to share certain equipment and services. We are currently exploring the potential for a joint water facility and it's gratifying to have our efforts recognized with this award.

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 20th 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 17th, and judging will take place on December 20th. 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 form on the back of this newsletter.

Tree Lighting Ceremony and Festival of Trees

Don't miss the 2017 Tree Lighting Ceremony and Festival of Trees at 5:00 p.m. on December 3rd! 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 3rd, the Festival of Trees will continue during business hours from December 4th through the 22nd.

Rebate Deadline 12/15

Village officials are preparing to issue property tax rebate checks in March. A property tax rebate in the amount of \$45 will be mailed to the owner of each residential property owner who submits an application postmarked by December 15th. Additional information can be found on the [property tax refund application](#) on the Village website.

Snow and Ice Operations

Throughout the winter season, Village Public Works 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 tremendous cost savings in salt procurement, wear and tear on equipment and roads, fuel consumption and overtime expenses, 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 two 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.

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 Public Works at 630-896-9241. For questions regarding the parking ordinance, please call the Police Department at 630-897-8707.

NEWS BRIEFS

- *Toys for Tots donations will be accepted at the Montgomery Village Hall and Police Department until December 7th.*
- *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 9003 for complete information.*
- *When cleaning up your yard for the winter, be sure to disconnect your garden hose from the house spigot so it doesn't freeze and cause water damage inside.*
- *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!*
- *Trash collection will be delayed by one day during the weeks of December 25th and January 1st due to the holidays.*
- *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.*
- *DC Trash will collect live Christmas trees for disposal on your regular collection day during the month of January. Trees need to be curbside, void of all decorations and not in bags.*
- *You can stay informed about what's happening in Montgomery by watching videos of the Board Meetings on our YouTube channel!*
- *For help with any questions or issues please feel free to email vomadmin@ci.montgomery.il.us and your request will be forwarded to the appropriate department.*

Montgomery Holiday Decorations Contest

I would like to nominate the following address(es) 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 17th.

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 17th** ****

Illinois Bicentennial Year

December 3, 2017 begins the Illinois Bicentennial year, a 365-day celebration of 200 years of statehood. The Illinois Bicentennial Committee provided a Bicentennial flag that is being flown at the Village Hall below the Illinois State flag. The committee will also be hosting and promoting various events throughout the State as we celebrate the people, places and things that make Illinois so unique. You can learn more about these special events at www.Illinois200.com.

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.

Quarterly Recycling Events

The next quarterly recycling event will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2018, from 8 am to 1 pm at the Public Works facility at 891 Knell Road off of Route 31. These events are provided by DC Trash and are only for residential customers of DC Trash who live within the Village of Montgomery and participate in the Village's waste hauling contract. This does not include businesses, apartment complexes or residents in Boulder Hill or other unincorporated areas. A photo ID will be required to verify residency.

TVs of all types, all electronics (basically anything with an electric plug or batteries), metal, rechargeable batteries, and household hazardous waste will be accepted for recycling with no charge. Household hazardous waste includes pesticides, cleaners, automotive fluids, pool chemicals, oil-based paint, CFL bulbs and weed killer. It does NOT include latex paint.

Going forward, these quarterly events will take place on the 3rd Saturday of January, April, July and October.

Holiday Safety Tips

The National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) reminds last-minute holiday shoppers to keep safety in mind as they hunt for those last-minute bargains. Some safety tips:

- * Do not buy more than you can securely carry.
- * Save all receipts, and monitor credit card and bank statements.
- * Carry your purse close to your body and never in the cart.
- * Have your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle.
- * Store purchases out of sight in your trunk or take them directly home after shopping.
- * Don't advertise your purchases to thieves; cut and flatten boxes so you can dispose of them in your recycling container.

Upcoming Events



December 2	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Mayor on the Move	Village Hall, 200 N. River Street
December 3	5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Tree Lighting Ceremony & Festival of Trees	River Street in front of Village Hall and inside
December 4-22	8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Festival of Trees Display (weekdays only)	Village Hall—Vote for your favorite tree!
December 12	10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Christmas Songs with Randy Walker Senior Citizen Activity & Lunch (\$4)	Village Hall Board Room Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
December 20	10:00 a.m.-noon	Dime Jingle	Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
January 9	10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Music by Rebecca & Marilee Senior Citizen Activity & Lunch (\$4)	Village Hall Board Room Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
January 17	10:00 a.m.-noon	Dime Jingle	Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
January 20	8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Recycling Event--Electronics/TVs/metal	Public Works, 891 Knell Road
February 3	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Mayor on the Move	Montgomery Library, 1111 Reading Drive