Santa's coming to Montgomery! See page 2.

MONTGOMERY
MT. Breeze

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Winter safety checklist from Montgomery Fire Dept

Winter is just about here,

Hopefully all your chimneys have been cleaned, and sources of heating have been maintained. Buckets of sand readied to provide traction for icy walks, and snowblowers tuned up. All smoke and Co2 detector batteries should have been changed November 1st.

The fire dept members wish all of you a safe and happy thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

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Inivitation to hear about new recycling plans for Montgomery

The Select Board/Board of Health is currently considering changes and invites the public to attend an informational meeting on **Thursday 12/10 at 7:15 pm** to ask questions or share concerns. **Please call the Town Hall at 862 3386 if you are planning to attend. We have to maintain safe distances and wear masks at this meeting.** Also, you can call your questions into the Town Hall at 862 3386, or email them to townhall@montgomeryma.gov The January Breeze will print up questions and answers.

As reported in previous articles in the Mountain Breeze, Montgomery is considering an alternative plan for meeting the mandatory recycling requirements of the Town. This new plan will start July 1, 2021.

We currently have a contract for bi-weekly curbside recycling pickup and an annual bulky waste collection with Republic Services. The cost of these programs has increased dramatically, mostly due to a new per-ton tipping fee at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility (MRF). There's a small amount of revenue sharing, but it does not change the bottom line…recycling this way is expensive.

With assistance from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Municipal Assistance Coordinator Veronique Blanchard, a path that will save the Town at least $40,000 per year has been identified-- namely, to end the Town's curbside collection program next year. The Select Board/Board of Health is considering adopting regulations that require haulers to offer trash collection and recycling services to all of their customers, as well as providing separate recycling containers. USA Waste already provides this 'bundled' service in Town, but all other haulers would have to come into compliance by July 1, 2021.

Montgomery residents and businesses have and will continue to have many options for managing their trash and recyclables. Some have curbside trash pick-up. Others use dumpsters provided by USA Waste, Waste Management or Casella Waste. Still others bring trash (for a fee) and recycling (at no cost) to Valley Recycling in Northampton—a facility which is open to all including Montgomery residents.

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NOTICE: Winter street plowing alert

Below is a section list of town roads that will NOT be plowed for the winter months.

The roads are as follows:

1) Fuller Road middle section from 11 to 56
2) Herrick Road from 71 to Carrington Road
3) Russell Road--all of the graveled (dirt) section
4) Upper Pomeroy Road from 93 to Herrick Road
5) Pitcher Street from 227 to the end

"Love the giver, more than the gift."
Brigham Young

Paula L. Chapman
Administrative Chief of Police for the Town of Montgomery
OFFICE HOURS: 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm
The office is in the basement of the Town Hall
December 3 **December 17**

Important numbers

FIRE EMERGENCY	911
AMBULANCE	911
STATE POLICE	911
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	862-4037
GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL	685-1102
GATEWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL	685-1202
GMS ATTENDANCE	685-1201
LITTLEVILLE ELEMENTARY	685-1301

TOWN HALL OFFICE 862-3386
Listen to the following extensions of each office.
townhall@montgomeryma.gov
Administrative Secretary Hours, Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FIRE DEPT: 862-4505
FIRE CHIEF - CHRIS GALIPEAU 862-4599

TOWN CLERK - JUDY MURPHY 862-3386 ext 3
or direct line 642-6927
Office hours are on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from Noon - 4:00. Or you may call for an appointment.

POLICE DEPT:
ADMINISTRATIVE POLICE CHIEF - PAULA CHAPMAN Home 862-4949
Office 862-3386 ext 5

TAX COLLECTOR - JANE THIELEN 862-3386 ext 1

or direct line 642-8139

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SELECT BOARD:
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mrrrr@verizon.net

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montgomerylibrary@yahoo.com
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Thursday 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION -
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The Conservation Commission meets on the first Monday of each month.

COUNCIL ON AGING 862-3386 ext 6 or 642-8143

STATE REPRESENTATIVE LINDSAY SABADOSA:
info@lindsaysabadosa.com
(413) 539-8599

December Calendar

All coffee hours, yoga and Osteoporosis exercise classes have been cancelled until further notice.

Dec. 8 Recycling day
Dec. 22 Recycling day

Scheduled events and times are fluid at this time and subject to change.

CEMETERY LOTS AVAILABLE AND WINTER CLOSURE

Anyone wishing to purchase a cemetery plot/lot, please contact Joanne Hebert at 862-4586, Patty Little at 862-3830 or Scott Darling at 862-3378, not the Town Office. The price per plot is $200, lots of 4 plots are $800. Each plot can be used for one burial and two cremations, or 4 cremations. Sales are limited to legal residents or property owners in Montgomery. The gate to the cemetery will be locked for the winter on November 15th and will reopen in the spring. This is for vehicular traffic, you can still walk in.

Condolences to...

Hap and Linda Morse and family on the loss of Linda's stepmother Eunice Pomeroy, former Montgomery resident, who passed away on November 23 in Westfield.

Carol and Jim Stevens lost Carol's father, William Patterson.

Spencer & Rathay "clan" for the loss of Dinty Spencer

MOUNTAIN BREEZE AD POLICY
Montgomery resident ads: $3.50 for ¼ page, $7.00 for ½ page, $10.50 for ¾ page and $14.00 for a full page.
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Political ads: $15.00 for ½ page and $30.00 for a full page. (Political ads must include the name of the payer.)
Ads: email (preferably pdf file) to **montgomerymtbreeze@gmail.com**, put in the MB box at the Library, or mail to: **Montgomery Mountain Breeze, c/o Grace Hall Memorial Library, 161 Main Road, Montgomery, MA 01085-9525**. Include your name and phone number. Payment must be received by deadline date (usually on the 16th of the month) or ad will not be run. No cash, please; make check payable to Montgomery Mountain Breeze and put in the MB box at the Library, or mail to above address.

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It will be the best place to meet your neighbors again!

Happy Holidays Everyone!

The whole staff, me and the Jennies, as well as Zack (and Peyton I'm sure) would like to thank all our customers that have adapted with us. These are some crazy times and we just need to keep adapting and being safe. Hope you all find a way to enjoy the holidays in a safe and loving manner.

Let's start looking towards a covid free world again. Like next summer! This summer was the best at the Grille. Don't get me wrong...lots of things sucked and supplies were and still are hard to find sometimes.

The summer of 2020 at the Montgomery Grille was for sure the most eventful summer in our brief history. It went so well I can't wait for next summer. Even some new plans for the Grille Wagon!

Since winter is scratching at our windows. We will be cooking more take home prepared meals like we did at the beginning of this thing. I am getting excited about trying some new soups as well as keeping up with our old standards. So if you see a new soup on the board be brave or just ask for a taste and decide for yourself. I am also looking forward to exploring more ethnic cooking like Mexican and Asian dishes,

Don't worry though I am not going to get away from what we do best: being a good neighbor and doing our best to provide a service for this great community.

If I may I would just like to tell a little about what has helped me through this chaos. For me, it has been cooking. Just the chopping and keeping busy. Hope you all find that something that helps.

God Bless,
Scott

Check our website for latest menu choices.

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Gardeners heading indoors for the next couple of months

GardenNews
by Chris Brown

This is the time of year gardeners think about their indoor plants…. Many gardeners put their plants outside during the warm months, but now the plants are back in the house and they need attention. Many indoor plants thrive with moderate temperatures, medium levels of humidity and varying light levels.

Varieties of indoor plants:

Ariods: include Arrowhead, Chinese evergreen/ Agloanema, Dumb Cane/Dieffenbachia, Peace Lily/Spathiphllum, Mother-in-law's tongue/Dieffenbachia, Pothos, Philodendron.

Water: Keep soil moist; Humidity: will tolerate 20 to 30% but prefer 50%;; Temperature: around 70 degrees with 5 degrees less at night.

Gesteriads: include African Violets and Streptocarpus. These varieties need consistent water, light, fertilizer and temperature. Fluorescent lights, humidifier, and specialized watering methods such as wick-well containers help these indoor plants grow.

Spiderwort Family: Striped Inch Plant. Very easy to grow and propagate. Light: sunny east, south or west window; Temperature: average in winter, suffers below 55 degrees;

Watering: keep evenly moist.

If you do not have adequate window light, consider using artificial or fluorescent light to provide the 15 to 16 hours of light most houseplants require.

Before too long the seed catalogs will be arriving in the mailbox, so we can start planning our gardens for next spring. Meanwhile, enjoy your houseplants and think Spring!

GOOEY TURTLE BARS

DECEMBER RECIPE

Thank you again Jeanne Aras for this recipe.

2 cups graham cracker crumbs (or use vanilla wafers)
2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
1 12 oz. jar caramel topping
½ cup butter (melted)
1 cup pecans pieces

Combine crumbs and butter. Stir and press firmly in bottom of pan (9 x 13). Sprinkle with chocolate chips and pecans. Microwave caramel sauce for 30 seconds (lid off). Drizzle over pecans. Bake 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until chocolate chips are melted. Let cool and then chill in pan for at least 30 minutes. Cut into bars – 2 dozen.

Outside the bird feeder with Lori Conley

THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

"The 12 Days of Christmas" song has become so familiar we rarely think about its weird lyrics. From Swans a swimming and geese a laying to that partridge, the various feathered gifts from the popular song deserve a closer look.

Carolers routinely rattle off its six avian gifts before moving to even larger quantities of maids, ladies, lords, pipers and drummers. But whether they're literal or symbolic, what kinds of birds are we singing about?Here's the six bird 'stars' of the song:

The Partridge in a pear tree is probably the red-legged partridge, native to continental Europe, introduced as a game bird in the 1770's and is still common in the U.K. They are ground birds and almost never perch in trees - even pear trees.

Next up, 2 European Turtle Doves that were once widespread in the U.K. The birds' common name comes from a turr-turr sound they make. Our mourning doves here are closely related.

The three French Hens are female chickens probably just from France (the song may be based on an older French song) and not a distinct breed.

Four Calling Birds. This one's trickier. There isn't a species named "calling bird", but there is a clue in an earlier version of a children's book where the line read "four colly birds", using an old English word for black. That suggests that "calling birds" were originally blackbirds - most likely the Eurasian blackbird.

Six Geese-a-laying. The six nesting waterfowl are greylag geese, ancestors of most domestic goose breeds....also the largest and bulkiest of any wild geese native to the U.K. and Europe.

Finally the seven swimming waterfowl are most likely Mute Swans. They were introduced to North America in the 19th century from England. They make less noise than other swans but they're not exactly mute.

(From the Mother Nature Network site)

Happy Holidays to everyone!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS
Maggie Bean-Ducharme
Curtis Bush, Jr.
Jean Bush
Philip Camp
Cade Fuller
Terry Hall
Marianne Swiatek

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
Kathy and Rich Couture
Sandie and Chris Mann

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T'was the Night for Fire Safety

author unknown

'T w a s the night b e f o r e Christmas, when all through the house ★ Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. ★ When down through the chimney, all covered with soot ★ Came the "Spirit of Fire", an ugly galoot. ★ His eyes glowed like embers, his features were stern ★ As he looked all around him for something to burn. ★ What he saw made him grumble-his anger grew higher ★ For there wasn't a single thing that would start a good fire. ★ No door had been blocked by the big Christmas tree ★ It stood in the corner, leaving passageways free. ★The lights that glow brightly for Betty and Tim ★ Had been hung with precaution, so none touched a limb. ★ All wiring was new, not a break could be seen ★ And wet sand at its base kept the tree nice and green. ★ The tree had been trimmed by a mother insistent ★ That the ornaments used should be fire resistant. ★ The mother had known the things to avoid, ★ Like cotton and paper and plain celluloid. ★ Rock wool, metal icicles and trinkets of glass ★ Gave life to the tree - it really had class. ★ And would you believe it, right next to the tree ★ Was a suitable box for holding debris ★ A place to hold wrappings of paper and string ★ From all of the gifts that Santa might bring. ★ The ugly galoot was so mad he could bust ★ As he climbed up the chimney in utter disgust. ★ For the folks in this home had paid close attention ★ To all of the rules of good fire prevention.

HAPPY HANUKKAH and MERRY CHRISTMAS
from your friends and neighbors of the Montgomery Historical Society!

2020 has been a year of event loss; stay positive and healthy

Historical Happenings

As reported previously, your Montgomery Historical Society planning committee is sad to have missed almost the entire year of activities planned for the enjoyment of members and fellow townspeople this past year. The only event that we were able to offer was the annual Penny Social held the first weekend in March, just prior to the realization that the coronavirus was creating "big trouble" for all. We've missed two dinners (Roast Pork dinner in April and Chicken Pie supper in October) plus several field trips/hikes and three Open Houses at the Historical Building. We've also announced previously that we must abandon plans to have dinner together at a local restaurant after the New Year. We can only hope that next year will be much better!

In the meantime, we wish all of you a wonderful holiday season, while yet realizing that the need is there to scale back on any large gatherings. Whether you celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, or any other winter holiday, may you be blessed with good health both now and in the New Year. With care and caution, we will hopefully all stay healthy and be able to resume our normal activities in the coming months.

While the Grace Hall Memorial Library remains open on a limited basis only, the display case hosted by the Montgomery Historical Society will remain without an exhibit. We hope to start filling it again with items for your viewing pleasure when the library hours and visitor policies return to normal. (As requested in the past, if YOU have any item(s) or collection(s) that might be of interest to others in town, please contact Laurie at 862-8095 to get your items on the display schedule for 2021.)

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. The Town plans to maintain the annual bulky waste drop-off program at no cost to residents. In October 2020, more than 55 households participated.

Subsidized access to the New England Disposal Technologies (NEDT) facility in Westfield is also being evaluated for the disposal of hazardous household chemicals and electronics. The annual supplement per household has not been determined yet.

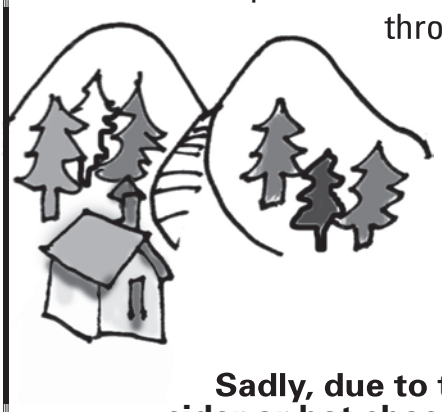
Watch the Breeze, Country Journal, Westfield Evening News and PennySaver for more information, or **contact the Recycling Committee with any questions: Chris Brown 862 4591; Karen Bouquillon 413 563 5433; Ellen Moyer 862-3452.**

Offered to a home in need

Offering free seasoned firewood to town residents who really could use it. Most in 4 foot lengths from small to large. If interested call 862-3395. Please not intended for resale; only for those in need.

Thanks,
a Montgomery neighbor

Pike's Peak Christmas Tree Farm



Pike's Peak Christmas Tree Farm at 1689 Russell Road, Montgomery, is officially open for the season as of **Saturday, December 5,** continuing every weekend through **Sunday, December 20.** (Please call if you need a special time.) **Hours are 9:00 a.m. through dusk,** and please remember, there are no lights out in the fields! **Many sizes are available** – small through large, primarily Fraser fir and Colorado blue spruce. The cost is the same for any tree – **just $30.00.** (You choose and cut your own.) We also have fresh, hand-made evergreen wreaths on grapevine bases, plus door swags and kissing balls.

Sadly, due to the current pandemic, we will not be able to offer free hot cider or hot chocolate or a warm-up in the cabin. We wish to keep everyone safe, and we hope you will understand this change for this year only (we hope). Any questions? Please call us at 862-8095 or 862-4539.

Our once-a-year visit from SANTA CLAUS at the Christmas Tree shed will also not be possible this year. Santa has been advised by his doctors to remain at the North Pole this season except for his annual trip around the world on Christmas Eve. He has said he will miss seeing all of the children but hopes you understand his wanting to keep everyone safe from being sick.

The very best of Christmas wishes from all of us at Pike's Peak Christmas Tree Farm!

Santa's Helper for Hire…

Need a helper to watch the kids while you shop for gifts?

Enthusiastic and ambitious 13 & 3/4 year old girl looking for employment in babysitting, as a mother's helper, house chores and / or yard chores.

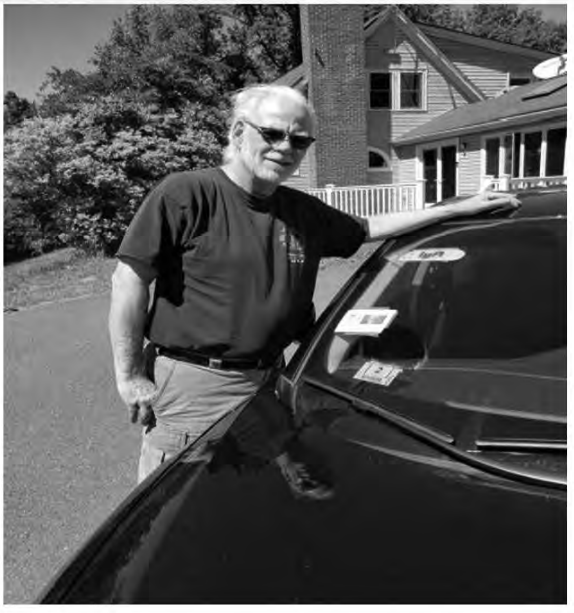
I am an American Red Cross certified baby sitter as well as an "A" student in the 8th grade. I am very careful and I follow Covid sanitary precautions.

If you need a night out with your spouse, or some time to shop, I am your "go to" helper.

If interested, please contact Paige Stomski at 413-862-3682

I can provide references upon request.

Hill-town Transportation



Let me make life a little easier in the Hilltowns!

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Irene, formerly of (HAIR Ltd) welcomes everyone to visit her at

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Irene is wishing everyone a SAFE & HEALTHY HOLIDAY

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

MANY THANKS to my LOYAL CLIENTS

(Let's all do our part to keep ourselves and others safe from this awful situation.)
GREETINGS to my friends at the Grille.

Call 413-478-6253 for appointments.
Ask for Irene.
413-478-6253 • 415-642-8002

DUE TO THE CURRENT HEALTH SITUATION, THE SANTA RUN WILL BE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR. SANTA WILL STILL TRAVEL AROUND TOWN TO SEE THE CHILDREN, BUT TREATS WILL BE IN BAGGIES. SANTA WILL BE WEARING A MASK. IT'S UP TO EACH PARENT IF THEY WANT THEIR CHILDREN TO "VISIT" WITH SANTA.

SANTA CLAUS
IS COMING TO TOWN!!!!

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 19, 2020
(TIME SCHEDULE - TIMES ARE APPROX.)

SNOW DATE FOR SANTA RUN: SUNDAY DECEMBER 20, 2020

THE MONTGOMERY FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATION WILL ONCE AGAIN BRING SANTA TO THESE LOCATIONS AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:

11:00 a.m. Main Rd. at Fuller Rd.
11:05 a.m. Main Rd. at Old Main Rd.
11:10 a.m. Professional Center - 46 Main Road
11:25 a.m. Main Rd. at North Rd.
11:35 a.m. Pitcher St. at Pitcher St. Cemetery
11:40 a.m Pitcher St. at Mountain House Rd.
11:45 a.m. Pitcher St. at the end
12:00 p.m. Pine Ridge Rd. at Birch Bluff Rd.
12:15 p.m. Russell Rd. at Old House Rd.
12:35 p.m. Russell Rd. at Tekoa Rd.
12:40 p.m. Russell Rd. at Pomeroy Rd.
12:45 p.m. At the FIRE STATION
1:00 p.m. Main Rd. at New State Rd.
1:10 p.m. Avery Rd. at Sunset Rd.
1:25 p.m. New State Rd. at Jourdan Rd.
1:40 p.m. Carrington Rd. at Main Rd.
2:00 p.m. Carrington Rd. at Thomas Rd.
2:30 p.m. Carrington Rd. at Russell Rd.
2:40 p.m. Back at the FIRE STATION

SANTA WILL ARRIVE IN MONTGOMERY'S RESCUE TRUCK AND HAND OUT TREATS TO THE KIDS!!!!

December 2020 Daily Holidays, Special and Wacky Days

December 1
Eat a Red Apple Day
World Aids Awareness Day

December 2
National Fritters Day

December 3
National Roof over Your Head Day

December 4
Wear Brown Shoes Day

December 5
Bathtub Party Day
Repeal Day - The 21st Amendment ends Prohibition.

December 6
St. Nicholas Day
Mitten Tree Day
Put on your own Shoes Day

December 7
Letter Writing Day
National Cotton Candy Day
Pearl Harbor Day

December 8
National Brownie Day
Take it in the Ear Day

December 9
Christmas Card Day
National Pastry Day

December 10
Human Rights Day
Nobel Prize Day

December 11
National Noodle Ring Day

December 12
National Ding-a-Ling Day
Poinsettia Day

December 13
Ice Cream Day
International Children's Day
Violin Day

December 14
International Monkey Day
National Bouillabaisse Day
Roast Chestnuts Day

December 15
Bill of Rights Day
National Lemon Cupcake Day

December 16
National Chocolate Covered Anything Day

December 17
National Maple Syrup Day

December 18
Bake Cookies Day
National Roast Suckling Pig Day

December 19
Look for an Evergreen Day
Oatmeal Muffin Day

December 20
Go Caroling Day

December 21
Crossword Puzzle Day
Forefather's Day
Humbug Day
Look on the Bright Side Day
National Flashlight Day
Winter Solstice - the shortest day of the year, date varies

December 22
National Date Nut Bread Day

December 23
Festivus - for the rest of us
Roots Day

December 24
National Chocolate Day
National Egg Nog Day

December 25
Christmas Day
National Pumpkin Pie Day

December 27
Make Cut Out Snowflakes Day
National Fruitcake Day

December 28
Boxing Day - date can vary
Card Playing Day

December 29
Pepper Pot Day

December 30
Bacon Day
National Bicarbonate of Soda Day

December 31
Make Up Your Mind Day
New Year's Eve
Unlucky Day

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What's That Sound? Fun With Onomatopoeia

Bang, pow, pop! Don't duck — these are examples of onomatopoeia. If you need a refresher from elementary school, an onomatopoeia is the formation of a word that imitates or suggests the sound the word makes. For example, a bee humming by your head literally makes a "bzzzzz" sound, so we use the word "buzz" to describe it. There are hundreds of examples of onomatopoeia (it's the same plural and singular) out there, but here are some of our favorite fun sounds.

Ululate
The Latin word ululo means to howl. That's exactly what ululation sounds like — a high-pitched trill. You can make this sound by moving your tongue and uvula back and forth.

Fizz
Just saying this word out loud is reminiscent of the sensation of tiny bubbles lightly sprinkling your face when you drink a soda. There's a reason why Alka-Seltzer's "Plop. Fizz. Clink." tagline was so successful!

Vroom
Little kids have a blast trying out this word when playing with toy trucks and cars. Coined in the 1960s when horsepower was really starting to take off, this is one example of onomatopoeia that'll get your engines running.

Chickadee
Many animals and birds are named after the sounds they make, but a chickadee is one of the more adorable examples. Give this video a quick watch and you'll hear the distinctive chick-a-dee-dee-dee chirp that gave this little bird its cute name.

Purr
Speaking of animals, this example of onomatopoeia is applicable to just about every member of the cat family. Cats purr by activating their larynx and diaphragm muscles when they're happily relaxed and content. Humans can't really replicate a cat's purr, so you'll have to show your chilled-out vibes in other ways.

Ding-dong
It's the easiest melody to sing for anyone that's had a doorbell. The simple two-part chime of "ding-dong" is incredibly recognizable. In music theory, it's known as a descending major third, in case you wanted to learn something new today.

Cock-a-doodle-doo
This isn't just a farmhouse cliché. If you've ever been around a rooster, you know they happily wake up anyone in range with their joyful five-syllable call at sunrise. Even if you don't love being up at the crack of dawn, you'll recognize the rooster's crow.

Squish
Many parents end up calling their newborn babies "squishes" since they're quite squishy, but let's not kid ourselves. It's also because the word is so enjoyable to say.

Pitter-patter
There are a few examples of onomatopoeia that involve repeating or rhyming words (like flip-flop or choo-choo), but pitter-patter — a quick and light tapping sound — is particularly charming and adorable.

www.wordgenius.com/whats-that-sound-fun-with-onomatopoeia

Library New

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December 2020

We belong to each other, and we can do hard things. ~Glennon Doyle, @glennondoyle, Instagram post, 2020 March 12th

"3 of 9" a LIVE Zoom event

Reading and Discussion of the three J.D. Salinger's Nine Stories with Storyteller Mary Jo Maichack. Hosted by the library on the last three Thursdays of January 2021 (14, 21, & 28) at 6:30—8 PM. Zoom address will be available in the Jan. Mt. Breeze. The three stories featured will be " the Laughing man", " Perfect day for a Bananafish" and " For Esme, with love and squalor". Read ahead of the event, if you wish, but it isn't required. Come and listen and discuss!

Wowbrary has come to the Library

The library adds many new books and movies each year. Wowbrary.org offers you a weekly email alerts showing you the newest materials added to our collection each week.

Be among the first to know about our new arrivals and when you see something of interest, you'll be able to click instantly and place a hold on your favorite(s). Of course, like everything else in the library, this service is free! Patrons can login to ***wowbrary.org*** , enter the towns zip code and sign up for any library in the area. A weekly email newsletter will give you a list of each library news additions.

Appointment & Curbside Service

Tuesdays 10 to 5:30 pm, Thursdays 11 to 8 pm, Saturdays 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

You can pick up items at the Children's Room screen door during new hours.

THANK YOU! To Lydia King and Mary Cantler for raising funds for the library with a plant sale at the Montgomery Grille this past fall. Thank you!

Posting on Facebook

We will post updating news to our Facebook page , such as when new items come in or change in hours.

Returning Library Items

Please return all library items to the drop box only! Not items can be returned directly into the library. If possible please have items in a plastic bag. Drop box is to the right of the Children's room

Hours
Tues: 10– 5:30
Thurs: 11-8
Sat: 9:30-12:30

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Grace Hall Memorial Library Curbside Request Form

Please fill out this form and leave it in the Drop Box to the Left of the Children's Room outside of the library. All Request will be filled or answered with in a week. You may also email request us at: montgomerylibrary@yahoo.com or by phone 413-862-3894

Name_____

Phone_____

Email_____

Items requested (Titles and Author's)

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Items by Subject matter: (Please state reading level if for Early Readers)

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Pick Curbside pickup time:

Tuesdays 10 am to 4pm, Thursdays 11 to 6pm or Saturdays 9:30 to 12:30

Curbside is at the Children's Room exterior door (Old entrance) Please use the doorbell

To search our catalog, go to: wghl.masscat.org Latest new items are posted on our Facebook page: **facebook.com/gracehallmemorial**

COUNCIL ON AGING

Serving the Citizens of Montgomery
December 2020

Calendar

No events scheduled

December Birthdays

Jean Bush
Richard Kent
Lorna Washburn

The Medicare open enrollment period will close on December 7th.

If you have questions on your plan now is the time to act.

Buliah Mae Thomas, SHINE representative, can be reached at 667-2203 if you would like to make an appointment. She is extremely busy but always manages to find time to help our seniors.

Elder Abuse – 800-922-2275 or 413-586-2000
(Elder Abuse refers to any knowing, intentional, or negligent act by a caregiver or any other person that causes harm or a serious risk of harm to a vulnerable adult 60 or older)

Meals On Wheels – Highland Valley Elder Services 800-322-0551 or 413-586-2000 Donation requested.

Veteran's Agent – Daniel Flechsig – 862-8095

Eunice (Dinty) Spencer

We are saddened to hear of the passing of Dinty Spencer on November 22 at St. Joseph Residence in Enfield, CT. where she celebrated her 102nd birthday in September.

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to her son Gerry and his wife Pat, daughter Sandy Shelnut and their extended families.

Share the Love with Vulnerable Seniors

(Highland Valley Elder Services requested the following inserted in our newsletter)

For the 13th year running, the Meals on Wheels network is participating in the 2020 Subaru Share the Love Event. Over the past twelve years, Subaru and its retailers have helped Meals on Wheels to deliver more than 2.3 million meals nationwide to seniors in need.

One in four seniors lives alone in isolation and one in seven seniors might not know from where their next meal is coming. Highland Valley Elder Services provides the nutritious meals, friendly visits and safety checks to the seniors in Hampshire and Hampden counties. This vital support keeps seniors in their own homes, where they want to be.

This November 19, 2020, through January 4, 2021, for every new Subaru vehicle purchased or leased, Subaru will donate $250 to the customer's choice of participating charities. Meals on Wheels is one of four national participating charities and has been since the inception of the event.

The Council on Aging is looking for new Board Members. If you would like to serve, please call 862-3257 for more information.

Zodiac Sign – Sagittarius/Capricorn Flower – Holly/Narcissus Birthstone – Turquoise/Zircon/Tanzanite

PREPARING FOR WINTER WEATHER
MEMA Offers Tips to Help Keep Massachusetts Families Safe

A winter storm in New England can range from a moderate snowfall over a few hours to a chilling Nor'easter, bringing blizzard conditions with blinding win-driven snow that lasts several days. People can become stranded in their automobiles or trapped at home, without utilities or other services. The aftermath of a winter storm can have an impact on a community or the entire region for days, weeks or even months. Storm effects, in New England include large snow accumulation, "extremely cold temperatures, heavy, wet snow or icing on trees and power lines, roof collapses, coastal flooding and beach erosion.

Winter storms are also deceptive killers because most deaths are indirectly related to the actual storm. The major causes are automobile or other transportation accidents, exhaustion and heart attacks caused by overexertion, "freezing to death" and asphyxiation from improper heating sources. House fires occur more frequently in the winter due to lack of proper safety precautions when using alternate heating sources, like unattended fires and space heaters.

Over the next couple of months we will share important winter safety information. Areas to be covered will include the proper steps to take to prepare your family and home for the winter season, automobile and driving safety, protecting your pets, and responding to power outages.

WINTER EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Portable radio or NOAA Weather Radio with extra batteries
- Charged cell phone
- First-aid kit
- Essential prescription medicines
- Non-perishable food
- Manual can opener
- Water (one gallon per person/per day)
- Extra blankets and sleeping bags
- Fire extinguisher

FAMILY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Develop a "Family Emergency Communication Plan' in case family members are separated from one another during a winter storm and have a plan for getting back together.

- Ask an out-of-state relative or friend to serve as the "family contact". After a disaster, it is often easier to call long distance than across town. Also, calling outside the area will probably be easier than calling into a disaster area.
- Make sure everyone knows the name, address and telephone number of the contact person.
- Sometimes an emergency could impact your neighborhood or small section of town. Decide on an alternate meeting area for family members.

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