

1ST QUARTER REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS WILL BE DUE AUGUST 2ND.

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Check for ticks season is upon us

Summer Time weather;

With warmer weather brings ticks. This year appears to be an elevated tick population (judging by fellow townsfolk reporting). After you enjoy the outdoors, check yourselves when returning home and remove any ticks that may be on you. Don't forget to check your pets, they don't like ticks either.



154 Main Road
Montgomery, MA

Chief Frye Memorial update; the MFD Association will have the memorial completed by this fall. A lot of hard work and donations have been involved.

Please join the Montgomery Fire Department for a Memorial Dedication;

date to be announced soon.

As always, we are looking for volunteers for the Fire Department. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month are our training/meetings. If you would like to become a member

please call 862-4505.

Thank you for all your support.

Chief Steven P. Frye Memorial Scholarships awarded

The Montgomery Fire Department is pleased to announce that we had 6 applications for the 2021 Fire Chief Stephen P. Frye Memorial Scholarship.

Choosing just one or two winners was difficult as all applicants were very deserving. Unfortunately, we could not award a scholarship to everyone.

This year's winners are **Rebecca Hyjek & Chloe Lussier**.

Congratulations Rebecca and best of luck at Elms College. And congratulations to Chloe and best of luck at Wentworth Institute of Technology.

Local nonprofit winner of state-wide Excellence Award

Huntington, MA - It Takes a Village, a small nonprofit based in Huntington, MA is this year's winner of the Massachusetts Nonprofit Network's Nonprofit Excellence Award in the Small Nonprofit category. This year, a panel of judges reviewed over 180 nominations that represented the incredible work of nonprofits and professionals across the Commonwealth.

Since 2009, It Takes a Village has provided free postpartum and early parenting support to families with infants and young children living in Western Massachusetts, and inspired the community to welcome the newest members of their Village. What started with one neighbor supporting one mother has expanded into a Home Visit Program covering 29 towns, a donation and distribution center that has distributed over \$600,000 worth of free maternity, infant, and children's clothing and gear, and a Parent Support and Education Program with drop-in support

Please turn to page 5.

“We generate fears while we sit. We overcome them by action.”

Dr. Henry Link

Town wide recycling information update

See yellow pages in back of issue.

THIS IS A SPECIAL TWO MONTH COMBINED ISSUE. HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

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

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TOWN CLERK - CHERYL MASCIADRELLI 862-3386

ext 3

or direct line 642-6927

Office hours are every Wednesday 10-4 or by appointment.

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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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PHIL CAMP 862-4976

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DONALD WASHBURN 862-3301

MIKE MORRISSEY 862-3386

JACOB CHAPMAN 862-4949

Meetings for the Select Board are held at 7:00 p.m. every

other Thursday.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

MADELYN AUSTIN 862-4004

mrrrr@verizon.net

LIBRARY:

LIBRARIAN - PAULA LONG 862-3894

montgomerylibrary@yahoo.com

HOURS: Tuesday 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Thursday 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS:

Office Hours of the Board of Assessor's are held on the 1st

& 3rd Wednesday of each month from noon to 4:00 pm; and

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm. Meetings will be scheduled and posted

when deemed necessary.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION -

PAIGE LALIBERTE, Chairman 413-287-2167

The Conservation Commission meets on the first Monday of

each month.

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

COA@Montgomeryma.gov

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July August Calendar

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

Aug. 1 1st Quarter Real Estate Tax Bills DUE.

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

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. Face mask required as per Governor Baker's Order. Thank you

June 10

June 24

July 8

July 15

August 5

August 19

September 2

September 16

CEMETERY LOTS AVAILABLE

Anyone wishing to purchase a cemetery plot/lot, please contact Cemetery Commission members Joanne Hebert at 862-4586, Patty Little at 862-3830 or Scott Darling at 862-3378, not the Town Office or Town Clerk. The price per plot is \$200, lots of 4 plots are \$800. Each plot can be used for two cremations after a burial, or 4 cremations. Sales are limited to legal residents or property owners in Montgomery.

Also, anyone having a cremation burial must notify Joanne Hebert at 862-4586 or Patty Little at 862-3830 as to the location, if more than one plot was purchased.

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.

Non-resident ads: \$5.00 for ¼ page, \$10.00 for ½ page, \$15.00 for ¾ page and \$20.00 for a full page.

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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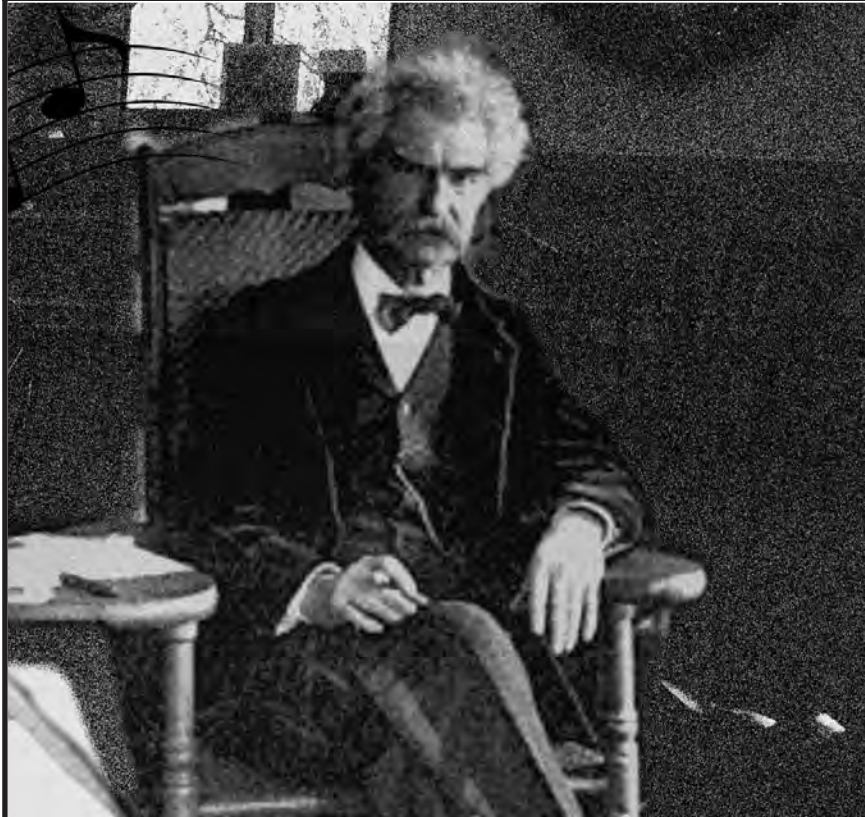
Helen Allyn * Chris Brown * Laurie Flechsig * Paula Long

* Julie Pike * Jane Thielen * Lori Conley

montgomerymtbreeze@gmail.com

July/August 2021

The Grille is *the place* to meet your neighbors!



“Summer is the time when it is too hot to do the job that it was too cold to do last winter.

–Mark Twain

Summertime and the living is easy.

And so’s the good eatin’ at the Grille! Hope to see you all out enjoying the nice Montgomery weather in the near future. I know things are slowly getting back to normal but until everything is totally back, the Grille is going to keep doing business the way we have been the past few months until the end of the summer. I am planning to take some time off in September to readjust and then we will start up with some fresh ideas on how to make your dinning experience one to make you forget about the past crazy months. So hang in there for a little while longer, good things come to those that wait.

Thanks for your patience, and support during the pandemic.

God bless,
Scott

**Montgomery
Grille**

AT THE MONTGOMERY MARKETPLACE
46 Main Rd, Montgomery, MA

montgomerygrillema.com
email address: grilleofmontgomery@gmail.com

862-FOOD (3663)

Hours:

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 7:00 am to 2:30 pm

Saturday and Sunday: 7:00 am to 2:30 pm
Lunch starts 11:00 am

Thank you's go out to gardeners' donations to Plant Sale

A BIG thank you to all the gardeners who donated to the Library Friends Plant Sale over the last two months. We have shared lots of plants with our friends and neighbors. All the monies will be used to help with programing for our library.



July is the time to: Remove suckers from tomatoes to improve production and reduce disease.

Allow blueberries to develop their full flavor before harvesting.

Water spouts from the base of trees look weedy; remove with hand pruners.

Dig potatoes as soon as leafy stems have died. Protect honeybees. If you must apply pesticides, do so in the evening when bees return to nests. Cut sprigs of dill, basil, tarragon and rosemary to make herb flavored vinegars.

August is the month to: Don't cut tops of onions to be stored until completely dry.

Pull up and discard diseased annuals.

Let seeds from mature dill plants fall to ground for next years crop.

Check apples for ripeness by taste testing.

The above information from the 2021 U Mass Garden Calendar.

RHUBARB CLOUD

1 ½ cups chopped fresh/frozen rhubarb	1/3 cup sugar
2 tsp. water (it's enough, I promise)	1 ½ Tbsp. cinnamon red hots (optional)
1 cup whipping cream or 2 cups thawed Cool Whip	1 Tbsp. sugar (omit if using Cool Whip)
½ tsp. vanilla (omit if using Cool Whip)	

In saucepan, combine Rhubarb, sugar, water & red hots. Simmer over medium heat for 15 minutes until rhubarb has broken down completely. Let cool completely.

In large bowl, whip together cream, sugar and vanilla. If using Cool Whip, place thawed Cool Whip in bowl.

Once rhubarb is completely cooled, fold into whipped cream/Cool Whip. Evenly distribute between 4 dessert cups. Refrigerate until ready to eat. Serves 4

JULY/AUGUST RECIPE

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

Michael Cinelli
Richard Clark
Kiera Coon
Martha Hoynoski
Beulah Kidrick
Ryan Leveille

Nancy Madru
Nicholas Moses
Jared Senatore
Megan Stanisewski

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

Jennifer Aras
Christian Galipeau
Lynn Leveille
Dave Mitchell
Charles Sharrow
Philip "Smitty" Smith

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Chris & Wayne Brown
Sandi & Tom Gil
Donna & Bill Hughes
Christoher & Kathleen
Laurie
Mary & Paul Senatore

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Cindy & Jason Harris
Linda & Bob Hyjek
Jennifer & Dan Paradis
Nancy & Charlie
Peckham

• Local nonprofit winner Continued from page 1.

groups and a series of free educational workshops for parents.

"I want to thank you for recognizing the issue of family support as something worthy of an award," said Mollie Hartford, It Takes a Village's director of outreach and development, while accepting the award during a virtual ceremony Wednesday. "I imagine there are parents on this call who have felt judgement when they asked for help, so this gives me hope that that culture is shifting."

It Takes a Village was also recently recognized on the floor of the Massachusetts House of Representatives for its work.

Families looking for support and community members looking to get involved can learn more at www.HilltownVillage.org or by calling 413-650-3640.

Contact: Mollie Hartford, PO Box 146, Cummington, MA (413) 329-0411, mollie@hilltownvillage.org

Condolences to...

Carolyn and David Fuller and family on the passing of their son Timothy ("Tim") Fuller on June 9 at Beth Israel Hospital in Burlington, MA.

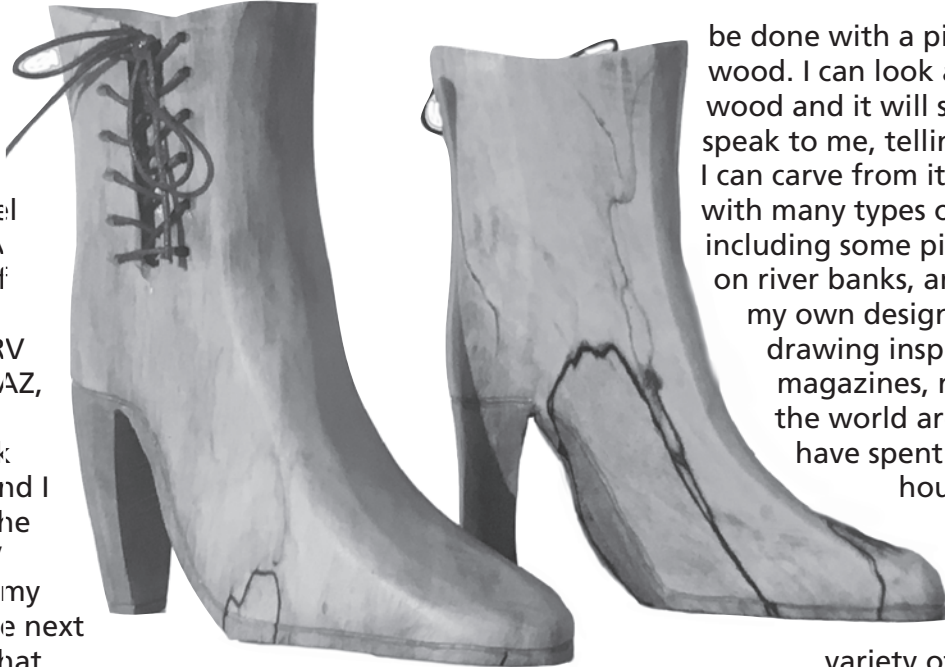
Offered to a home in need

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

We're putting our best foot forward

After retiring from our full-time jobs, my wife Marsha and I decided to travel around the USA and see some of our beautiful country. At an RV Park in Tucson, AZ, more than 100 activities a week were offered, and I decided to try the "wood carving" group. I carved my way through the next ten winters at that park.

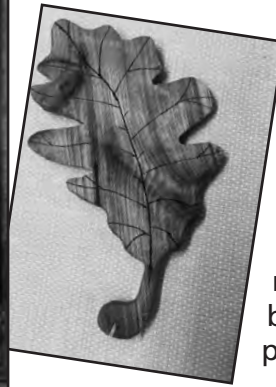


Wood carvings by Ronald Messier, Sr. (Chester, MA)

be done with a piece of wood. I can look at a piece of wood and it will somehow speak to me, telling me what I can carve from it. I work with many types of wood, including some pieces found on river banks, and create my own designs, at times drawing inspiration from magazines, nature, and the world around us. I have spent up to 200 hours on some of my pieces, and I work with a variety of tools such as hammers, chisels, knives, gouges, and sometimes power tools.

I find it both unique and amazing that so much could

Wood carving and wood burning keep my daily life full of depth, dimension, curiosity, creativity, and the rewards of making each beautiful new piece.



Gray Catbird
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 [etsy.com/shop/GrayCatbirdPottery](https://www.etsy.com/shop/GrayCatbirdPottery)

 [facebook.com/GrayCatbirdPottery](https://www.facebook.com/GrayCatbirdPottery)

A trip down memory lane: a review of past events

Once again, we're reviewing PAST Historical Society field trips and hikes to demonstrate what we've provided for our fellow townspeople in past years. We sincerely hope that when we once again offer these activities for your enlightenment and enjoyment, you'll be interested in coming along with us...

Way back in 2004, we were privileged to take a short hike to the site of an old cattle "pound" on Jourdan Road in Montgomery, guided by one of the residents living nearby.

Later the same year, we took the first of many hikes to the site of the *Falley Arsenal* located not far from the southern tip of Montgomery. In spite of the passage of over two hundred years since its use as an arsenal, there still can be found chunks of slag remaining along the edge of the stream, left from the manufacture of guns for the Revolutionary War at this site. We were delighted that during the summer and fall, the carriage shed at the center of town (which the Historical Society restored in 2003 to its original appearance) was used for farmers' markets on Saturdays.

The following year, the Historical Society hosted a field trip to *Hancock Shaker Village* on the outskirts of Pittsfield, MA, where the Shaker religion was practiced and the Shaker

Historical Happenings



community flourished for a period of time. Later in summer, we led a field trip to the *Bisbee Museum* in Chesterfield, where the old mill has been refurbished and the grinding wheel is operated for visitors to see the process used in the old days to

grind corn for sale or barter to area residents. That year, we also hiked up Grindstone Mountain in Westfield (at the eastern edge of Montgomery), courtesy of the owner at that time.

For activities in 2006, we hosted field trips to the *Old Newgate Prison* in East Granby, CT, and later that year we traveled to Lenox for an autumn ride on the *Berkshire Scenic Railway*. We also hosted an Antiques Appraisal Day at the Town Hall where anyone could bring in items they wished to have professionally appraised for a small fee.

If the conditions surrounding the pandemic continue to improve and it is safe to host gatherings, we will once again schedule field trips and our annual suppers to which we will be able to invite all of our friends, fellow townspeople and "neighbors" from surrounding communities. Hopefully we will be able to plan some events for your enjoyment – watch the *Mountain Breeze* for announcements of upcoming programs and trips!

The display case in the Grace Hall Memorial Library at Montgomery Center, curated by the Montgomery Historical Society, has been empty since early in the pandemic. We hope to start scheduling displays of treasured items and collectibles by the beginning of autumn – conditions allowing. We will keep you posted in the Mountain Breeze. In the meantime, if you are willing to lend your own historical gems or items of interest to others, please call Laurie at 862-8095 so that we can schedule your exhibit.



Outside the bird feeder with Lori Conley

SOME SUMMER BIRD WATCHING TIPS

1. **The Early Birder Gets the Birds:** Just like humans, wild birds try to beat the heat of summer by getting an early start in the cool morning hours. Once the heat is upon us, birds seek out shade and wait out the mid-day hours. They may even take a nap! Bird activity picks up again in late afternoon/early evening when both the sun and the temps drop.
2. **Hot Days, High Hawks:** When the day begins to heat up, scan the sky for soaring raptors. Large birds of prey use the heat rising off the land (a phenomenon known as thermals) to aid their flying and soaring. When it's hot look up, you may be surprised at the birds you will notice.
3. **Sit Still, Watch and Listen:** Find a shady spot on the edge of the woods or in the woods and remain still for awhile. If you can remain motionless, oftentimes birds and animals

- will cease to perceive you as a threat and will go about their business of living.
4. **Behavior Watching:** Careful observers can discover which birds are nesting and where, by taking the time to follow a bird's behavior. Birds flying past with a bill full of food are likely feeding nestlings. If they carry nesting material, could they be building a new nest for a second brood? When young nestlings are around behavior ramps up as frantic parents struggle to feed and protect their young offspring.
- * Always stay a respectful distance away from nesting birds: We humans leave scent trails that predators will follow to find nests and consume eggs and young birds (tree nesting and ground nesting). If you are making the bird wary or your presence is altering the bird's behavior you are too close - back off a bit and watch again.
 - * Always check for nests before trimming and pruning trees and shrubs! Some nests are tiny like hummingbirds' nests.



*From: Watching Backyard Birds
Have a happy and safe summer!*



Dog Licenses should have been renewed by JULY 1st, 2021

If you have not renewed your dog license(s), you will be receiving a \$25 late fee per dog which will be due in addition to the licensing fee! If the license(s) are not renewed by AUGUST 1ST, 2021, THERE WILL ALSO BE A \$35 FINE ASSESSED FOR EACH DOG LICENSE. THIS FINE WILL NEED TO BE PAID IN ADDITION TO THE LATE FEE AND THE LICENSE FEE.

The fee for a DOG LICENSE is as follows:

Spayed/Neutered: \$ 6.00 each

NOT Spayed/Neutered: \$10.00 each

A Kennel License is required for anyone having MORE than four (4) dogs. The cost for a Kennel License is \$25 plus \$5.00 for each spayed/neutered dog and/or \$6.00 for each dog that is Not spayed/neutered.

Please be sure and include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you want the license mailed back to you. If you want to pick it up, please provide a phone # so I can let you know when it is available for pickup.

My office hours have changed to EVERY THURSDAY from 10am – 4pm. Please feel free to call and leave a message as I am in and out of the office and check the messages often.

Thank you!

Cheryl Masciadrelli, Town Clerk, (413)642-6927

FOR SALE

Bought a new Canon printer – can't use the unopened ink cartridges I bought for the old one (Epson)! Have the following NEW, (unopened) EPSON ink cartridges for sale at reduced prices:

- 1) Four-pack with one High-capacity Black (#220XL) and three, standard-capacity Cyan (blue), Magenta (pink), Yellow (#220) – expiration date 11/2022 – retail cost \$55.99 @ Staples.
- 2) Single, standard-capacity Yellow (#220) – expiration date 11/2022 – will give free of charge.
- 3) Single High-capacity Black (#220XL) – expiration date 03/2023 – retail cost \$29.99 on-line.

Will sell all of the above for the reduced price of \$60.00. Please call Julie @ 862-4539 if interested.



Engagement Announced

Paula & Dwayne Long are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Hannah Ivey Long to Ian Mitchell.

ANIMAL LICENSE NO. _____

Town of Montgomery _____, the undersigned,
 THIS CERTIFIES that _____
 is the owner or keeper of an animal kept at _____
 Telephone: _____

and described as follows: NAME _____ AGE _____ YRS _____ MOS _____

SIZE		SEX		COLOR	PROMINENT BREED	SPECIES
<input type="checkbox"/> SMALL	<input type="checkbox"/> MEDIUM	<input type="checkbox"/> LARGE	<input type="checkbox"/> MALE			

Further Details _____

and is the animal described in _____
 RABIES VACCINATION CERTIFICATE NO. _____ Expiration Date _____

Dated _____, 20____ Signature of Owner or Keeper _____

In reliance on the above certificate and the payment fee of \$ _____
 the animal above described is licensed for the period ending 4-1-2022
 Dated _____, 20____ Cheryl Masciadrelli Town Clerk
IDS – Identification Source 802-479-2161
Dogs and Hybrids must wear a collar with license tag attached thereto.

Lafond Septic has moved to Montgomery!



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✉ lafond.septic@gmail.com

📍 Montgomery, MA

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July & August

Library News

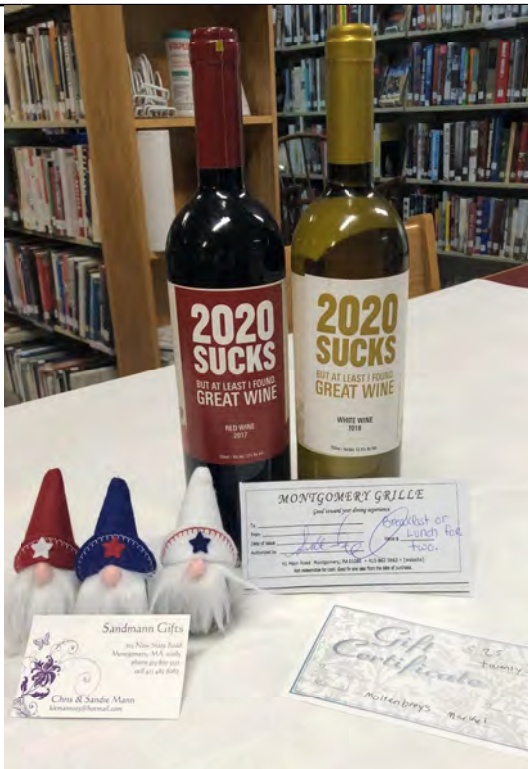
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July & August 2021

One benefit of summer was that each day we had more light to read by. ~Jeannette Walls, *The Glass Castle*, 2005

Library Raffle

The library is looking for donations of Fine Craft goods, gift baskets, gift cards (to local business if possible) or services, to support the Library Programming. All ready we have two fine bottles of wine, Gift Certificates to The Montgomery Grill, Grey Catbird Pottery and Gift Shop, Moltenbreys and fine crafts from Sandmann Gifts. Raffle will start on June 12 and run through Sept. 11, 2012



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

Can now be brought into the library.

Hours

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

Contact

Mail

161 Main Road, Montgomery, MA 01085

Phone

413-862-3894

email

Montgomerylibrary@yahoo.com

Website

wghl.masscat.org
facebook.com/gracehallmemorial

commonwealthcatalog.org
No book Donation accepted at this time

Summer Reading Events for the whole Family!

These out door or zoom events can be enjoyed by everyone and help encourage summer reading.

July 8 6 pm Aesop Fables Zoom/ Live Craft with Mary Jo Maichack

July 13 at 3pm Ed The Wizard balloon Twisting Dragons!

July 15 at 6 pm Jay Mankita outdoor Musical concert for Families.

Libby- mobile app for eBooks and eAudio books



Sign up at wowbrary.org for our weekly newsletter.

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Serving the Citizens of Montgomery
July/August 2021

Calendar

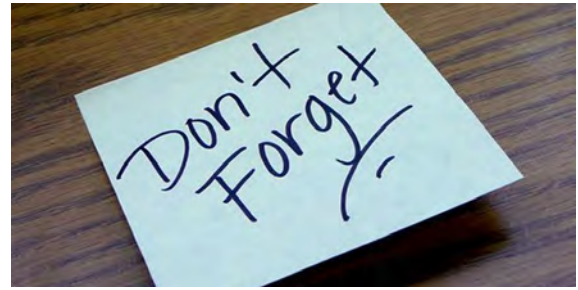
No Events Scheduled

July Birthdays

Beulah Kidrick Thomas Tyminski
Sandra Haas Thomas Pitoniak
Martha Hoynoski

August Birthdays

Charles Sharrow Peter Brady



JULY 2nd – I FORGOT DAY

We would tell you what the origin of I Forgot Day is, but we seem to have forgotten. In fact, it was probably forgetting something that made the original creator develop yet another day he would inevitably forget in the future.

It still created a fantastic opportunity for those of us who are chronically forgetful and creates an opportunity to change that in the future. The whole purpose of I Forgot Day is to make amends for those things you have forgotten, admit it to the people who have been affected by your forgetting, and ensure that they know that you still appreciate them.

I Forgot Day is an important chance to set things right and make sure the next year is full of a few less “I’m sorry, I forgot” days than the previous one.

The Town Hall and Town Offices have now reopened. Currently, we are not planning to hold any coffee hours until the fall. All other programs will be on hold until further notice.

We hope to schedule a Senior Picnic this fall and will give out more information as soon as possible but like everything else that is subject to change.

Walgreens is willing to hold a Flu Clinic in September. Date and times will be posted in the September issue of the Mountain Breeze.

If there are any other programs that you would like to see the COA sponsor, please call 862-3257 with your suggestions.

We hope everyone will have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing one and all again soon. Stay safe.

Meals on Wheels – Highland Valley Elder Services – 800-322-0551 or 413-586-2000

Veteran’s Agent – Daniel Flechsig – 862-8095



On the first Sunday in August, **NATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DAY** encourages people across the country and world to connect with friends. Make a new friend or reconnect with an old one.

Zodiac Sign – Cancer/Leo
Zodiac Sign – Leo/Virgo

Flower – Water Lily/Delphinium
Flower – Poppy/Gladiolus

Birthstone - Ruby
Birthstone – Peridot/Spinel

PRINCIPLES FOR ATTAINING THE BEST POSSIBLE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS AS WE AGE

Society cannot thrive or even survive without the continuous active participation of all people as they age. Each of us, both individually and collectively, has a stake in building an environment in which every person has an equal opportunity to participate in all aspects of civic life. We believe all adults, during each stage of the lifespan, should have the full and free enjoyment of these fundamental principles for aging well.

- To live in a society that understands the positive aspects of aging, recognizes the interdependence we rely upon to meet life's challenges, and values the intergenerational sharing of life, wealth, wisdom, caring and caregiving.
- To attain economic security through a combination of earning an adequate income, saving money over one's lifetime, and learning basic financial skills to avoid financial hazards and financial exploitation.
- To attain and sustain the best possible physical, cognitive, and mental health and have the opportunity to benefit from proven methods for maximizing and improving one's abilities, health and happiness.
- To reside in affordable housing suitably designed to accommodate the predictable changes in functional abilities we'll likely experience as we age.
- To exercise control over managing one's own life and participate in a wide range of civic, cultural, learning, spiritual and recreational opportunities for as long as possible.
- To have access to social assistance services, including protection against abuse and neglect, that can be readily provided in an efficient and appropriate manner for diverse populations.
- To have an adequate array of flexible, reliable transportation options.
- To have access to affordable long-term services and supports that can sustain individuals in the setting of their choice, including a consumer's full participation in managing services.
- To lend meaningful support to caregivers to preserve the beneficial impact caregiving has upon the caregiver, the person depending upon them and society at large.

This newsletter is partially funded by a grant of the Executive Office of Elder Affairs
Council Members are: Anne-Marie Buikus 862-3257, Jane Thielen 862-4482, Sandy Haas 862-3829
Jean Bush 862-3645, Geraldine Larrabee 862-3884, Darlene Brewster 862-3347
Email: COA@Montgomeryma.gov

Article 22 passed unanimously at Town meeting

Recycling Updates

At the Town meeting on 6/14/21, Article 22 passed unanimously. This eliminated our curbside recycling program and appropriated funds for "Option 7" (see below) for the coming fiscal year. Please be aware that if you put your recycling at the curb after July 1st, it will not be picked up.

On Thursday July 22nd from 6:30 to 7:30pm, there will be a public information meeting at the Town Hall to discuss the recycling and trash management options outlined below. If a consensus is reached that the Townspeople want an opportunity to vote on Options 1-4, a Special Town Meeting could be scheduled for this purpose in the near future. If you cannot attend the public information meeting on July 22nd but have questions or concerns, please contact a member of the Recycling Committee (see contact info at the end of this article).

OPTION 1

Refuse: weekly semi-automated 35-gallon cart with PAYT overflow bag collection

Single stream recycling: every other week [EOW] automated 95-gallon cart collection

Services include every week refuse collections in 35-gallon carts with overflow 'Pay-As-You-Throw' (PAYT) bags and every other week single stream recycling collections in 95-gallon carts. Overflow PAYT bags would be purchased from the Town and would be placed on/next to the 35-gallon trash cart as needed.

5 year service contract first year (+3%/year thereafter)	= \$147,000
Trash 232 tons @ \$85/ton	= \$ 19,788
Recyclables processing 97 tons @ \$45.76/ton	= \$ 4,439
Total Cost per year	= \$171,227

OPTION 2

Refuse: every other week [EOW] automated 95-gallon cart collection

Single stream recycling: every other week [EOW] automated 95-gallon cart collection

5 year service contract first year (+3%/year thereafter)	= \$105,000
Trash 232.2 tons @ \$85/ton	= \$ 19,788
Recyclables processing 97 tons @ \$45.76/ton	= \$ 4,439
Total Cost per year	= \$129,227

OPTION 3

Refuse: N/A

Single stream recycling: Every Other Week [EOW] automated 95-gallon cart recycling collection

3-year service contract first year (+3%/year thereafter)	= \$60,900
Recyclables processing 97 tons @ \$45.76/ton	= \$ 4,439
Total Cost per year	= \$65,339

OPTION 4

Refuse: N/A

Dual stream recycling: every other week [EOW] manual bin & barrel recycling collection

'Status quo' service, bottles & cans and paper collected separately every other week.

3-year service contract first year (+3%/year thereafter)	= \$ 38,500
Recyclables processing 28 tons @ \$95.84/ton @ SMRF	= \$ 2,684
Total Cost per year	= \$ 41,184

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OPTION 5

Refuse: weekly automated using various sizes of carts

Single stream recycling: Every Other Week [EOW] automated 96-gallon cart recycling collection

Option 5 is NOT funded by taxes; every household would subscribe with independent service provider. The services could include every week refuse collections in various sizes of carts and every other week [EOW] single stream recycling collections in 96-gallon carts. An extra recycling cart can be obtained at no additional cost. When the trash quantity exceeds the cart capacity, additional costs will be assessed. This pricing is subject to change at any time.

\$45/month for one 96-gallon trash every week, recycling EOW	\$540/year or \$10.38/week
\$43/month for one 68-gallon trash " " " "	\$516/year or \$9.92/week
\$41/month for one 45-gallon trash	\$492/year or \$9.46/week
\$67/month for two 96-gallon trash	\$804/year or \$15.46/week

OPTION 6

Option 5 is NOT funded by taxes; each household could choose to use the trash and recycling drop-off services at Valley Recycling (234 Easthampton Road in Northampton; open 8-4 Monday through Friday, and 8-2 on Saturdays). No permits or vehicle stickers required, and any bag or container can be used for trash. In addition to household trash and recyclables, many other items are accepted for disposal, recycling, or composting. Recycling is free with trash drop-off. See <https://www.valley-recycling.us/> for more information.

Kitchen bag (<15 gallons or <15#) = \$2.00

Large bag (<35 gallons or <35#) = \$3.00

Extra-large bag (>35 gallons or >35#) = \$4.00

Dual stream recycling free with trash drop-off, up to \$2.00 without trash drop-off

OPTION 7

THIS IS THE TAX-FUNDED OPTION WHICH WILL BE IN PLACE AFTER 7/1/21.

One-day bulky waste collection and up to \$30/HH/year subsidy for HHW and electronics disposal at a private facility. Total annual cost to the Town = \$12,000

PROJECTIONS OF HOW THESE OPTIONS MIGHT IMPACT YOUR FY22 TAX RATE

	Funding	Trash Pickup Schedule	Recycling Pickup Schedule	Annual Town Cost	Tax Rate Increase per Thousand	Annual cost example for property assessed at \$200,000	Weekly cost example for property assessed at \$200,000	Notes
Option 1	Tax funded	Weekly	EOW	\$171,227	\$1.71	\$342.00	\$6.58	Includes bulky waste collection 1x/year & Town Hall
Option 2	Tax funded	EOW	EOW	\$129,227	\$1.29	\$258.00	\$4.96	Includes bulky waste collection 1x/year & Town Hall
Option 3	Tax funded	N/A	EOW	\$65,339	\$0.66	\$132.00	\$2.54	Includes bulky waste collection 1x/year & Town Hall
Option 4	Tax funded	N/A	EOW	\$41,184	\$0.42	\$84.00	\$1.62	Includes bulky waste collection 1x/year & Town Hall
Option 5	User pays	Weekly	EOW	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	Average annual cost varies from \$492-\$804 per year
Option 6	User pays	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	Average annual cost varies from \$104-\$208 per year
Option 7	Tax funded	N/A	N/A	\$12,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	Included in the Fiscal Year 2022 budget proposal

To look up the current assessed value of your property, go to <http://montgomery.patriotproperties.com> or refer to the 'Street Listing' in the Town's 2020 Annual Report. To calculate what your annual cost might be for each of the options, use the formula (assessed value divided by 1000) times the estimated tax rate increase per thousand (from the table above).

OTHER OPTIONS EVALUATED (AND ELIMINATED):

- Transfer station owned and operated by the Town: there is no site that would meet all regulatory requirements.
- Gaining access to a transfer station in a neighboring Town: none were responsive to this proposal.

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