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Another tragedy befalls our little town

Around mid-day on Tuesday, February 13, a fire of undetermined origin totally engulfed the home of Phil and Cindy Camp, ultimately burning it to the ground. Thankfully, neither Phil nor Cindy were at home at the time, and none of the farm animals were affected by the flames. Many in town know that Cindy raises goats for production of goat milk soaps, and her entire inventory and all her equipment was lost.

Besides the goats, the Camps raise and board horses. The Camp family has lived in Montgomery since 1830. This particular home and farm have been in the Camp family since the 1930's when John Camp and his mother bought the property. Phil's mother Frona (Tupper) Camp came to live there after her marriage to John in 1938, and Phil and his sister Lorna were raised there. Family heirlooms and extensive history have all been destroyed by the fire.

The house was built by Zenas Clark ca. 1820-1830, and remained in the Clark family until about 1929 when Zenas' grandson Laurens died.

A donation account has been established at United Bank in Huntington to raise funds to help the Camps. Donations of all sizes are welcome…checks should be made payable to the "CAMP FIRE RECOVERY FUND" and mailed to United Bank, Attention: Camp Fire Recovery Fund, P. O. Box 456, Huntington, MA 01050.

If donors prefer, contributions may also be dropped off in collection cans at the Grace Hall Memorial Library, Montgomery Center, or at the Montgomery Grille in the Montgomery Marketplace building. The collection cans are also for donations to the Bodendorf Fire Recovery Fund established in late December. If you wish your donation to go specifically to either the Camps or the Bodendorfs, please indicate that with your cash or check. Any unspecified donations will be equally divided between the Bodendorf Fire Recovery Fund and the Camp Fire Recovery Fund.

This is the fourth tragedy to befall our town since early December 2017. On December 5, the house fire on Southampton Road totally destroyed the home of Betty Bodendorf and her son Jay. While fighting that fire, our much-respected Fire Chief Steve Frye collapsed and passed away at the scene.

On Monday, January 22, Montgomery was rocked by a tragic murder-suicide that occurred on Main Road. The latest house fire resulting in the loss of the Camp home and contents has certainly added to the impact on all our townspeople who care about our neighbors.

Special Town Meeting scheduled

A Special Town Meeting will be held on Monday, March 5th at 7:30 PM to consider and vote on two new zoning bylaws:

- Temporary Moratorium on Marijuana Establishments
- As-Of Right Zoning for Large Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations

A complete text of the Articles to be considered are attached to this issue of the Mountain Breeze.

"Joy is not in things; it is in us."

Richard Wagner

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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

townhall@montgomeryma.gov
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FIRE DEPT:	862-4505
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF - CHRIS GALIPEAU	862-4599
TOWN CLERK - JUDY MURPHY	862-4478
POLICE DEPT:	
ADMINISTRATIVE POLICE CHIEF - PAULA CHAPMAN	862-4949
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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:
Meetings of the Board of Assessors are held on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month from 8:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Please call 862-3386 for an appointment. Assessors' Clerk hours 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month from Noon – 4 p.m.

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(413) 582-6111

March Calendar

Mar. 1 **6:30 pm** – Gateway Planning Committee Meeting (Facilitated Discussion) (GRSD – Middle School, Rm 112/114
Mar. 2 **9:30 –11:00 am** – Osteoporosis Exercise – Town Hall
Mar. 5 **7:30 pm** – Special Town Meeting
Mar. 6 Recycling day
Mar. 7 **6:30 pm** – Yoga – Town Hall
Mar. 8 **7:00 pm** – Selectboard Meeting – Town Hall
Mar. 9 **9:30 –11:00 am** – Osteoporosis Exercise – Town Hall
Mar. 13 **10:00 am** – COA Coffee Hour – Town Hall
Mar. 14 **6:30 pm** – Yoga – Town Hall
Mar. 16 **9:30 –11:00 am** – Osteoporosis Exercise – Town Hall
Mar. 17 **2:00 pm** – COA presents "Ireland to America" – Town Hall
Mar. 20 Recycling day
Mar. 21 **6:30 pm** – Yoga – Town Hall
Mar. 22 **7:30 pm** – Special Town Meeting
Mar. 23 **9:30 –11:00 am** – Osteoporosis Exercise – Town Hall
Mar. 27 **10:00 am** – COA Coffee Hour – Town Hall
Mar. 28 **6:30 pm** – Yoga – Town Hall
Mar. 30 **9:30 –11:00 am** – Osteoporosis Exercise – Town Hall

Paula L. Chapman

Administrative Chief of Police for the Town of Montgomery

OFFICE HOURS 6:30 pm TO 7:45 pm

MARCH 8th	**APRIL 5th**	**MAY 3rd**	**MAY 31st**
MARCH 22nd	**APRIL 19th**	**MAY 17th**	

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

Spring snapshot!

I guess we can say spring is on the way but beware of those late winter snow storms. Seems like they have been happening on Sunday mornings. Thanks to all of you that dined with us despite the elements.

With spring comes new thoughts and I am trying to come up with some **new specials** to reflect these thoughts. If they seem a little out of the norm, all I can say is, "*why be normal?*"

My apologies for having to close on the past Thursday and Friday. I felt something coming on and made some chicken soup, but it was too late and the bug got me. Sorry if any of you came up on those two days and we weren't open. Just a small downside to running a small establishment, although I think there are many more upsides.

Montgomery Grille

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HOURS: **Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 5:30 am to 2:30 pm**

Saturday and Sunday: 6:00 am to 2:30 pm
Lunch starts 11:00 am
Closed Mondays & Tuesdays

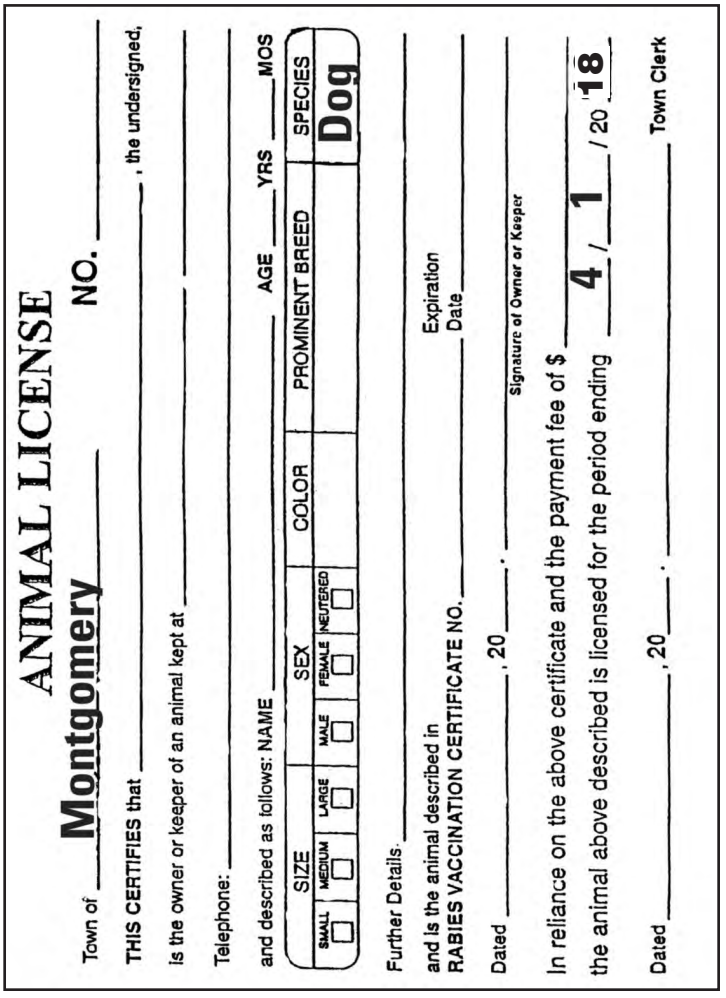
Reminder: dog license(s) update

DOG LICENSES: A reminder to people who have paid for their 2017-2018 dog licenses and have not picked them up yet please do so. I still have about twenty that are still in my office. The reason for them not being mailed to you is because there was no self addressed stamped envelope given at the time of registration. You can pick them up on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-4:00. The 2016-2017 dog licenses are in. Your current dog license(s) will expire at the end of March. The new 2018-2019 licenses are in and available for you to license your dog(s). The cost of the license is $6.00 if neutered and $10.00 if un-neutered. A kennel license is required for anyone having more than four dogs. The cost is $25.00 for the license plus $5.00 for each neutered and $6.00 for each un-neutered dogs. If you prefer to do it by mail you can include a copy of this form, if you have more than one dog photocopy the form. I will need to have a copy of the current rabies certificate, along with a check made out to the Town on Montgomery.

MAKE SURE YOU INCLUDE A SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE or the license will not get mailed back to you. You may also call the Town Clerk to obtain a license in person. Forms are on the front table in the Town Hall and can be filled out there and dropped off.

The Town by-laws require ALL dogs be licensed by July 1st of current year or you will be fined a late fee of $25.00 per dog, along with the license fee. All dogs six months or older, even inside dogs MUST be licensed. Call 862-4478 for more info.

Judy Murphy, Town Clerk,
58 North Rd,Montgomery, MA 01085



ANIMAL LICENSE

Town of Montgomery NO. ____

THIS CERTIFIES that ____, the undersigned,

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
SMALL ☐	MEDIUM ☐	LARGE ☐	MALE ☐	FEMALE ☐	NEUTERED ☐			Dog

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 / 20 18

Dated ____, 20____. ____ Town Clerk

Fire department news; open burning season guidelines

Response Time: The MFD requests you look at your house from the road. We will respond when you call 911 but… are the street house numbers visible from the road? Please put your address/house number where we can see it when responding in an emergency. This will benefit all of us by allowing The MFD to quickly and efficiently locate you.

Open Burning: Burning season may be ending earlier than May 1st as the winter weather seems to be leaving us. As MFD submits this entry it is almost 60 degrees F. Conditions will dry quicker than normal as the snow pack leaves meaning the State will shut down open burning so please get your brush burned soon. **Burning season is Jan 15 to May 1, between 10 am and 4 pm. A permit is required.** Permits can be attained by calling the Fire Dept business phone, **#862-4505** and leaving a detailed message with name, date you are burning, complete address and best phone# to reach you. Open burning must be at least 75 feet from any building. Brush and forestry debris are all that is permitted to be burned. Grass, hay, leaves, stumps, or construction material is prohibited to be burned. An adult should always be present until fire is completely extinguished. Water supply must be on hand. Call 911 immediately if the fire appears to be getting out of hand. The permit can be rescinded at any time due to weather conditions. More Open Burning tips can be found online at the Fire Factors website, Office of the State Fire Marshal, www.mass.gov/dfs .

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Montgomery, MA

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wsservice@nutmegtrucks.com

New Firefighters: The MFD is always looking for new members to join our team. If interested please contact one of us. We are at the station every 1st and 3rd tue of each month for our training meetings. Normally someone is there every tue and you are welcome to stop in and check out what we do. We are especially in need of members for days as most of us work 1st shift.

The Montgomery Fire Department thanks you for your support.

State Representative Peter V. Kocot

State Representative Peter Kocot will hold office hours at the Montgomery Town Hall on the following dates from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m:

Tuesday, March 13th
Tuesday, April 10th
Tuesday, May 8th
Tuesday, June 12th

Consider Daylilies in your garden this year

GardenNews
by Chris Brown

Daylilies are an easy to grow perennial. Consider daylilies when you are trying to enhance your garden beds. The Latin name for daylily is Hemerocallis. They range in color from white to red; from lavender to burgundy; from yellow to orange and many bi-colors and blends inbetween. The blooms can range in size from small violet sized to 9 inch wide giants. Each individual daylily flower lasts for only a day, but flowers are produced over a long season of bloom. Daylilies generally have a continuous bloom during July and August. It is easy to maintain, breaking off the old blooms and dropping them at the base of the plant, to continue to nourish the plant. After several years, the plants can be divided.

Experts at the National Arboretum say that most varieties can go for four or five years before they need to be divided. Others also note that repeat bloomers may tend to form bigger clumps, and may need to be divided more often.

When the time comes to divide them, use a garden fork to loosen the soil around the clump, and pry the clump of roots out of the ground. Divide it by pushing two garden forks back to back down into the center of the clump and push the handles apart to separate the roots.

Early spring and fall are good times to separate and replant all types of daylilies, including Stella De Oro and other repeat-blooming varieties.

Spring is in the air! So we have something nice to look forward to!

CHEESEBURG CHOWDER

MARCH RECIPE

This recipe was sent in from Jeanne Aras. Thank you, Jeanne.

1 lb. ground beef 1 small onion, chopped 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
½ cup flour 1 pt. ½ & ½ *(Plus additional milk
2-3 cubes/packets chicken bouillon – rehydrate with water)

Saute ground beef and onion. Add flour to thicken and then add the ½ & 1/2 with a small amount of milk. Add bouillon – stir - then add grated cheese. Stirring constantly till well blended. Adjust with more milk if needed. It should be served quite thick for best results. **(recipe from Ye Old Whip, longtime but not forgotten Westfield restaurant).

The Montgomery Fire Department and the Boy Scouts would like to thank the residents of Montgomery for supporting the fundraiser which raised over $230. The donation is much appreciated and will help to pay for some much needed updates to the inside of the fire department. Sean Kingsley said "I'm happy we did it because the guys seemed really excited by the community support."

Here are the names from left to right in the picture. Matt Frye, Mark Chretien, Chris Galipeau, Steve Pitoniak, Jeff Brown, Sam Epstein, Dan Fleschig, Jake Chapman. The boys in the back are. Sean Kingsley and Eli Gilbert.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:
Jenn Albano
Colleen Bean
Steven Brzoska
Peyton Bucko
Alex Chapman
Jacob Avery Chapman
Joseph Croteau
Pauline Croteau
Bob Dowd
Justin Fernengel
Makayla Fernengel
Wayne Fowles
George Galipeau
Lynn Gebo
Bob Hyjek
Linda Hyjek
Charlie Kenyon
Sandie Mann
Andrea Moses
Charles Peckham
Bennett Rogers
Benjamin Senecal
Jacob Stevens
Jason Stomski
Kathleen Stomski
Jane Thielen
Rachel Ward

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES
None

Annual Penny Social announced; roast pork dinner on tap

It's Penny Social time! The annual Penny Social hosted by your Montgomery Historical Society is on tap for **Saturday, March 17**!!! B'gosh & b'gorra, put on your dancin' shoes and come along for an evening of fun when your friends and neighbors descend on the **Montgomery Town Hall**, starting at 6:30 p.m., for this annual fund-raiser for the Historical Society Scholarship Fund (benefiting Montgomery's graduating high school seniors). A good time is guaranteed! (In case of inclement weather, we'll hold the event the following Saturday, March 24 – same time, same place.)

Doors will open at 5:45 p.m. so everyone can come in and pick a good seat, view the items available for bidding, purchase penny tickets and separate them, get some refreshments, and be ready when the **fun begins at 6:30**. This is a great way to chase away the end-of-season "blahs" and "blues." The bidding isn't finished until everything is gone – although we have been known to "group" items together toward the end if it's getting late! Oh, and the snack bar is open throughout the evening for a variety of treats and fruits, hot and cold beverages.

Have something you'd like to contribute to our fund-raising efforts? There's still time! In order to keep our bidders interested (and happy), the committee has to hustle and find lots of good items to be "auctioned off." If you could possibly donate any new or "gently-used" items that would be appropriate for the event, **please be sure to call either Laurie @ 862-8095 or Julie @ 862-4539**. We'll gladly pick up your donation(s), or you are welcome to bring it to the Town Hall on the day of the Social (Saturday, March 17 or **"bad weather date" March 24**) between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. while committee members are setting up the Town Hall for the event. (Please contact us about options.)

Donations can include food items and groupings like a spaghetti dinner basket, breakfast items, gardening tools or supplies, home décor, seasonal items, artwork, etc. Don't forget the items exclusively for our young bidders – NEW OR GENTLY-USED toys, games, stuffed animals, etc. (PLEASE, NO INCOMPLETE GAMES OR SOILED ITEMS.) Maybe there's a Christmas gift you received but don't know what to do with, or a household item that you really don't want…if it's in good condition, we'd love to offer it to our Penny Social attendees! Please consider donating these for the Penny Social!

We're currently soliciting gift certificates and items from local businesses to be used for our door prizes and special raffle gifts. If you own a business and would like to "get your name out there" to our townspeople and neighbors, please consider donating for the Penny Social. Every little bit helps, and you'll be contributing toward funding a scholarship for a deserving high school graduate. Please help wherever you can!

Please be sure to put the date(s) on your calendar for the **Montgomery's Annual Penny Social – Saturday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day!) and "bad-weather" date March 24!** Then c'mon down and enjoy this entertaining evening with a whole lot of your neighbors and friends from town and beyond…Hopefully you'll find it's just the remedy for this crazy winter-into-spring period when the weather has been so darned unpredictable and the temperatures all over the map! We're pretty sure you'll have a great time!

HERE'S ANOTHER DATE TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR: THE ANNUAL ROAST PORK DINNER PRESENTED BY THE MONTGOMERY HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 21 AT 6:30 P.M., at the Town Hall, with a guest speaker to follow. The supper is often a sell-out, so please make reservations early – call Laurie at 862-8095 or Julie at 862-4539.

Have you visited the Grace Hall Memorial Library in Montgomery Center lately? Besides being a wonderful source of reading materials and other media, there are two display cases there containing some interesting exhibits. The smaller case of the two has a permanent display – an historic Family Bible from early Montgomery residents named Chapman, ancestors of our present-day Chapman family. The Bible was donated by descendants of one branch of the Chapman family tree that migrated to the Midwest long years ago, and those descendants felt the family Bible should be returned to its "roots" and reside here where the family originated.

See it at the Library! The second display case, donated several years ago by Helen Allyn and the late Susan Allyn, contains rotating exhibits "curated" by the Montgomery Historical Society. Displays have included carved birds and other items, snow-globes, Native American memorabilia, collectibles, copper ware, and currently houses a personal collection of milk glass loaned by Melissa (Pike) Wilder who grew up in Montgomery. This exhibit will be replaced on or about March 10 with a collection of items focused on Noah's Ark, the story from the Bible, loaned by an Historical Society member. Hope you'll take the opportunity to check out either or both of these exhibits when you're at the Town Center "on business" or visiting the Library.

And… if you have any items or a collection of items that you'd be willing to share with Montgomery's citizens, please contact Laurie at 862-8095 to make arrangements to include your "treasures" in our display case! Thank you!

Condolences

To Scott and Mary Darling and their extended family on the loss of Scott's mother, Patricia ("Pat") Darling who passed away on January 13 at home

To family and friends of Jeff and Janice Houston on their untimely passing January 22 at home.

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

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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

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God Bless, Irene

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TOWN OF MONTGOMERY
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, HAMPDEN, S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Montgomery in said county.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town Montgomery qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Union Hall in said Montgomery on Monday, the 5th of March, 2018, at seven thirty P.M. for a Special Town Meeting.

The consideration of the following articles contained in this Warrant will be taken up at this Special Town Meeting:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws by adding Article 11 Temporary Moratorium on Marijuana Establishments written as follows, or take any other action thereon:

A. Authority and purpose

By vote at the State election on November 8, 2016, the voters of the Commonwealth approved a Law regulating the cultivation, distribution, possession and use of marijuana for recreational purposes. This law was amended on December 30, 2016 by extending certain deadlines by six months and the Cannabis Control Commission is required to issue regulations regarding implementation by March 15, 2018 and to begin accepting applications for licenses on April 1, 2018.

Currently under the Zoning Bylaw, Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers are not a permitted use in the Town and any regulations promulgated by the State Cannabis Control Commission are expected to provide guidance to the Town in regulating Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers. Further, the ballot measure establishes two important provisions that require ballot action by the Town prior to the adoption of zoning: First, the Town must, by ballot, determine whether it will issue licenses for Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers, and, second, by ballot that cannot occur prior to November 6, 2018, the next biennial state election, on whether to allow on-site consumption of marijuana products should the Town decide to allow licenses for such facilities.

The regulation of Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers raise novel and complex legal planning and public safety issues and the Town needs time to study and consider the regulation of Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers and address such novel and complex issues, as well as to address the potential impact of the State regulations on local zoning and to undertake a planning process to consider amending the Zoning Bylaw regarding regulation of Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers and other uses related to the regulation of marijuana. The Town intends to adopt a temporary moratorium on the use of land and structures in the Town for Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Retailers so as to allow the Town sufficient time to engage in a planning process to address effects of such structures and uses in the Town and to adopt provisions of the Zoning Bylaw in a manner consistent with sound land use planning goals and objectives.

B. Definitions

For purposes of this moratorium, the definitions set forth in G.L. c. 94G, Sec 1 shall apply

C. Temporary Moratorium

For the reasons set forth above and notwithstanding any other provisions of the Zoning Bylaw to the contrary, the Town hereby adopts a temporary moratorium on the use of land or structures for Marijuana Establishments and other uses related to recreational marijuana. Because of the statutory requirement to have the state Attorney General's Office approve all Zoning changes approved at Town Meeting, and the time that it takes to prepare such submission and for the Attorney General's Office to conduct their review and respond, the moratorium shall take effect through December 31, 2018 or 120 days from the date of the Town Meeting action, whichever occurs later; or until such time as the Town adopts Zoning Bylaw amendments that regulate Marijuana Establishments and obtain the Attorney General's Office approval, whichever occurs earlier. During the moratorium period, the Town shall undertake a planning process to address the potential impacts of marijuana in Montgomery, consider the Cannabis Advisory Board regulations regarding marijuana establishments and marijuana retailers and related uses, determine whether the Town shall restrict any or all licenses for such marijuana establishments and marijuana retailers, and consider such other and further matters as set forth in G.L. c. 94G, Sec 3 and G.L. c. 64N, Sec 3.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws by adding Article 12 As of-Right Zoning: Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations written as follows, or take any other action thereon:

As of-Right Zoning: Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to promote the creation of new large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations by providing standards for the placement, design, construction, operation, monitoring, modification and removal of such installations that address public safety, minimize impacts on scenic, natural and historic resources and to provide adequate financial assurance for the eventual decommissioning of such installations.

The provisions set forth herein shall apply to the construction, operation, and/or repair of large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations.

1.1 Applicability

This bylaw applies to large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations proposed to be constructed after the effective date of this bylaw. This bylaw also pertains to physical modifications that materially alter the type, configuration, or size of these installations or related equipment.

2.0 Definitions

As-of-Right Siting: As-of-right siting shall mean that development may proceed without the need for permit, variance, amendment, waiver, or other discretionary approval. As-of-right development may be subject to site plan review to determine conformance with local zoning ordinances or bylaws. Projects cannot be prohibited but can be reasonably regulated by the Planning Board, or other person or board designated by local ordinance or bylaw.

Building Inspector: The inspector of buildings, or person or board designated by local ordinance or bylaw charged with the enforcement of the zoning ordinance.

Building Permit: A construction permit issued by an authorized building inspector; the building permit evidences that the project is consistent with the state and federal building codes as well as local zoning bylaws, including those governing ground-mounted, large-scale solar photovoltaic installations.

Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation: A solar photovoltaic system that is structurally mounted on the ground and is not roof-mounted, and has a minimum nameplate capacity of 250 kW DC.

On-Site Solar Photovoltaic Installation: A solar photovoltaic installation that is constructed at a location where other uses of the underlying property occur.

Rated Nameplate Capacity: The maximum rated output of electric power production of the Photovoltaic system in Direct Current (DC).

Site plan Review: Review by the Montgomery Planning Board to determine conformance with local zoning ordinances or bylaws.

Solar Photovoltaic Array: An arrangement of solar photovoltaic panels.

Zoning Enforcement Authority: The person or board charged with enforcing the zoning ordinances or bylaws. In the case of Montgomery, it is the Building Inspector.

3.0 General Requirements for all Large-Scale Solar Power Generation Installations

The following requirements are common to all solar photovoltaic installations to be sited in designated locations.

3.1 Compliance with Laws, Ordinances and Regulations

The construction and operation of all large-scale solar photovoltaic installations shall be consistent with all applicable local, state and federal requirements, including but not limited to all applicable safety, construction, electrical, and communications requirements. All buildings and fixtures forming part of a solar photovoltaic installation shall be constructed in accordance with the State Building Code.

3.2 Building Permit

No large scale solar photovoltaic installation shall be constructed, installed or modified as provided in this section without first obtaining a building permit.

3.3 Fees

The application for a building permit for a large scale solar photovoltaic installation must be accompanied by the fee required for a building permit. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees and expenses incurred by the Town of Montgomery during the initial application; including, but not limited to site visitation fees, newspaper publishing fees, impartial Photovoltaic Consultant fees, and all Town Attorney fees.

The applicant shall be responsible for an application fee of $1,000.00 which will cover mailing costs, advertisements in local newspapers and any necessary inspections by town officials. This application fee shall be subject to change by the Selectboard in order to cover all necessary costs incurred by the town.

Upon approval of the application, a building permit must be secured by the applicant. The cost of said building permit is based upon a fee of five dollars ($5.00) per thousand dollars ($1000.00) of projected cost of any and all related structures -to include, but not limited to, the ground-mounted large scale photovoltaic installation and its out-buildings. The cost of said building permit shall include a minimum of three (3) inspections by the town building inspector and/or his assigns.

3.4 Site Plan Review

Ground-mounted large scale solar photovoltaic installations with 250 kW or larger of rated nameplate capacity shall undergo site plan review by the Planning Board prior to construction, installation or modification as provided in this section.

3.4.1 General

All plans and maps shall be prepared, stamped and signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in Massachusetts.

3.4.2 Required Documents

Pursuant to the site plan review process, the project proponent shall provide the following documents:

(a) A site plan showing:
   - i Property lines and physical features, including roads, for the project site;
   - ii Proposed changes to the landscape of the site, grading, vegetation clearing and planting, exterior lighting, screening vegetation or structures and visual buffer zone;
   - iii Blueprints or drawings of the solar photovoltaic installation signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts showing the proposed layout of the system and any potential shading from nearby structures
   - iv One or three-line electrical diagram detailing the solar photovoltaic installation, associated components, and electrical interconnection methods, with all National Electrical Code compliant disconnects and overcurrent devices;
   - v Documentation of the major system components to be used, including the PV panels, mounting system, and inverter;
   - vi Name, address, and contact information for proposed system installer;
   - vii Name, address, phone number and signature of the project proponent, as well as all proponents or property owners, if any;
   - viii The name, contact information and signature of any agents representing the project proponent; and

(b) Documentation of actual or prospective access and control of the project site (see also Section 3.5);

(c) An operation and maintenance plan (see also Section 3.6);

(d) Proof of liability insurance; and

(e) Description of financial surety that satisfies Section 3.12.3.

3.5 Site Control

The project proponent shall submit documentation of actual or prospective access and control of the project site sufficient to allow for construction and operation of the proposed solar photovoltaic installation.

3.6 Operation & Maintenance Plan

The project proponent shall submit a plan for the operation and maintenance of the large- scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installation, which shall include measures for maintaining safe access to the installation, stormwater controls, vegetation, plantings and other landscaping features originally designed to screen the energy system from public view, as well as general procedures for operational maintenance of the installation.

3.7 Utility Notification

No large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installation shall be constructed until evidence has been given to the Montgomery Planning Board that the utility company that operates the electrical grid where the installation is to be located has entered into a purchase power agreement, or a net metering contract with the installation owner,

3.8 Dimension and Density Requirements

3.8.1 Setbacks

For large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations, setback shall be as follows:

(a) Front yard: The front yard depth shall be at least 200 feet;
(b) Side yard. Each side yard shall have a depth of at least 200 feet;
(c) Rear yard. The rear yard depth shall be at least 200 feet;

3.8.2 Placement

Large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations shall be limited to land parcels of at least 5 acres in order to encourage large setbacks for screening purposes. Parcels should directly abut a transmission utility line or right of way of such.

3.8.3 Appurtenant Structures

All appurtenant structures to large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations shall be subject to reasonable regulations concerning the bulk and height of structures, lot area, setbacks, open space, parking and building coverage requirements. All such appurtenant structures, including but not limited to, equipment shelters, storage facilities, transformers, and substations, shall be architecturally compatible with each other. Structures should be shaded from view by vegetation and/or joined or clustered to avoid adverse visual impacts.

3.9 Design Standards

3.9.1 Lighting

Lighting of solar photovoltaic installations shall be consistent with local, state and federal law. Lighting of other parts of the installation, such as appurtenant structures, shall be limited to that required for safety and operational purposes, and shall be reasonably shielded from abutting properties. Lighting of the solar photovoltaic installation shall be directed downward and shall incorporate full cut-off fixtures to reduce light pollution.

3.9.2 Signage

Signs on large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations shall comply with Montgomery's sign bylaw. A sign consistent with Montgomery's sign bylaw shall be required to identify the owner and provide a 24-hour emergency contact phone number.

Solar photovoltaic installations shall not be used for displaying any advertising except for reasonable identification of the manufacturer or operator of the solar photovoltaic installation.

3.9.3 Screening

No portion of the large-scale ground mounted solar photovoltaic installation or appurtenant structures shall be visible from any neighboring property or road. Vegetation, plantings and other natural landscaping features that are aesthetically consistent with the surroundings are required to completely screen the energy system from public view during all four seasons.

No portion of said screening shall obstruct or interfere with the long-range view from any property or road.

3.9.4 Fencing

Fencing shall be provided to control access to the photovoltaic installation site. Access gates shall be locked at all times; however, a key shall be provided to the Montgomery Fire Department for use in an emergency. The fence shall be a minimum of 10 feet from any structures or photovoltaic panels and of a minimum of 6 feet high. No razor wire shall be used.

3.10 Safety and Environmental Standards

3.10.1 Emergency Services

The large scale solar photovoltaic installation owner or operator shall provide a copy of the project summary, electrical schematic, and site plan to the local fire chief. The owner or operator shall cooperate with and train local emergency services in developing an emergency response plan. All means of shutting down the solar photovoltaic installation shall be clearly marked. The installation must be capable of being shut down at the modular level. The owner or operator shall identify a responsible person for public inquiries throughout the life of the installation.

3.10.2 Land Clearing, Soil Erosion and Habitat Impacts

Clearing of natural vegetation shall be limited to what is necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of the large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installation or otherwise prescribed by applicable laws, regulations, and bylaws.

3.11 Monitoring and Maintenance

3.11.1 Solar Photovoltaic Installation Conditions

The large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installation owner or operator shall maintain the facility in good condition. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, painting, structural repairs, and integrity of security measures. Site access shall be maintained to a level acceptable to the local Fire Chief and Emergency Medical Services. The owner or operator shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining the solar photovoltaic installation and any access road(s), unless accepted as a public way. **3.11.2 Modifications**

All material modifications to a solar photovoltaic installation made after issuance of the required building permit shall require approval by the Montgomery Planning Board.

3.12 Abandonment or Decommissioning

3.12.1 Removal Requirements

Any large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installation which has reached the end of its useful life or has been abandoned consistent with Section 3.12.2 of this bylaw shall be removed. The owner or operator shall physically remove the installation no more than I 50 days

after the date of discontinued operations. The owner or operator shall notify the Montgomery Planning Board by certified mail of the proposed date of discontinued operations and plans for removal. Decommissioning shall consist of:

(a) Physical removal of all large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations, structures, equipment, security barriers and transmission lines from the site.
(b) Disposal of all solid and hazardous waste in accordance with local, state, and federal waste disposal regulations.
(c) Stabilization and re-vegetation of the site as necessary to minimize erosion. The Montgomery Planning Board may allow the owner or operator to leave landscaping or designated below-grade foundations in order to minimize erosion and disruption to vegetation.

3.12.2 Abandonment

Absent notice of a proposed date of decommissioning or written notice of extenuating circumstances, the solar photovoltaic installation shall be considered abandoned when it fails to operate for more than one year without the written consent of the Planning Board. If the owner or operator of the large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installation fails to remove the installation in accordance with the requirements of this section within 150 days of abandonment or the proposed date of decommissioning, the town may enter the property and physically remove the installation at the expense of the owner.

3.12.3 Financial Surety

Proponents of large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic projects shall provide a form of surety 125 percent of the cost of removal, either through escrow account, bond or otherwise, to cover the cost of removal in the event the town must remove the installation and remediate the landscape. Such surety will not be required for municipally-or state-owned facilities. The project proponent shall submit a fully inclusive estimate of the costs associated with removal, prepared by a qualified engineer. The amount shall include a mechanism for calculating increased removal costs due to inflation. The Town shall reserve the right to consult a third party, at the expense of the applicant, to insure the fairness of the suety estimate.

3.12.4 Severability

The provisions of this bylaw are severable, and the invalidity of any section, subdivision, paragraph, or other part of this bylaw shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of the bylaw.

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I *frequently-regularly-often* trip while reaching for my high ideals. Then I giggle, or cry, and get back up. ~Erika Harris,

Birds of New England Swamp

By Photographer

Peter Christopher

March 29 at 6 PM

Wildlife photographer Peter Christoph presents a narrated slideshow, sharing both his award-winning images and his photographic secrets as he brings you inside a typical New England swamp. Peter provides an intimate look into the many varieties of birds that inhabit our swamps, including ospreys and herons, shorebirds, woodpeckers, and other cavity dwellers. Sloshing and crawling through the swamp so you don't have to, Peter captures the bird's many activities including building the nest, feeding their young, and catching their prey. You'll almost want to bring your own wading boots and bug spray for protection as you sit down to watch this captivating presentation.

1908 SOCIAL TEA PARTY

Rita Parisi of Waterfall Productions will be hostess for a 1908 Tea at Grace Hall Memorial Library on ***May 12th at 1 pm***. At the turn of the last century, the afternoon tea provided ladies a chance to socialize and discuss fashion, family and social concerns. In the character of Mrs. Gordon, a middleclass lady from 1908, Rita will entertain her audience with stories about life at the turn of the 20th century and a recent trip to Boston. Hates, teacups and audience participation are encouraged. Please preregister at the

Trustees Meeting
March 8 at 6:30 PM

Museum Passes

Old Sturbridge Village
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Fire Victim's Fundraiser

Spaghetti Diner

To Benefit

the Bodendorf and Camp Families

March 15 at 6 pm

Montgomery Town Hall

This winter our town has suffered, these two families have lost both there homes due to fire. Please come and support your neighbors at the Spaghetti Diner at the Montgomery Town Hall on

March 15 at 6 pm.

Adults $8 Kids $5

50/50 Raffle

ToGo Boxes

Live Music!

Volunteers & donations please contact the Montgomery library at:

413-862-3894 or montgomerylibrary@yahoo.com

COUNCIL ON AGING

Serving the Citizens of Montgomery
March 2018

Calendar

Tue – Mar 13 Coffee Hour – 10 a.m.

Sat – Mar 17 - Ireland to America – 2p.m.

Tue – Mar 27 Coffee Hour – 10 a.m.

Osteoporosis Exercise Class
Town Hall – Friday 9:30 – 11am

March Birthdays

Wayne Fowles	Doris Binkley
Philip Shaw	George Galipeau
Charles Peckham	Pauline Croteau
Joyce Dupelle	Charlie Kenyon
Joseph Croteau	Helen Allyn

National Nutrition Month® is a nutrition education and information campaign created annually in March by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The campaign focuses on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits.

"Ireland to America"

Folksinger, yodeler, and multi-instrumentalist, Roger Tincknell, will present a free St. Patrick's Day program of Irish music on Saturday, March 17th at 2:00 pm in the Montgomery Town Hall. This festive concert will include traditional Irish and Irish-American sing-alongs, ballads and instrumentals.

Refreshments will be served. This free program is supported in part by a grant from the Montgomery Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.
If you have questions please call 862-3257.

Gateway Students Deliver New Table

On Valentine's Day students from the woodworking program at Gateway Regional High School, along with their teacher Michael Harper, delivered one of our new tables to the Senior Room. The students are confident that their work will be remembered for a long time because they used a wood burner to sign the underside of the table "Gateway Wood Technology 2018" along with their names. A second table should be completed in the spring.

Zodiac Sign – Pisces/Aries Flower - Daffodil Birthstone - Aquamarine

A Guide to Enrolling in Medicare

Medicare is our country's health insurance program for people age 65 or older. People younger than age 65 with certain disabilities, or permanent kidney failure, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease), can also qualify for Medicare.

Medicare has four parts:

- Medicare Part A (hospital insurance) helps pay for inpatient care in a hospital or skilled nursing facility (following a hospital stay). Part A also pays for some home health care, and hospice care.
- Medicare Part B (medical insurance) helps pay for services from doctors and other health care providers, outpatient care, home health care, durable medical equipment, and some preventive services.
- Medicare Part C (Medicare Advantage) includes all benefits and services covered under Part A and Part B. Some plans include Medicare prescription drug coverage (Medicare Part D) and other extra benefits and services.
- Medicare Part D (Medicare prescription drug coverage helps cover the cost of prescription drugs.

When and how should I apply to Medicare?

- First, it's important to know when to sign up. You sign up for Medicare for the first time during your Initial Enrollment Period. The Initial Enrollment Period is the seven months surrounding your birth month (the three months before your birth month, your birth month, and the three months after your birth month).
- If you are already receiving Social Security benefits at age 65, you will be automatically enrolled in Medicare and should be receiving a Medicare card in the mail approximately three months before you turn 65. If the card has not arrived 30 days prior to your birth month, call the Social Security Administration. If you are not already receiving Social Security benefits, you will need to sign up yourself.
- To sign up, you can go to www.medicare.gov and apply online. If the information that you give matches the records that Medicare has, there is no reason to have to produce a birth certificate or other forms of documentation. If you were born outside the US or there are discrepancies in the records, you may have to apply over the phone or in person and provide said documentation.

Which parts of Medicare should I sign up for?

- If you are still working at age 65 (or your spouse is still working), you may want to delay enrolling in some of the parts of Medicare until you retire. This is because Medicare is not free, and you might save some money by using just your employer insurance for the time being. Then when you retire, you can use your Special Enrollment Period to sign up for Medicare. However, you should consult your HR department or a Medicare expert before you decide to delay enrollment.
- If you are not working and/or do not have any form of health insurance at age 65, you should definitely enroll in Medicare. You have two main options to choose from: Original Medicare (with Part D and Medigap potentially added on) and Medicare Advantage.
- Option one is Original Medicare (i.e. Medicare Part A plus Medicare Part B). Original Medicare covers basics like hospital services (Part A) and doctor's visits (Part B). It is called Original Medicare because it was the first type of Medicare program created by the federal government in 1965.
- Option two is the Medicare Advantage (MA) plan. MA is a privately managed alternative to Original Medicare (which is run by the federal government). An MA plan covers all of the services of Original Medicare, and usually includes Part D (drug coverage) as well. An MA plan may even offer additional services that Original Medicare does not cover–such as dental, hearing or vision coverage.

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