

MONTGOMERY
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TOWN CLERK News

STREET LISTING/CENSUS FORM

Thank you to everyone who has return their 2023 Street Listing/Census form! If you have not done so, please take a few minutes to complete the for and return. You can mail them back or drop them in the mailbox on the front door of the Town Hall. Just a reminder, you CANNOT register to vote by using this form. You must go online and register to vote at www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/

If you did not receive a form, it is available on our website MONTGOMERYMA.GOV under Documents, Town Clerk.

DOG LICENSES

The 2023 Dog License form is now available on the website MONTGOMERYMA.GOV under Documents, Town Clerk! Current licenses expire on 3/31/2023, however you have until 6/30/23 to license your dog(s) without late fees. You are required to provide a copy of the current rabies certificate with the application. Current fees are as follows:

LICENSE FEES PER DOG:

\$6.00/EA SPAYED/NEUTERED DOG or
\$10.00/EA NOT SPAYED/NEUTERED DOG

LICENSING FEE PER DOG WITH KENNEL LICENSE*:

\$5.00/EA SPAYED/NEUTERED or \$6.00/EA NOT SPAYED/NEUTERED

*KENNEL LICENSE FEE OF \$25.00 IS REQUIRED FOR ANYONE WITH MORE THAN FOUR (4) DOGS

See application on page 4.

WEBSITE

Our Town Website is up and running and is a work in progress! montgomeryma.gov

Any Boards/Committees are free to contact the Town Clerk who will get you in touch with the company to add pertinent information to the site and the calendar.

Thank you,
Cheryl Masciadrelli, Town Clerk
Town of Montgomery
413-642-6927
clerk@montgomeryma.gov

Annual Town Election

Monday, May 1, 2023
Hours: 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Annual Town Meeting

Monday, May 15, 2023 @ 7:00 pm



Appearing at the Town Library this month

Pictured clockwise are: The Rose, pastel workshop, kids event on April 20 at 6:30 pm. Rita Paris will portray five extraordinary women who witnessed and in some cases changed the course of the American Revolution. And come see the portable planetarium and learn about the night sky with StarLab. More info on page 10.

MONTGOMERY MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE AND PARADE

When: Monday, May 29, 2023 at NOON – Rain or Shine

Where: Town Center

Memorial Day, or Decoration Day as it was formerly called, is the day we pay tribute to the men and women who have served or are serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard.

Everyone is invited!! Bring your parents, children, neighbors and friends and come to the observance and parade. You can decorate your bike, horse or wagon with red, white and blue and ride in the parade to the cemetery. The fire trucks will be there. The more people who participate – the better.

A few brave students are need to do readings of In Flanders Field, America's Response and the Gettysburg Address. Please take an hour out of your day to honor our Veterans.

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 - CHERYL MASCIADRELLI 862-3386,
x3 or direct line 642-6927

OFFICE HOURS - EVERY OTHER FRIDAY 10 am - 2 pm or by appoint-
ment. Email: clerk@montgomeryma.gov

POLICE DEPT:
ADMINISTRATIVE POLICE CHIEF -
PAULA CHAPMAN Home 862-4949
Office 862-3386, x5

RUSSELL-MONTGOMERY POLICE DEPT: 862-6209
(Call 911 for emergencies)

TAX COLLECTOR - JANE THIELEN 862-3386, x1
or direct line 642-8139

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER -
PHIL CAMP 862-4976

SELECT BOARD:
DONALD WASHBURN 862-3301
MIKE MORRISSEY 682-3386, x1
JACOB CHAPMAN 862-4949

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

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

LIBRARY:
LIBRARIAN - PAULA LONG 862-3894
montgomerylibrary3894@gmail.com

HOURS:
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Thursday 11:00 a.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) 222-7493
The Conservation Commission meets on the first Monday of each
month.

COUNCIL ON AGING 862-3386, x6 or 642-8143
COA@Montgomeryma.gov

STATE SENATOR JOHN VELIS (413) 572-3920
Office address: 52 Court St., Westfield, 01085
STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 3RD HAMPDEN
Nicholas A. Boldyga
454 College Highway, Southwick, MA 01077
(413) 569-3137, Ext 103

montgomerymtbreeze@gmail.com

April Calendar

Contact Chris Brown at chrisbro40@yahoo.com to
be added to the email list for notification of the avail-
ability of the yoga class. This class is sponsored by
the Montgomery Library.

Yoga is Wednesdays at 5:45 pm

Apr. 4 10:15 am -12:30 pm – Health Nurse – Town Hall

Apr. 5 5:45 pm – Yoga – Town Hall

Apr. 11 10:15 am -12:30 pm – Health Nurse – Town Hall

Apr. 12 5:45 pm – Yoga – Town Hall

Apr. 18 10:15 am -12:30 pm – Health Nurse – Town Hall

Apr. 19 5:45 pm – Yoga – Town Hall

Apr. 25 10:15 am -12:30 pm – Health Nurse – Town Hall

Apr. 26 5:45 pm – Yoga – Town Hall

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

Paula L. Chapman

MONTGOMERY'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
OFFICE HOURS 6:30 PM TO 7:45 PM FOR
FIREARMS LICENSES ONLY

The office is in the basement of the Town Hall.

April 6

May 4

June 1

June 29

April 20

May 18

June 15

Subject to change if necessary

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. (Politi-
cal ads must include the name of the payer.)

Ads: email (preferably pdf file) to
montgomerymtbreeze@gmail.com, put in the MB box at the Li-
brary, 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.

MOUNTAIN BREEZE STAFF

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* Julie Pike * Jane Thielen * Lori Conley

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April 2023

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

APRIL FOOL'S.

Go search for your
eggs elsewhere, we
will be closed Easter
Sunday. Thank you.

Scott



**Montgomery
Grille**

AT THE MONTGOMERY MARKETPLACE

46 Main Rd, Montgomery, MA

413-729-6164

NEW Hours:

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 7:00 am to 2:30 pm
Saturday: 7:00 am to 2:30 pm, Lunch starts 11:00 am
Sunday: Breakfast only, 7:00 am to 1 pm

montgomerygrillema.com

email address: grilleofmontgomery@gmail.com

We've sprung ahead, now here's our Spring gameplan

- April is the time to:
- watch out for adult deer ticks
 - Prune roses when forsythia bloom
 - Sow peas outside ahead of several warm days
 - Place support hoops around peonies while they are small
 - Too much nitrogen fertilizer reduces the Vitamin C content of spinach
 - At the end of April, plant potatoes
 - Consider mature size when spacing trees and shrubs in the landscape

GardenNews
by Chris Brown



- Plant roses where they will receive 6 to 8 hours of direct sunlight
- When you start working in your garden, consider dividing your perennials and small shrubs for the Montgomery Library Friends plant sale. Contact Chris Brown 413 364 1510 to

donate plants or contact Paula at the Montgomery Library.

May 6, 2023 is day of the return of one of the Western Mass Master Gardeners Garden Symposiums at the Westfield South Middle School. Go to WMMGA.org for more information

HOMEMADE BLACK BEAN BURGER

Recipe for April 2023 Thank you Jeanne Aras for this recipe

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|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 16 oz can black beans (drain & rinse) | ½ green pepper, cut into 2" pieces |
| ½ onion, cut into wedges | 3 cloves garlic, peeled |
| 1 egg | 1 Tbsp. chili powder |
| 1 Tbsp. cumin | 1 tsp. Thai Chili sauce, or hot sauce |
| ½ cup bread crumbs | |

In a large bowl, mash beans until thick & pasty. In a food processor finely chopped green pepper, onion and garlic, Then stir in mashed beans, In a small bowl, add the eggs, spices and hot sauce. Stir the egg mixture into mashed beans. Mix in bread crumbs, until the mixture is sticky and holds together, You might need a bit more breadcrumbs. Divide into 4 patties. Fry in Olive oil. Optional: coat patties in panko bread crumbs and fry in a combination of butter and olive oil

APRIL RECIPE

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY DOG LICENSE APPLICATION 2023

OWNER

NAME/ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

OWNERS SIGNATURE: _____

DOG INFORMATION

NAME: _____ BREED: _____

SEX: _____ SPAYED/NEUTERED (y/n): _____ AGE: _____ COLOR: _____

OTHER DETAILS: _____

RABIES CERTIFICATE #: _____ VET/NANARIAN: _____

DATE OF VACCINATION: _____ EXPIRATION DATE: _____

Please see our town website for the Dog By-Laws for the Town of Montgomery

DOG LICENSE TAG # _____

In reliance on the above certificate and the payment fee of _____, the animal above described is licensed for the period: **APRIL 1, 2022 – MARCH 31, 2023.**

Dated: _____, Town Clerk.



Come on by the Montgomery Marketplace at 46
Main Road, Montgomery, MA -
it's our community center for the Arts,
pleasant company, and really good food!



*Spring into Gray
Catbird Gift
Shop ~ ever
changing,
ever true!*

*Praise the spells and
bless the charms,
I found April in my arms.*

*April golden, April cloudy,
Gracious, cruel, tender, rowdy;*

*April soft in flowered languor,
April cold with sudden anger,*

*Ever changing,
ever true --
I love April,
I love you.
- Ogden Nash*

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GIFT SHOP

413-875-5205

**HOURS: 9 AM TO 3 PM,
WEDNESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY
9 AM - 1 PM ON SUNDAY**

 etsy.com/shop/GrayCatbirdPottery

 facebook.com/GrayCatbirdPottery

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Work continues on MHS upcoming schedule

WELCOME SPRING AND WARMING TEMPERATURES! Hope everyone is enjoying the fresh air, improving weather, and melting snow!

Your Montgomery Historical Society has not yet firmed up plans for activities/events for the remainder of 2023, but plans to do so in the very near future... In the meantime, are there any suggestions from any of you out there with "fun" things to do, or historical places to visit?

Historical Happenings



Hopefully we will have a calendar of events to offer you soon!

Here's a reminder for Gateway and other high school seniors about the Montgomery Historical Society's annual scholarship(s) available? (Application is available through Gateway

High School office or by calling Laurie at 862-8095.)

Just a reminder – the display case in the town Library currently contains "BASKETS OF THE WORLD" loaned by Historical Society friend Christine Brown. In her many travels throughout the United States and visits to other countries, Chris has collected hand-woven baskets of many designs and from many cultures. Be sure to stop in at the Library soon to enjoy this unique display of lovely baskets from our country and other lands...

We'd like to hear from you! Unique and/or historical items or collections are always a welcome addition to the display case in the Library. Please look within your own home for items that would be enjoyable viewing for your neighbors and friends, and give Laurie a call (862-8095) to schedule a time when we can show your items at the Library. We thank you for being willing to share your own "treasures" through an exhibit at the Town Hall Library!

Call out for Fire Chief Frye Memorial Scholarship applicants

Open To: Graduating 2023 Montgomery High School Students

Eligibility requirements: Must be a resident of Montgomery (non-Gateway students may request an application from Montgomery Fire Department) (Contact Dan Flechsig – 862-8095 or email 83.mfd.association@gmail.com)

Criteria: Community Service, Academic Accomplishment, Financial Need

Award amount: \$250.00

Application deadline: May 1st

Application requirements: Gateway common application, transcript

Completed application to:

Montgomery Fire Department
Attn: Scholarship Committee, 154 Main Road
Montgomery, Mass. 01085

***You must provide official documentation of 2nd semester enrollment in educational institution.



Scholarships for town students available now

A.P. Pettis Fund Scholarship Award

Open to: Montgomery students

Eligibility requirements: Must be a resident of Montgomery and demonstrate academic accomplishment and financial need.

Amount: \$300

Deadline: May 1

Application requirements: Gateway Common application, transcript

Completed application to: **Laura Flechsig**
1699 Russell Rd
Montgomery, MA 01085

**You must provide official documentation of 2nd semester enrollment in educational institution*

Montgomery Historical Society

Open to: Montgomery residents

Eligibility requirements: Must be a resident of Montgomery, community service, financial need

Amount: \$500. (2 Awards may be made if funds available)

Deadline: May 1

Application requirements: Gateway Common Application (found in the Counseling Office, transcript)

Completed application to: **Laura Flechsig**
699 Russell Rd
Montgomery, MA 01085

**You must provide official documentation of 2nd semester enrollment in educational institution*

The Robert Goodman Scholarship

Available only for Montgomery students.

Additional information & applications: for all three scholarships contact the Gateway guidance office, or by e-mailing Laurie Flechsig at menehunes_mom@yahoo.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Music in Montgomery

Grille Dining Room, 46 Main Road, The Montgomery Marketplace, Montgomery, MA

**“When I started counting my blessings,
my whole life turned around..”**

— Willie Nelson

THURSDAYS @ 3 Calendar

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|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| April 6 | The Uncles: Three-part harmonies - folk, rock, jazz & more, (Rob Adams, Dennis Avery, John Clark) - bass & guitars |
| April 13 | Peter Rzasa, Sarah Miller, & Barry Searle: rock & country |
| April 20 | HILLTOWN GRILLBILLIES |
| April 27 | Ed Bentley & Friends: ‘Men of a Certain Age’ Country, Rock, Folk A variety of fellows, instruments and vocals |
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| May 4 | Jerry & Kara Noble: Great music from across the decades! |
| May 11 | Mac and Friends: Guitar & vocals to rock your soul! |
| May 18 | Larry Southard: Vocals and guitar, All the Good Old Songs! |
| May 25 | Ron and Ronnie: Sprightly heart tunes from the ‘50s through 80s |
| <hr/> | |
| June 1 | Kara & Jerry Noble: Great music from across the decades! |
| June 8 | Ravenwood ~ Barry Searle & Company in JAZZ mode |
| June 15 | HILLTOWN GRILLBILLIES! |
| June 22 | Ed Bentley & Friends: ‘Men of a Certain Age’ Country, Rock, Folk |
| June 29 | Peg Cowen & John Bye: sweet, real, original hilltown songs by two talented Cummington folks |

We encourage donations of baked goods, and all the funds given for refreshments will be given 50/50 to our town library and Fireman’s Association. At the music events, there’s a donation can for the refreshments (and one to thank the musicians).

IT’S A FINE TIME!

Contact Dale for more info: 413.875.5205

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DO WRIGHT BY THE TOWN. VOTE FOR DEB!

Dear Montgomery citizens,

I'm writing to ask for your write-in votes at the upcoming May 1, 2023 town election for the following positions:

TAX COLLECTOR / TREASURER

I have been a town resident since 1997. Currently I am working for Smith College in the Development office with responsibilities including budget management and have prior experience working with a CPA.

Previously, I volunteered to hold town events, such as The Tractor and Quad Show and the Montgomery Harvest Fair. I organized fundraisers for these events and the library by organizing spaghetti suppers and many other events in the mid 2000's as the Library Friends Chairperson. My husband, Ted, and I raised two daughters here.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated votes!

Sincerely,

Debra L Wright
44 Old House Road



Be sure to vote on May 1st.



Outside the bird feeder with Lori Conley

WAYS TO PROTECT NESTING BIRDS THIS SPRING

With the return of warm weather, it's time to welcome court-ing, mating (bird love is in the air!) and nesting birds back to opens spaces, trails and backyards. These harbingers of spring sometimes need our help to raise their young safely. Here are some ways to protect nest-ing birds:

1. Dispose of used fishing line, string etc properly in trash cans. Birds will sometimes try to use the lines for nesting material and they and their young can die or injured when they get tangled up.
2. Leave nesting birds alone and give them plenty of space.
3. Keep natural areas natural and free of decorations that can be haz-ardous to birds and other wildlife.
4. Provide food and fresh water (bird seed, suet, nectar)
5. Avoid putting out nesting material such as yarn, string, human hair and dryer lint - all of which can be hazardous to birds and other wildlife and their young.
6. Add native plants and flowers to your landscape to provide a variety of wild food for birds includ-ing fruits, seeds, nectar and insects.
7. Avoid using pesticides in your yard and try leaving the bugs for the birds (and bats) to eat - they help provide natural pest control.
8. Keep cats indoors or attach bells or brightly colored collars to warn birds of their approach. Cats can wreak havoc on our bird popula-tions in some areas.
9. Try adding decals to large win-dows to make glass more visible to birds to help prevent collisions.
10. Be aware of some birds that have ground nests so as not to trample or harm them.

Happy spring!! I

Write in

CANDIDATE FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE.



PLEASE WRITE
LYNN GEBO
IN FOR
LIBRARY TRUSTEE.

Lynn has been a Trustee
for many years and
would continue to
do a great job!

Thank you!

Representative Boldyga appointed to key committees

Boston, MA - The Massachusetts House of Representatives recently announced its committee assignments for the 193rd session of the General Court. State Representative Nicholas Boldyga (R-Southwick) was appointed as the Ranking Member of the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, and he will also serve on the Advanced IT, Internet, & Cybersecurity; Bonds, Capital Expenditures, & State Assets; Environment & Natural Resources; and Financial Service committees.

Representative Boldyga, who was sworn-in on January 4th to his 7th term, expressed his enthusiasm for working with his colleagues and tackling the important issues that are facing the Commonwealth. "I am honored to have been appointed to these committees, and I am looking forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle as we begin the

legislative process. I believe that we have a responsibility to work together and to make decisions that will benefit the people of Massachusetts."

Representative Boldyga also reiterated his commitment to fighting for greater government transparency, lower taxes, and policies that support small businesses and farmers. "My constituents have made it clear that they want a government that is transparent and accountable, and I will work tirelessly to ensure that their voices are heard. I will also continue to advocate for policies that support our small businesses and farmers, who are the backbone of our economy."

Representative Boldyga serves the Third Hampden District, which includes the towns of Agawam, Blandford, Chester, Granville, Huntington, Middlefield, Montgomery, Russell, Southwick, and Tolland.

Russell-Montgomery PD offices near completion



Hello Once Again!

Hopefully we have seen the last of old man winter and can move forward with spring! With warmer weather coming our way we can expect out of town traffic to increase on the Main Road corridor.

Beginning April 1st the department will begin implementation of the MRS grant. The MRS grant targets aggressive driving which includes speeding and drunk driving. These grants will remain in effect for the remainder of the year.

Our new town hall offices are nearing completion. We can't wait to move in!

Remember to check us out on our facebook page! Everyone stay safe out there!

Michael A. Morrissey
Michael A. Morrissey, Chairman
Town of Montgomery, Board of Selectmen

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

Tim Baker
Betty Bodendorf
Scott Brzoska
Kathleen Cinelli
Erica Coon
Joseph Coon
Trevor Coon
Louise Fowles
Kelsey Frye
Michael Gaudette
Gabrielle Goralczyk
Jerry Goralczyk
Jason Harris, Jr.
John Little HAPPY
101st on April 11th!!!

Rick Little
Mike Morrissey
Ed Ondrick
Louise Ondrick
Lyndon Ondrick
Daniel Paradis
Patti Spencer
Joshua Tatro
Gene Washburn
Dennis Wassung
Aaron Wendt

APRIL ANIVERSARIES

Patty & Rich Little



Town of Montgomery Public Health Nurse

New hours:
Tuesdays,
10:15 am – 12:30 pm.
Town Hall, COA Room

Nurse available for questions, concerns
or blood pressures.



Library News

facebook.com/
gracehallmemorial

April 2023

No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow. ~Proverb

***** NOTE our NEW Email is montgomerylibrary3894@gmail.com*****

Yoga is on Wednesday nights at 5:45 pm. Please contact Chris Brown at chrisbro40@yahoo.com to sign up.

CookBook Book Club on at May 18 6:30pm White House Family Cookbook.

Stich-n-Bitch Knitting on March 30 6:30 pm.

2023 Monthly Motif Reading Challenge stop by the library to see the monthly challenges. April is " I Like Big Books "

SNOW DATES: " You can paint: The Rose" Pastel Workshop with Greg Maichack on April 15 at 10 am

STARLAB kids event on April 20 at 6:30 pm. Come see the portable planetarium and learn about the night sky.

Live Zoom Reading with Mary Jo Maichack presents Truman Capote's " Children on their birthday" April 13 at 6:30 pm . Email the library for the zoom link.

"Women of '76" present by Rita Parisi will portray five extraordinary women who witnessed & in some cases changed the course of the American Revolution. April 22 at 12 pm .

Sign up at wowbrary.org for our weekly newsletter see new items in the Library.

BOOK & PLANT Sale NEW date of May 20

Stop by to our annual spring sale of Books & plants at the Little Red School house. We will be taking book donations at the library till May 15 and Plant donations the morning of the sale. If the date of the sale changes it will be posted outside the library and on our Facebook page.

Posting on Facebook

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

Hours

Tues: 10- 5:30

Thurs: 11-8

Sat: 9:30-12:30

Ebooks on Libby

Contact

Mail

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Website

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commonwealthcatalog.org

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