

Happy New Year to all!

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Breeze



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### TOWN CLERK News

Watch for your Census/Street Listing Form in the month of January! And another indicating: Nomination papers will be available in the beginning of February. Office Hours: Every other Friday 10 am – 2 pm OR BY APPOINTMENT. DECEMBER 9, DECEMBER 16, JANUARY 6, JANUARY 20, FEBRUARY 3, FEBRUARY 17. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Cheryl Masciadrelli  
Town Clerk  
(413)642-6927  
clerk@montgomeryma.gov

## Check winter heating devices

Winter has arrived!

Please be safe. Stay warm, use smart snow removal techniques, wear proper anti-slip footwear.

When using space heaters do not leave the area when in use and do not use extension cords.



154 Main Road  
Montgomery, MA

Members wish you all a Happy New Year!

### VOLUNTEERS

We are always looking for volunteers for the Fire Department. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month are our training/meetings. If you have interest in becoming a member please call 862-4505.

Thank you for all your support and The Fire Department

## Apply now for the Fire Chief Stephen P. Frye Memorial Scholarship

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.



“Keep some room in your heart for the unimaginable.”

— Mary Oliver, poet



# 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 appointment. 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) 287-2167

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

COUNCIL ON AGING 862-3386, x6 or 642-8143

COA@Montgomeryma.gov

montgomerymtbreeze@gmail.com

# January Calendar

Contact Chris Brown at chrisbro40@yahoo.com to be added to the email list for notification of the availability of the yoga class. This class is sponsored by the Montgomery Library. Yoga is Wednesdays at 5:45 pm

**No COA events to report**

Jan. 4 5:45 pm – Yoga – Town Hall

Jan. 11 5:45 pm – Yoga – Town Hall

Jan. 18 5:45 pm – Yoga – Town Hall

Jan. 25 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.

January 5

February 2

March 9

April 6

May 4

June 1

June 29

January 19

February 16

March 23

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. (Political ads must include the name of the payer.)

**Ads:** email (preferably pdf file) to [montgomerymtbreeze@gmail.com](mailto: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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January 2023

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



Merry Christmas everyone and happy holidays. Of course I hope you all have a great 2023.

Well Covid isn't gone but it does feel safer even if it is just in our minds. I know this is the first holiday season I feel comfortable. Shaking hands and giving hugs or just a touch on the shoulder. Even went to a party for the first time in a few years. Thanks Joe! And those stuffed

mushrooms were awesome.

The virus will be with us, like a cold or flu, but we do have to start living again. So part of living again is New Years Resolutions. I have one I hope we all can try.

Starting next year Lets all ask ourselves. "What if?" and then do everything to answer.

Viva la 2023!

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**



# Bushes and trees that provide food for the birds

Bushes and trees that provide food for the birds – as I look out my window, I see my winterberry bush covered with red berries against the snow. The view is spectacular, and lately it has been enhanced by visits from a flock of bluebirds and robins. What a winter bird magnet! Winter berry is both native and cultivated. It is a deciduous bush in the Holly family *Ilex verticillata*. It is called winterberry holly and is native to the eastern half of the United States and has bright red sprays of berries to ornament your yard.

Another bird magnet I have mentioned before is a native Red Mulberry, *Morus rubra*, also an edible berry for both birds and humans that grows in the summer. It is usually in the form of a tree that can grow up to 60'. It is a messy tree, so don't plant by a patio or driveway. Another bird magnet!

A holly, *Ilex* spp, is an evergreen bush that produces berries. It's the female plant that produces the berries, but

## GardenNews

by Chris Brown



a male holly plant has to be planted nearby in order to get fruit.

Other berry bearing plants are choke cherry, staghorn sumac, native viburnums, beautyberry and white snow berry.

For more information about native plants and wildlife visit the National Wildlife Federation website.

*The above information taken from nwf blog by Mary Phillips "Winter Berries for Birds" .Dec. 22.*

Houseplants still available from Chris Brown for a donation to benefit the Library Friends. Call or text Chris Brown at 413 364 1510. Plants: Anthurium (pink flowers); Begonias (red flowers); Angel Wing begonias (pink flowers); spider plant, night blooming cactus (white flower when it blooms for one night a year); birds nest sansevieria; mandarin orange seedlings. All are in small pots except the cactus.

## LASAGNA FLATBREAD

*Recipe for January 2023 Thank you Jeanne Aras for this latest recipe*

1 15 oz. container ricotta cheese  
3 oz. parmesan cheese  
2 tsp. Italian seasoning  
1 ½ jar marinara sauce

8 oz. shredded mozzarella, divided  
1 egg  
1 lb. sausage  
6 flatbreads

Combine ricotta, ½ mozzarella, parmesan cheese, egg & Italian seasonings in a bowl, Cook sausage in a skillet, until no longer pink. Add marinara sauce. Spread 1/6 of the cheese mixture evenly on each flatbread. Cover with sausage mixture. Top with remaining mozzarella. Bake in a preheated 375 degree oven until cheese is melted and bubbly, 10 to 15 minutes.

JANUARY RECIPE



## Outside the bird feeder with Lori Conley

### JUNCOS ARE THE ORIGINAL SNOWBIRDS

*As winter arrives, flocks of these lively little birds suddenly appear.*

By now, retirees and other people who want to escape the dark days of winter have headed to parts of the Southwest, or to sunny Florida. We call them "snowbirds," because they leave as soon as the snow begins to fall and temperatures drop.

But there's another type of snowbird — the Dark-eyed Junco.

Although you may see Dark-eyed Juncos here in summer, come fall, many, many more ar-

rive to spend the winter. They've been nesting in the mountains or farther north. To them, this is a benign winter habitat.

These juncos often find seed feeders for winter feasting. Watch for a small bird with a dark sooty hood that covers its head and chest, a grey-brown back, and a white belly. However, the most attention-grabbing aspect of this

shy junco is its tail. As the bird darts off, giving a sharp twittering call, it flashes the white outer feathers of its tail.

Enjoy these Dark-eyed Juncos now and through the winter. Come spring, most of these snowbirds will head north or into higher elevations to begin a new breeding cycle.



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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!



# Happy New Year!

Dale and the Gray Catbird artists and musicians very much appreciate your visits and business throughout this past year. We love offering you the very best we can create! What would we do without all of you? Many thanks, and may 2023 be a year of hope, peace, and beauty for All. God bless you, one and all!



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Gray Catbird  
GIFT SHOP

## 413-875-5205

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

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



# HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

from your friends and neighbors of the Montgomery Historical Society!

The Montgomery Historical Society will gather for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship at the Country Kitchen and Bar, 4 Main Street, Huntington on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

All are invited to join us as we renew our efforts to return to our "normal" activities that "ran amok" when COVID-19 spread through our state and nation! We will be ordering from the Country Kitchen's menu and will receive

## Historical Happenings



individual checks that evening.

Please call Laurie (862-8095) to make your reservation, and please feel free to join us that evening for a good time with good food and good friends!

We trust your December holidays were enjoyable, and we wish you the blessing of good health in the New Year. We will hopefully all remain cautious and stay well as we proceed through the winter season.

*The display case in the Grace Hall Memorial Library at Montgomery Centre, hosted by the Montgomery Historical Society, will once again feature exhibit(s) of historical items or collections beginning with the New Year. Reminder: if you have anything you would be willing to display that might be of interest to others in town, please contact Laurie at 862-8095 to get your items on the display schedule for 2023.*

## Condolences...

...to Phil and Cindy Camp and family on the passing of Phil's sister Lorna (Camp) Thornton on November 1 in Reading, PA.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Arlene Bodurtha  
Rebecca Bodurtha  
John Bucko  
Geoff Boisjolie  
Deborah Clark  
Bertine Galipeau

Krystyna Galipeau  
Peggy Goralczyk  
Patty Little  
Steve Monkiewicz  
Bob Wall  
James Wall  
Karen Wassung  
Dakota Whitaker

## JANUARY ANIVERSARIES

none

## New Year's Traditions from Cultures Around the World

### Wearing White (Brazil)

In Brazil, the new year is regarded as a time to reflect upon the past and make new resolutions for the coming year. Everyone wears white because the color signifies luck, prosperity, and is meant to ward off bad spirits. As the tradition goes, revelers gather on the beaches donning white garb where they jump seven waves—a lucky number in Brazilian culture—for good fortune and throw flowers into the water as an offering to Lemanjá, the goddess of the sea.

### Spring Festival (China)

The Lunar New Year is the most important holiday in China, and millions of people around the world participate in the celebration. Also known as the Spring Festival, this 15-day long celebration has a different date every year, following the Lunar Calendar instead of the Gregorian Calendar.

Homes and cities are lined with red decorations—a color that symbolizes good luck and good fortune—such as red lanterns to ward off bad luck and jianzhi, red paper cutouts that hang on walls. Fireworks are set off on both New Year's Eve and again the next morning as a means to ward off negative energy.

### Smashing Plates (Denmark)

One of the most popular New Year's traditions in Denmark involves smashing plates and old dishes. Danish resi-

dents save their unused dinnerware and affectionately shatter them against doors of their families and friends as a way to ward off bad spirits.

Other traditions include jumping off chairs at midnight to "leap" into the new year and consuming Kransekage, a wreath-shaped cake created using marzipan rings stacked on top of each other with a bottle of wine in the center. The cake is decorated with ornaments and flags.

### Dropping Ice Cream (Switzerland)

In celebration of the New Year, the Swiss channel good luck, wealth, and abundance by dropping a dollop of ice cream on the floor at midnight. They also line the streets in colorful costumes and perform symbolic ceremonies intended to chase away negative spirits.

### Festival of Saint Basil (Greece)

The Greek celebration of the New Year is also known as the Festival of Saint Basil, honoring the founder of the Greek Orthodox Church. Each year, there are a number of celebrations that take place as a means to attract luck and bring prosperity. An onion, for example, is traditionally hung on the door of homes as a symbol of rebirth, and on New Year's Day, parents wake children by tapping them on the head with the onion.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

# Music in Montgomery

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

**"Music is life itself."**

— Louis Armstrong

## THURSDAYS @ 3 Calendar

Jan 5  
Jan 12  
Jan 19  
Jan 26

**Jerry & Kara Noble:** Great music from across the decades!  
**Ron & Ronnie:** Sprightly heart tunes from the '50s through 80s  
**Larry Southard:** Vocals and guitar, All the Good Old Songs!  
**The Uncles:** Three-part harmonies - folk, rock, jazz & more  
(Rob Adams, Dennis Avery, John Clark) - bass & guitars

Feb 2  
Feb 9  
Feb 16  
Feb 23

**Jerry & Kara Noble!** Great music from across the decades!  
**Peter Rzala, Sarah Miller, & Barry Searle:** rock & country  
**The Pitoniak Brothers:** folk, rock & country  
**HILLTOWN GRILLBILLIES**

March 2  
March 9  
March 16  
March 23  
March 30

**Jerry & Kara Noble:** Great music from across the decades!  
**P.B. & Company:** Steve, Mike, & Wendy: favorite songs 50s - 90s  
**Larry Southard:** Vocals and guitar, All the Good Old Songs!  
**Ron & Ronnie:** Sprightly heart tunes from the '50s through 80s  
**Ed Bentley & Friends:** 'Men of a Certain Age' Country, Rock, Folk A variety of fellows, instruments and vocals

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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# JANUARY Library News

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January 2023

Be at War with your Vices, at Peace with your Neighbours, and let every New-Year find you a better Man. ~Quoted in Benjamin Franklin's 1755 *Poor Richard's Almanack*

**\*\*\* NOTE our NEW Email is**

***montgomerylibrary3894@gmail.com\*\*\****

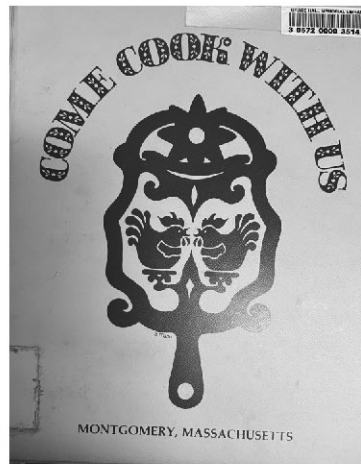
**Yoga** is on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm. Please contact Chris Brown at [chrisbro40@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisbro40@yahoo.com) to sign up.

**Stich-n-Bitch Knitting on Jan. 19 at 6 pm.** Want to learn to knit? We can start you on a simple project. Already an experience knitter? All are welcome. Bring your latest project on the needles or come start a new one.

**CookBook Book Club on Jan. 26 at 6:30pm**

***“Come Cook with Us” the Montgomery Town Cookbook.***

Stop by the Library and pursue the Book Club selection before Jan. 20. On Jan. 26 bring a dish of your favorite receipt from the cookbook to share. We'll provide the beverage.



**eBooks and eAudio** books are available through Libby and Boston Public Library. Stop by the library to pick up a flyer on how to download your eCard.

### **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**

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