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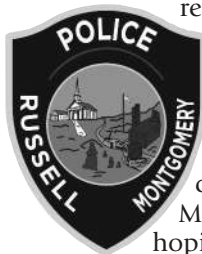
Breeze

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Russell-Montgomery Police Dept intro

Hello Montgomery!

The officers of the Russell Montgomery would like to thank the residents of Montgomery for the warm welcome and overwhelming support the department has received since the start of shared policing services.



Here are a few updates on the department: The Police department satellite office is under construction at the Montgomery Town Hall. We are hoping to have it up and running by mid-March. We are excited and can't wait to move in and expand our services to the town of Montgomery.

LTC/FID hours will remain the same with Admirative assistant Paula Chapman.

Please turn to page 8.

Tax Collector's News

Due to not being able to submit my Tax Collectors info to the Dept. of Revenue on time, the tax rate could not be set. The 3rd and 4th Quarter. Tax Bills were not mailed out on January 1, 2023. Both Quarters will be mailed in March, and both will be due on May 1, 2023.

Signed, Jane Thielen

“If living life was easy, then everybody be doing it.”

— T.LAK



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY

161 Main Road, Montgomery, Massachusetts 01085
413 862-3386
413 862-3204 (Fax #)

Press Release
For Immediate release
January 9, 2023

The Town of Montgomery will not be sending out property tax bills for February 1, 2023. The town was unable to submit the required documents to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue by the deadline of December 31, 2022. The Board of Selectmen met with members of the Board of Assessors in early December to try and ensure the town set its tax rate and submitted the required documents to the Department of Revenue to review and approve, so that the February taxes bill could go out.

The Board of Assessors informed the Selectmen that the collector/treasurer had not completed the necessary documents for the previous fiscal year and to submit the data to the state so that a tax classification hearing could be held as required by law. The Assessors and the Department of revenue need the figures from the collector/treasurer as part of the calculation for setting the tax rate.

Several discussions in December were held between Selectboard members and the collector/treasurer to try and get the required data generated and submitted to the Department of Revenue but were told that the work would not be completed before the December 31, 2022, deadline.

Individuals with concerns or questions about their property taxes should call the Town Hall and speak with the collector/Treasurer. (413) 862-3368

The Board of Selectmen will continue to encourage the completion of the necessary data the state requires and keep the taxpayers informed, as of right now the Department of Revenue is telling the town the next tax bills to go out will be May 1, 2023, and include 2 quarters of taxes due.

Montgomery Board of Selectmen

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

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Email: mmorrissey@montgomeryma.gov
Phone: 413-977-6540

Important numbers

FIRE EMERGENCY 911
AMBULANCE 911
STATE POLICE 911

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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

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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

STATE SENATOR JOHN VELIS (413) 572-3920
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 3RD HAMPDEN
Nicholas A. Boldyga
454 College Highway, Southwick, MA 01077
(413) 569-3137, Ext 103

montgomerymtbreeze@gmail.com

February 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

Feb. 1 5:45 pm – Yoga – Town Hall
Feb. 8 5:45 pm – Yoga – Town Hall
Feb. 15 5:45 pm – Yoga – Town Hall
Feb. 22 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.

February 2	February 16
March 9	March 23
April 6	April 20
May 4	May 18
June 1	June 15
June 29	

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, 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.

MOUNTAIN BREEZE STAFF

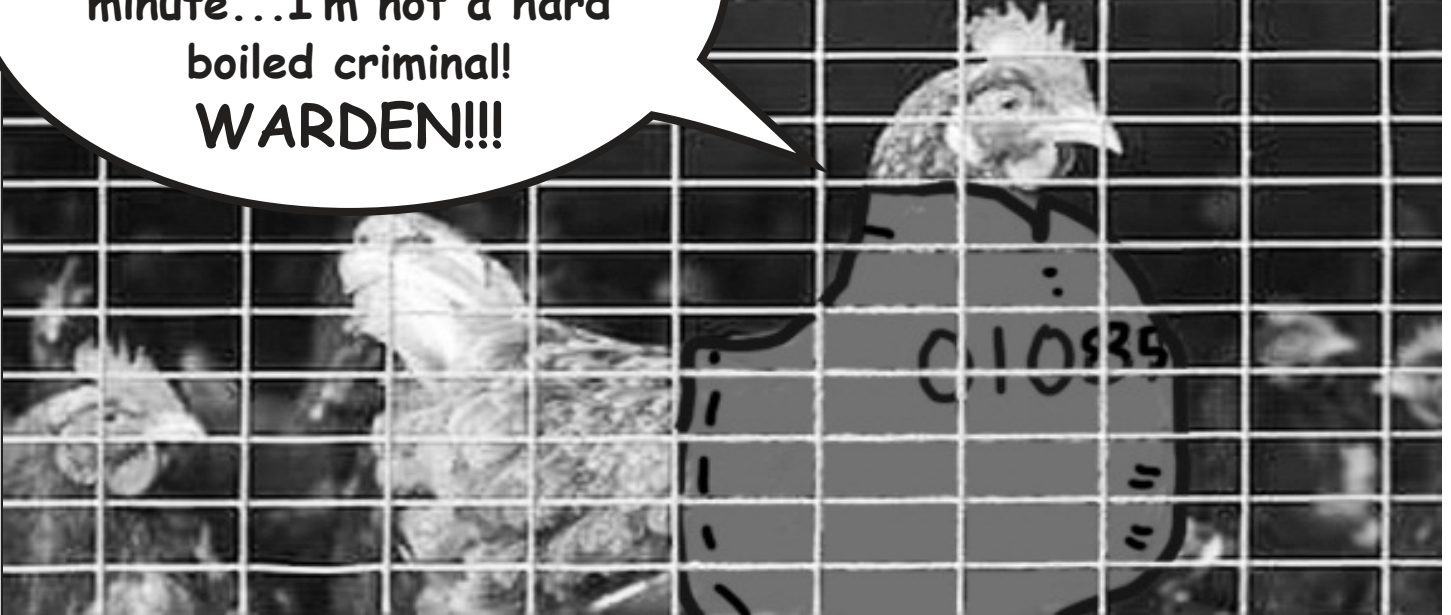
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* Julie Pike * Jane Thielen * Lori Conley

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February 2023

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

Hey Warden!
I was framed. My crate
was only parked there for a
minute...I'm not a hard
boiled criminal!
WARDEN!!!



The reason good chicks turn rotten

Well folks we are in the middle of winter and football is almost over. For me that is when winter really kicks in. It also makes me wonder a lot.

The big question is... will the price of everything keep going up? My daughter is in India right now and her and her fiance can go out for dinner there, with a couple of drinks and tip for less than ten bucks. There

are a lot more people to feed over there. Just got to wonder.

I wonder if we put chickens back in cages and maybe even vaccinate them, would that bring the price of eggs back down? In my business the price of eggs is kind of important to the bottom line.

I know the answer to this, but a parking ban in Montgomery?

Scott

**Montgomery
Grille**

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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

Cut bush branches for forcing; houseplants available for donation

February is the month to: Cut pussy willow, forsythia and fragrant viburnum branches for forcing.

- Plant a herb garden on a sunny windowsill
- Keep water off foliage when watering houseplants.
- Low humidity is very stressful on houseplants. Move plants close together or use a humidifier.
- Mid-Feb., start leeks, onions and shallots from seed.

GardenNews

by Chris Brown



- Norway maple is considered an invasive plant in MA

Please note, there are still houseplants available for a donation to the Montgomery Library Friends. They include: Anthurium (pink flower), angel wing begonias (pink flowers), spider plant, night blooming cirus (white flower, when it blooms for one night a year) bird's nest sansevieria, mandarin orange seedlings. Call or text Chris Brown at 413.354.1510.

CHICKEN ARTICHOKE "CASSEROLE"

My husband Wayne found this recipe in Bon Appetit. It is delicious.

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| 6 Tbsp. Butter plus more for the pan | 4 chicken breasts |
| Kosher salt | freshly ground pepper |
| 8 oz. mixed mushrooms, sliced | 1 bunch flat kale, ribs removed and roughly chopped (I used fresh leaf spinach) |
| 3 Tbsp. flour | ½ cup white wine (or an additional ½ cup chic. broth) |
| 1 cup low sodium chicken broth | 1 (13 ¾ oz) can artichoke hearts (I used frozen) |
| 1 cup shredded gruyere cheese | |

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter a 9 x 13 baking pan and set aside. Melt 1 Tbsp. butter in Lg. skillet. Add chicken breasts, season with salt & pepper, and cook until browned, about 5 minutes per side. Transfer to prepared pan. In same skillet, melt another 2 Tbsp. butter. Add mushrooms and cook over high heat until browned and crispy, about 10 minutes. Stir in kale (or spinach) and cook until wilted and tender another 3-5 minutes. Transfer to a plate.

Melt remaining 3 Tbsp. butter. Add flour and stir until well blended. Whisk in chicken broth and wine until smooth. Cook, stirring constantly over medium-high heat until sauce thickens and bubbles. Stir in cheese until melted. Fold in mushrooms, kale and artichokes.

Pour over chicken and bake 30 minutes or until sauce is bubbly and chicken is cooked through. Serve over rice.

FEBRUARY RECIPE



Outside the bird feeder with Lori Conley

TIPS FOR ATTRACTING BIRDS TO BIRDHOUSES

No matter when you put up birdhouses, there are ways to make them more attractive to birds looking for a home for their new family.

- Choose a safe birdhouse design that will protect the nesting birds from poor weather and predators, but will be comfortable for both adults and chicks.

Check that the entrance hole size is appropriate for the birds you want to use the house so larger, more aggressive birds cannot take over and invaders cannot reach inside.

Consider painting the birdhouse in an attractive color to provide camouflage or help with temperature control to keep it safe and comfortable.

Position the birdhouse carefully so it is sheltered from inclement weather but not too far from food to help overworked parents.

Mount the house firmly so it does not sway, wiggle, or move as birds enter and exit, which can discourage wary or overprotective parents.

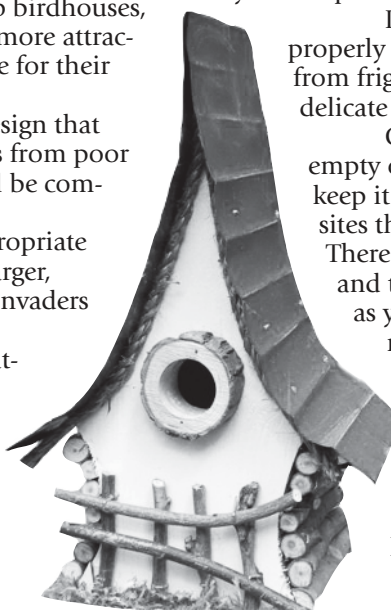
If a family does move in, monitor them properly if desired, but do so discreetly to keep from frightening or stressing parent birds and delicate chicks.

Clean the birdhouse after the nest is empty or at the end of the nesting season to keep it from harboring mice, insects, or parasites that can harm birds.

There is no bad time to put out birdhouses, and the best time to put them up is as soon as you have them available. Even if it is not nesting season, birds may investigate the house, learn where it is, and possibly use it as shelter.

If you only want to provide houses for nesting, putting them up in late winter or very early spring will ensure they are available for even the earliest nesting species.

Article from The Spruce



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!

Gifts for your Love, Gifts from your Love...

"i carry your heart with me(i carry it in
my heart)i am never without it(anywhere
i go you go,my dear;and whatever is done
by only me is your doing,my darling)..."

here is the deepest secret nobody knows
(here is the root of the root and the bud of the bud
and the sky of the sky of a tree called life;which grows
higher than soul can hope or mind can hide)
and this is the wonder that's keeping the stars apart

i carry your heart(i carry it in my heart)"
by e.e. cummings

Gifts from the heart for your love -
at Gray Catbird Gift Shop & Art Gallery



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MHS to meet to plan future events for members

Your Montgomery Historical Society celebrated the demise of the old year and welcomed the New Year with a delicious dinner and delightful evening at The Tavern in Westfield on January 4. Food, fun, and fellowship were enjoyed by all who attended.

Members of the Historical Society will be meeting in a week or so to plan some fun and historical events for this

Historical Happenings



year. If any of you, our neighbors and friends, has an interest in helping with the plans, we encourage you to contact Laurie at 862-8095 for the details of the meeting.

Hopefully we will be able to come up with some activities that will pique the interests of all! We wish you good health and warmth throughout the winter season, and hope to see all of you anew this year!

Our plans to restart exhibits in the display case at the Library at the town center were delayed for a few weeks by use of the space for a lovely Christmas creche donated to the library some time ago. For the beginning of February, we will be exhibiting materials from one of our Montgomery friends... be sure to stop in the library next time you're in the town center!

Reminder: We are always looking for unique or historical items (or collections) to exhibit in this lovely display case, so PLEASE, if you have anything you would be willing to display that might be of interest to others in town, contact Laurie at 862-8095 to get your items on the display schedule for 2023. Thank you for your consideration!

• Russell-Montgomery PD report (continued from page 1)

The department has purchased a pole mount speed radar sign that will be placed in the center of town. The radar sign was obtained through the state MRS grant.

The department has also taken delivery of its new Chevrolet Tahoe police cruiser. The cruiser was purchased through the regionalization and utilization grant.

Those looking to contact the department the office phone number is 413-862-6209.

If an officer is not in the office there is an option to leave a message, also there is an option to speak with dispatch.

Dial 911 for all emergencies.

All of us at the Russell-Montgomery Police Department look forward to continue to

provide services to the Montgomery community!

Below are the statistics for the Russell-Montgomery Police Department from our initial start date of July 1st 2022 until December 31st 2022.

Overall Calls – 444
Police Response – 354
Motor Vehicle Stops – 264
Citations/Warnings – 258
Criminal Citations – 4
Medical – 12
Accidents – 6
Suspicious Activity – 3
Safety Hazard – 3
Arrest -1

Respectfully,

Kevin M. Hennessey
Chief of Police
Russell-Montgomery Police Department

Local non profit announces services

It Takes a Village is a local non-profit that provides FREE postpartum support!

Our home visit program provides families, with an infant under the age of one, with a volunteer once a week for two to three hours. Volunteers help with household tasks and provide companionship so the caregiver can take a break. Families that are interested should email lisa@hilltownvillage.org.

The Village Closet donation center, located at 2 E. Main St. in Huntington, MA, carries clothing newborn through adult sizes, baby gear, diapers, formula, and more. Items are 100% free to families, regardless of income or town of residence. We are open Sunday and Monday 11am-2pm and the first Tuesday of the month 5pm-7pm. Donations are accepted during open hours.

We encourage individuals that are interested in volunteering to reach out, as well! We offer many opportunities including becoming a home visitor, sorting donations at the closet, delivering donations to families, and more!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Jeanne Aras
Jennifer Arvanitis
Henry Bisbee IV
Chris Brown
Fran Bush
Roger Chapman
Jacqueline DuCharme
Dan Flechsig, Sr.
Nathan Galipeau

Bill Hughes
Geraldine Larrabee
Donny Masciadrelli
Nicholas Moses
Michael Shelnut
Nancy Spencer
Dale Stanisewski
Paige Stomski
Pete Wilcox
Tim Wolcott

FEBRUARY ANIVERSARIES

Cheryl & Donny Masciadrelli
Karen & Dennis Wasung

Condolences...

to Joyce Lutat and family on the loss of her husband James Lutat, Sr., (Jim) on January 2 at home.

to Darlene and John Buikus and family on the loss of Darlene's mother Helen (Pease) Wellspeak on January 7

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Music in Montgomery

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

**“If music be the food of love,
play on.”**

— William Shakespeare

THURSDAYS @ 3 Calendar

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| Feb 2 | Jerry & Kara Noble! Great music from across the decades! |
| Feb 9 | Peter Rzasa, Sarah Miller, & Barry Searle: rock & country |
| Feb 16 | The Pitoniak Brothers: folk, rock & country |
| Feb 23 | HILLTOWN GRILLBILLIES |
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| March 2 | Jerry & Kara Noble: Great music from across the decades! |
| March 9 | P.B. & Company: Steve, Mike, & Wendy: favorite songs 50s - 90s |
| March 16 | Larry Southard: Vocals and guitar, All the Good Old Songs! |
| March 23 | Ron & Ronnie: Sprightly heart tunes from the '50s through 80s |
| March 30 | Ed Bentley & Friends: 'Men of a Certain Age' Country, Rock, Folk A variety of fellows, instruments and vocals |
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| April 6 | Jerry & Kara Noble: Great music from across the decades! |
| 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 |

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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FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Five health benefits of being creative

Hello!

I am the new public health nurse for Montgomery and will be using the senior center to hold office hours for questions or blood pressures. I am hoping to hold a coffee hour along with a creative mindfulness workshop possibly weekly.

Look for more information on times and dates in future issues of the MT Breeze.

Quiet Your Mind with Creativity Time

- Elevates Mood
- Alleviates Anxiety
- Boosts Brain Function
- Prevents Disease
- Increases Immune Health

A 2010 review published in the American Journal of Public Health called The Connection Between Art, Healing, and Public Health: A Review of Current Literature, aimed to do just that—measure how creative practices enhance health and wellbeing. Their findings revealed strong connections between art and mental health as well as physical health benefits. Specifically, these researchers found that how creativity affects the brain and body leads to benefits like increased mood, decreased anxiety, heightened cognitive function, reduced risk of chronic illnesses and improved immune health.

Coming soon to Montgomery Town Hall:
 “Quiet Your Mind with Creativity Time” with Christine Southworth, RN



Seeking bridge players from all points of the compass!

My 90 year old, sharp as a tack dad, just relocated to Montgomery to live with family. He is a long time bridge player seeking an existing group or folks interested in forming a group to play bridge on a regular basis.

If you are interested or have any information to share, please email or call me!

Thanks very much! Suzi

suzimorton.biz@gmail.com
 802-343-0070

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.

Welcome Nathan Sperry, Animal Control Officer

Long time Animal Control Officer Nathan Sperry is now providing ACO services to the Town of Montgomery. Mr. Sperry has been the ACO of the Town of Russell for over 10 years and currently works with the Russell/Montgomery Police Department to handle animal related issues. Animal Control



Officers primary role is ensuring that laws pertaining to domesticated animals are being followed especially at they pertain to public safety.

Mr. Sperry will also be acting as the Animal Inspector for the Town of Montgomery. The primary duty of the Animal Inspector has recently become rabies control in the domestic animal population. Municipal Animal Inspectors are also responsible for barn inspections and may be called to assist with domestic animal disease quarantines in the event of an outbreak.

You can follow animal related posts on the Russell/Montgomery Animal Control facebook page and contact Mr. Sperry at 413-221-0139.

Cheryl Masciadrelli, Town Clerk
 Town of Montgomery
 413-642-6927

Where we live

the year in review from State Representative Nick Boldyga

Dear Friends,

Greetings and Happy New Year! Last year I wrote of how 2021 was a year of recovery and renewed hope as we began to move forward from the Covid-19 pandemic and how it cleared a path for our community to be stronger than ever. This past year, I believe has demonstrated that strength as 2022 was a year of resilience.

With record inflation and energy prices at an all-time high, we've had to face new hardships as the cost of food, gas, prescription drugs, and other basic goods have skyrocketed. For many in our community, especially those on fixed or low incomes and with large families, the effects of inflation have been devastating. I've heard from many constituents throughout the district that are not only struggling to make ends meet, but have had to choose between putting food on their table or filling their prescriptions.

While these stories are heartbreaking, it's the response by our community to those in need that have exemplified the compassion we have for one another and our collective strength. This past year has shown that the tougher the times are, the more resilient we become. Qualities that make Agawam, Southwick, and the Hilltowns among the best places to live, work, and raise a family.

My office has assisted hundreds of people and families in need with issues like unemployment, food insecurity, and rental assistance. However, the true measure of our community, the true heroes, are all of you. The small business owners who create jobs and reinvest back into the towns, the nonprofit leaders who serve their organization's mission to improve lives, caregivers for the elderly and disabled, first responders, nurses, teachers, parents, the list goes on. The countless untold stories that happen every hour of every day, where someone helps someone else make their lives just a little bit better.....that is what truly defines who we are and where we live.

What does resilience look like?

Despite the challenging circumstances, dozens of new businesses opened their doors throughout the district this past year.

Just to name a few:

- The Turnbull Family opened the Autumn Mist Farm to Table Restaurant & Retail Store
- Owners Valerie & Nick opened the doors to Scoops of Agawam
- Neilsen realty Celebrated the Grand Opening of an Agawam Flagship Office

Recognizing that more and more people were in need, Joe Deedy and the Southwick Civic Fund stepped up their efforts by saving a regional food pantry. I was honored to work

with Joe and secure \$150,000 in state funding to expand their food pantry programs to address food insecurity throughout the community

In Huntington a little known nonprofit called The Village Closet is making a huge difference by serving thousands of new mothers and young families in Western Massachusetts. They provide at no cost, everything from clothing to diapers to children books as well as counseling and other critical postpartum support.

Those examples of our district in action are only just beginning to scratch the surface. Again, it's the countless untold stories. The food drives at schools and churches, volunteers preparing and serving meals during the holidays, and the random acts of kindness that are made selflessly and that will go unnoticed except by the person on the receiving end.

Where we live is a community of hard workers, families, small businesses and organizations that are committed to one another, kind and compassionate. We live in a community that strives to be its best. A community that celebrates the good times and stands in solidarity in the difficult times. We live in a community that is growing, that represents life in small towns to rural farmland to the Hilltowns that stretch all the way up to Middlefield. Our community is diverse in culture, education, and ideas. Most importantly we live in a community that we are proud to call home and that we do all we can to ensure it's a welcoming place to live for years to come.

Typically I would review the past legislative session, however this year I felt it would be far more meaningful to highlight some of those in our community like above. I will say this about the legislature and the upcoming session. To see so many struggling over the past year has only strengthened my resolve to stand up for hardworking people, small business owners, and farmers.

We need greater transparency in government, lower taxes, and we must rein in out of control spending. Over the next 2 years my commitment to serve all of you and represent this incredible community in Boston continues to be an honor and privilege.

Many blessings of peace and good health this year. My door is always open and I look forward to seeing you in 2023!



Nick Boldyga
State Representative
Third Hampden District
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At ReVampit, the client is the priority. From highest possible purchase price to quick and painless closing, ReVampit makes it easy. With family at the center of this business, ReVampit looks forward to creating safe, clean, beautiful communities for generations to come.



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Library News

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February 2023

Occasionally it's good to spend a day or two checking on whether everyone you love knows it. ~Robert Brault,

***** 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 to sign up.

Stich-n-Bitch Knitting on FEB. 16 6:30 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 at March 23 6:30pm Book to be announced after this printing

Sandie Mann Greeting Card Workshop on March 11 at 10 am. Birthday Cards and Anniversary Cards, seats are limited please sign up in the library before March 5.

GIFTS to the Library on Display

This past month two items we gifted to the Montgomery library and will be on display. The first is "New England Traditions" by Ralph Pomeroy. This comply of hunting stories of the local area is a must read for local historians.

The second is a gift in Memorial for Dr. Wayne Fowles, D.V.M. a long time resident of Montgomery., 1940-2022. of "Audubon 50 Selection of Birds" by Roger Tory Peterson. "Rest well old friend" ~ F.A.K.

2023 Monthly Motif Reading Challenge stop by the library to see the monthly challenges. February is "If you have a garden & a Library" **Mussuem passes– New pass are being considered by the Library Trustees– let us know your request. At present we have the DCR annual parks pass and Mystic Aquarium Library coupons.**

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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Winter Break EVENTS

Wildlife on Wheels: Springfield Forest Park Zoo Feb. 21 at 1 pm Stop in and meet the animals of the Forest Park Zoo. Everyone is welcome.

Star Lab traveling Planetarium returns! Feb. 23 at 6:30pm. Yes it's the blow up dome! This presentation brings you the night sky and all its wonders. Open to all.

Posting on Facebook

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

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