TOWN CLERK News

Census/Street Listing Forms have been mailed! Please return in the envelope provided by mail or drop in the mailbox on front of the Townhall.If you did not receive a form, there is one available on our website www.montgomeryma.gov

www.montgomeryma.gov Please be sure and return as soon as possible!

2023 Dog License forms

The 2023 Dog License form is now available on the website! And on page 4 of this issue. 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

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

⁶⁶Our life is March weather, savage and serene in one hour.⁹⁹

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Russell-Montgomery PD latest events report

Construction at the new office in Montgomery is progressing. We are still hopeful to have the substation office up and running by the end of March.

In the next several weeks the department will begin implementing traffic related enforcement patrols. These patrols are grant funded and will target areas with known traffic issues and concerns

The department is looking to host a "Breakfast with the Chief" event, possibly in June.

Keep an eye out for our first Russell-Montgomery St Patrick's day patch. The patches will be available starting in March for \$10 a patch. Monies raised will go to the Russell-Montgomery Police Association. The association in the past has sponsored such events as the Family Fun Day and Haunted Strathmore park events.

Those interested in keeping up with our department make sure to check out our Russell-Montgomery Police Department facebook page. The page is updated frequently with up to date information and upcoming department events.

See You back here next month!

Regards, Kevin Hennessey, Chief of Police Russell-Montgomery Police Department 413-862-6209 - Office Line

Montgomery FD fire truck almost ready for service

After a long wait, the Town vote approved new fire truck has arrived. In the near future the lettering will be completed and The Department will set up a time for residents to come see the new apparatus and a quick demonstration of the new trucks' capabilities.

This new truck also boasts 1800 gallons of water on board, the highest amount of water on any truck the Town has owned in its history. The apparatus also holds

Firefighting equipment in its many compartments.

This truck will serve the Town many years as the last brand new fire truck the Town purchased was in the

Bush burning season is open. The season could get shut down anytime due to lack of snow this year. Obtain your permit by calling 413-862-4505 and leaving a message the day before you plan to burn. Only brush and vegetation debris is allowed to be burned. Fires are allowed between 8am and 4 pm.

Burning season closes May 1 but as stated could be closed sooner.

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.		

862-4505 FIRE DEPT: 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 682-3386, x1 MIKE MORRISSEY JACOB CHAPMAN 862-4949 Meetings for the Select Board are held at 7:00 p.m. every other

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

LIBRARY:

HOURS:

Thursday.

LIBRARIAN - PAULA LONG 862-3894

> montgomerylibrary3894@gmail.com 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 Office address: 52 Court St., Westfield, 01085 STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 3RD HAMPDÉN

> Nicholas A. Boldyga 454 College Highway, Southwick, MA 01077 (413) 569-3137, Ext 103

March 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

No COA events to report

Mar. 1	5:45 pm – Yoga – Town Hall
Mar. 8	5:45 pm – Yoga – Town Hall
Mar. 15	5:45 pm – Yoga – Town Hall
Mar. 22	5:45 pm – Yoga – Town Hall
Mar. 29	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.

March 9 March 23 April 6 April 20 **May 18** May 4 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 \(^3\) page and \$14.00 for a full page.

Non-resident ads: \$5.00 for 1/4 page, \$10.00 for 1/2 page, \$15.00 for 34 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

Editor: T.Lak 413-237-2818 Chris Brown * Laurie Flechsig * Paula Long * Julie Pike * Jane Thielen * Lori Conley

montgomerymtbreeze@gmail.com

The Grille is the place to meet your neighbors! De plane!! De plane!!!!

I would like to make a public service request to the Town of Montgomery and especially the residents of Pitcher Street.

There seems to be a lot of private pilots that come in with Harlan. They would like to be able to fly in and have breakfast or lunch at the Grille.

It seems to me that Gene Washburn's landing strip is a bit too small for most. So I propose that Pitcher Street serve a dual purpose. An air strip and a rural road with a speed limit of 25 mph.

Think about it, people would slow down if they saw an airplane landing

towards them. It is just a thought.

Another thought is using Gene's airstrip to land some of these balloons that apparently are floating around in our atmosphere. I believe I may have been taken up in one last year during my lost week. I just keep getting these dreams that alien spies have, or are going to come into the Grille for some hot vittles.

All are welcome at the Grille. If they come in, we will say howdy and if they have already come in...well, thanks for coming!

Scott



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

MARCH RECIPE

Our mild winter brings new Spring challenges

Spring is on it's way, and we are all thankful. However, this has been a mild winter....First day of Spring is March 20th.



March is the time to:

- be aware, that wood ash has ½ of the liming ability of limestone.
- in mid March, start cool season crop transplants such as Swiss chard, lettuce, spring brassicas.
- begin pruning tasks including removing dead and broken branches
- shear ornamental grasses back to a few inches above the

crown. It is the time of year to divide those grasses, which can be a difficult task.

- early Spring is ideal for transplanting trees and shrubs.
- at the end of March, start pepper and use bottom heat of 75 degrees for quick germination.

The Library Friends still have house plants available for a donation, including Anthurium (pink flower), Night blooming cereus (white flower), angel wing begonias (pink flowers), citrus seedlings. Call or text Chris Brown 1 413 364 1510. Plant sale will occur in May.

IRISH SODA BREAD

Recipe for March 2023....Thank you Laurie Fleschig for this recipe.

1 cup whole-wheat flour 1 ¼ cups all-purpose flour ½ cups quick oats 6 Tbsp. sugar ½ ts

1 cup buttermilk 1 cup golden raisins 1 ½ Tbsp. molasses 2 tsp. baking soda

Preheat oven to 400*.

In a large bowl, mix flours, oats, baking soda, salt and sugar. Mix with a wooden spoon. Make a well in the center.

Into the well, pour buttermilk & molasses. Mix to combine. Add raisins, Mix.

Dump onto a lightly floured surface. Knead dough 5 or 6 times – don't overwork dough or it will become tough. Shape into a round. Place on lightly greased baking sheet. Use knife to cut a large X on top of the loaf.

Bake at 400* for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 325*. Bake another 40 – 45 minutes – until lightly browned. Serve warm.

Serves 8 to 12, depending on size of slice. Moister than most soda bread recipes!

If using powdered buttermilk, mix powder into dry ingredients then add 1 cup water into the "well". I have made this with "regular" raisins but it tastes better with the golden ones. I've also made it substituting regular flour for the whole wheat. Again, it doesn't taste quite as good.

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY DOG LICENSE APPLICATION 2023

OWNER

DOG LICENSE TAG #	
n reliance on the above certificate and the payment fee of	, the animal above described
s licensed for the period: APRIL 1, 2022 – MARCH 31, 2023.	
Datad:	Town Clark



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!



March is 'Nesting Time'! – Says Henry

Henry wants "to help the bluebirds, the Montgomery Firemen, and Gray Catbird" ~ We Thank You, Henry!

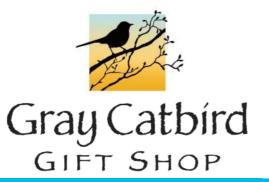
The Montgomery Firemen's Association will receive 75% of Henry's sales.

Friendly little gnomes are also waiting for you at Gray Catbird to brighten

your home and your day. They'll work hard for you keeping the mice and spiders at bay... and bring

Leo Zacharie's Birdhouses (\$30)





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

MHS 2023 schedule of events taking shape

As mentioned in the February "Historical Happenings," your Montgomery Historical Society is in the process of setting up a schedule of events for the year 2023 for all to enjoy. We have not firmed up any of our plans to date, but will be sharing the schedule with you in a month or so...

We certainly have been spoiled with this very mild winter – hope you are all enjoying the warm weather and lack of snowstorms. We may get hit with a big one yet! Stay well, friends!



As planned, the display case in the town Library has been filled with "BASKETS OF THE WORLD" on loan from Historical Society friend Christine Brown. Chris has been collecting hand-woven baskets from her many travels to many different countries and throughout the United States. Please be sure to stop in at the Library during February and March to enjoy this unique display of lovely baskets from many cultures and many lands...

Just a reminder: 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 pleasant for others to view, and give Laurie a call at 862-8095 to schedule a time when we can show your items at the Library. Thank you for considering sharing your "treasures" with the public in this manner...

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.

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
George Galipeau
Lynn Gebo
Bob Hyjek
Linda Hyjek
Sandie Mann
Andrea Moses

Charlie Peckham Bennett Rogers Jason Stomski Kathleen Stomski Jane Thielen Rachel Ward

MARCH ANIVERSARIES none

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

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

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



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

"Life is one grand, sweet song so start the music."

— Ronald Reagan

THURSDAYS @ 3 Calendar

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	"Music in Montgomery" begand March 3, 2022. As of March 2, 2023, our musical journey together has raised more than \$2,600 for
April 6 April 13 April 20 April 27	The Uncles: Three-part harmonies - folk, rock, jazz & more, (Rob Adams, Dennis Avery, John Clark) - bass & guitars Peter Rzasa, Sarah Miller, & Barry Searle: rock & country HILLTOWN GRILLBILLIES Ed Bentley & Friends: 'Men of a Certain Age' Country, Rock, Folk A variety of fellows, instruments and vocals	the Montgomery Firemen's Association and the Montgomery Town Library. Thank you so very much, you kind and
May 4 May 11 May 18 May 25	Jerry & Kara Noble: Great music from across the decades! Michael McEleney: Guitar & vocals to rock your soul! Larry Southard: Vocals and guitar, All the Good Old S Ron and Ronnie: Sprightly heart tunes from the '50s th	generous people! songs! nrough 80s

IT'S A FINE TIME!

Contact Dale for more info: 413.875.5205

Sponsored by Gray Catbird Pottery & Gift Shop and the Montgomery Grille





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

FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Walk a mile in my feet, then call the nurse

Please call the town nurse at (413) 361-8069 if you have any interest in having a foot care nurse come to the Town Hall to provide foot care.

This would be booked for April and is cash only. \$20.00 for clip and file only. \$40.00 for entire foot care.



Town of Montgomery Public Health Nurse

Nurse hours: Tuesdays, 10am-12:30pm Town Hall in the COA room Nurse available for questions, concerns or blood pressures.



Outside the bird feeder with Lori Conley

FIVE FEISTY FACTS ABOUT CANADA GEESE

Canada geese are a well-known migrant but we may see them all year long here. Some geese stay put all year because they have everything they need right here.

They mate for life

At age 2 or 3, Canada geese begin to seek a mate through the process of assortative mating, which means they look for a bird that is about the same size as themselves. Geese can live 10-25 years so it is not uncommon for a pair to be together or a decade or longer. If a goose's partner dies they will find a new partner. A mated pair will raise one brood each year.

They are efficient flyers

Geese are easily recognizable overhead because of their honking and V-formation. This formation expends only half as much energy as they would flying alone. It is the same phenomenon as when jets fly in formation. When in formation a bird benefits from lift by flying in the updraft by the birds in front of it. The bird in the front does not benefit from the energy savings and will switch places and let another bird take the lead when it gets tired. For a time each year they can't fly

Canada geese are rendered flightless for a time each year while they molt. They typically molt in June or July and will remain grounded until their new feathers grow in. Because they are more vulnerable during this time they will move to an area of open water where they can avoid predators and where they are near walking distance to a food source.

They really will imprint on their first thing they see after birth

The old-wives tale that ducks and geese will think the first thing they see is their mother is essentially true. Imprinting happens very soon after birth so if they are not in the care of their parents, they may imprint on the wrong species. Once this happens they will imprint on that species for life. The process is irreversible. It may seem like a cute accident to imprint on humans but it may cause them to be aggressive towards them eventually, like they would be with other geese.

They can be mean, but only when they have to be

Geese have a well-known mean streak, with a reputation for going after anything or anyone that gets too close. Really though, geese aren't any more aggressive than any other bird. Their aggressive behavior is for good reason they are protecting their territory and their family, particularly males that are protecting their mate. Geese will exhibit defensive behaviors such as honking, hissing, wing flapping and head pumping when they feel threatened. If you encounter one, you can steer clear by giving them a wide berth and their space.

Happy Spring everyone and happy bird watching *Article from The Forest Preserve District*



WE BUY HOUSES!

Handyman services available.

ReVampit LLC is a family-run, family-oriented business. Started by local contractor Joe LaFreniere twelve years ago and with the help of his son, Ethan, ReVampit has grown into a well-known and valued business entity in Western Massachusetts. Through determination and dedication, this reputable company buys distressed or unwanted homes to ease the financial and emotional burdens of

the homeowner.

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.

Joseph LaFreniere 58 North Rd. Montgomery, MA 01085 Joe@revampitpros.com www.revampitpros.com



413-244-4805





MARCH Library News

facebook.com/ gracehallmemorial

March 2023

We all participate in weaving the social fabric; we should therefore all participate in patching the fabric when it develops holes... ~Anne C. Weisberg

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

<u>Yoga</u> is on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm. Please contact Chris Brown at <u>chrisbro40@yahoo.com</u> to sign up.

<u>Pastel Workshop the Rose</u> with Greg Maichack March 11 at 10 am Learn to paint with pastels in a relaxed setting. Beginers and Advanced welcomed.

<u>CookBook Book Club</u> on at March 16 6:30pm Mt. Breeze recipes

<u>Sandie Mann Greeting Card Workshop</u> on March 18 at 10 am. Birthday Cards and Anniversary Cards, seats are limited please sign up in the library before March 12.

Stich-n-Bitch Knitting on March 23 6:30 pm.

<u>In the Wee Small Hours</u> on March 25 at 12pm a Cabaret Concert with

Mary Jo Maichack and Bob Shepherd. Songs from the Great American Songbook.

2023 Monthly Motif Reading Challenge stop by the library to see the monthly challenges. March is "Animal, number, Color or Name:"



Museum passes- New pass are being considered by the Library Trustees-let us know your request. At present we have the DCR annual parks pass, Mystic Aquarium Library membership coupons, New England Air museum, Norman Rockwell (in process) and Mass MoCa, Historic Deerfield

Coming in APRIL: Live Zoom Reading and Rita Parisi presents Women of '76 a Historical presentation of Women during the Revolution

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

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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