

PUBLISHED BY THE MOUNTAIN BREEZE STAFF

Bulk Drop-Off

Sat., Oct. 14
8 am to 1 pm
Behind Town House

Bulk Drop-Off is scheduled for Sat. Oct. 14 from 8 am to 1 pm, behind the Town House. There will be 2 roll-offs available for the disposal of household items. One is for metals and the second for other household items.

It is open to Montgomery Residents only and each household is allowed to bring up to 3 medium sized items.

The following CANNOT be placed in the roll-offs:

- Tires of any kind
- Mattresses/box springs
- Computers/Monitors or TV sets
- Items containing Freon (refrigerators, freezers, A/C, dehumidifiers)
- No yard waste
- No hazardous waste
- No asbestos materials
- No batteries

Please Note: "White Goods", such as metal washing machines, dryers, etc are permitted

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
TOWN OF MONTGOMERY
161 Main Road, Montgomery, Massachusetts 01095

Dear Residents of Montgomery:

This letter is intended to provide an update on the ongoing transition to the new Tax Collector for the Town and to the new tax collection software being utilized as of August 21, 2023.

The new Collector is working closely with the former Collector to insure that all data is properly transferred. The Board of Selectmen voted last December to migrate the Town's tax collection data to a new software vendor because the previous vendor notified us that it was leaving the business and we had to obtain a new vendor. Our new software system has the ability to take all of our previous information and transfer it to the new platform. This is important because we did not want to lose data from previous years.

The new Collector has received onsite training for the new system and is currently utilizing it. As part of such training a session was held to show how to generate reports about past due taxes owed to the Town for real estate, excise and personal property. The initial reports generated indicated \$385,395.74 In past due real estate taxes owed, \$121,416.85 In excise taxes owed and \$2,714.89 In personal property taxes owed as of June 30, 2023.

The Collector is reviewing these records of unpaid taxes in an attempt to insure their accuracy. When the review is complete, the Town will begin to send out notifications to the affected parties. If you should receive such notification, you will be asked to provide documentation of payment for any past due taxes. Any documents you present will be reviewed by the Collector and, if they are

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TOWN CLERK NEWS

Hi Everyone! Appointment slips have been sent out and should be returned as soon as possible. Please be aware the Conflict of Interest/Ethics Training must be completed every TWO YEARS!

<https://massethicstraining.skillburst.com>

Feel free to contact me if you are not sure when your last courses were completed.

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

“October is a
symphony of permanence
and change.”

— Bonaro W. Overstreet

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 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

FIRE DEPT: 862-4505

FIRE CHIEF - CHRIS GALIPEAU 862-4599

TOWN CLERK - CHERYL MASCIADRELLI 413-642-6927
OFFICE HOURS - 1st & 3rd Friday of the month - 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)

TREASURER/COLLECTOR - RENEE CARNEVALE
OFFICE HOURS: Tues and Thurs 8 am to 2 pm.
862-3386, x1 or direct line 642-8139

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER -
NATHAN SPERRY 413-221-0139.

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:

NEW: Office hours of the Board of Assessors will be held on the 2nd
Thursday from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm of each month. Assessors Clerk will
hold hours from 11 am to 2 pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month.
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 REP, 3RD HAMPDEN Nicholas A. Boldyga
454 College Highway, Southwick, MA 01077,
(413) 569-3137, Ext 103

montgomerymtbreeze@gmail.com

October Calendar

- Oct. 7 The Town House (Historical building) tour
Oct. 11 6:00 pm – Yoga – Town Hall
Oct. 18 6:00 pm – Yoga – Town Hall
Oct. 21 MHS trip to East Longmeadow Historical So-
ciety
Oct. 25 6:00 pm – Yoga – Town Hall
Oct. 27 6:00 pm – Yoga – Town Hall

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

Condolences to...

Condolences to Jay Bodendorf and his sib-
lings on the loss of his mother, Betty Bodendorf
who passed away July 29 in Leeds, MA. Betty
was a life-long resident of Montgomery, and
also leaves behind her brother, Gene Washburn
and sister, Arlene Bodurtha.

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.

October 12 October 26
November 9 November 30
December 14 December 28

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.

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October 2023

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and Electronic Recycling Services for Montgomery Residents



Where NEDT (New England Disposal Technologies) located at 190 East Main St (Route 20) Westfield

When Mon & Wed 9-4 & Sat 9-11 (no appointment needed, closed on holidays)

How Deliver your HHW products and electronics to NEDT and the Town will pay up to \$30/household towards the cost of proper recycling and disposal. Proof of residency will be required. Beyond the first \$30 per calendar year per household, cash or debit/credit card payments will be accepted (see <https://www.nedt.org/price-lists/> for current pricing).

What is accepted:

- Latex/oil-based Paints
- Fertilizers
- Automotive fluids
- Fluorescent lamps
- Computers, electronics & TVs
- Devices containing Mercury
- Solvents & thinners
- Gasoline
- Antifreeze
- Household cleaners
- Pool chemicals
- Pesticides & herbicides
- Corrosive cleaners
- Glues and adhesives
- Driveway sealers
- Batteries
- Propane tanks
- Motor oil

NEDT will NOT accept:

- Ammunition
- Asbestos
- Reactive chemicals (i.e., cyanides, water reactives)
- Waste from Large Quantity or Small Quantity MA Commercial Generators
- Medical waste/sharps
- Unidentified compressed gas cylinders
- Appliances/white goods
- Explosives/shock sensitive materials
- Radioactive materials

The above is not an all-inclusive list. Please call 866-769-1621 if you have any questions about your specific products/wastes or go to <https://www.nedt.org/> for more information.

Letter from Selectmen

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deemed sufficient, a correction to the records will be made. PLEASE DO NOT DISREGARD ANY SUCH LETTER YOU MAY RECEIVE. THE AMOUNTS THAT APPEAR TO BE OWED TO THE TOWN ARE LARGE AND THIS IS OUR ATTEMPT TO CORRECT THE RECORD BEFORE COLLECTION ACTION BEGINS.

Once the period for submitting documents to correct a balance has passed, the Town will begin the legal process to collect unpaid amounts.

The Board of Selectmen recognizes that the vast majority of taxpayers are current in their obligations to the Town. This letter is intended only to inform everyone that we are trying to insure the accuracy of our tax data before beginning collection procedures to insure that all taxpayers are in compliance.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we undertake this important project.

Respectfully,
Board of Selectmen, Town of Montgomery

Important message

It has been my pleasure to meet some of the residents of Montgomery during the past year as the town nurse. I have felt welcomed by those I have met and will miss your very special community. I have accepted a new position in Easthampton. This community has touched my heart and I will continue to see some of you at the music on Thursdays.

The other public health nurse will be filling in after I leave until a new nurse is hired. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Tom Hibert, BOH director in Southwick at (413) 569-1212. I wish you all good health and wellness.

With appreciation,
Christine Southworth BS RN
Regional Public Health Nurse
Town of Southwick • (413) 361-8069

Asters bloom as Fall approaches; frost warnings ahead

Summer is winding down. Oct is a beautiful month in the garden. It is time for the asters to bloom. Asters are important pollinators for many insects including Monarch butterflies and bees. Oct is the month to:

- Harvest sweet potatoes prior to frost
- Ensure fall planted plants are watered
- Keep potted amaryllis bulbs in the dark until new growth begins
- A general rule for planting depth of bulbs is 3 x's the bulb height

GardenNews

by Chris Brown



- Toss crocus bulbs over a portion of lawn and plant them where they land
- Encounters with deer ticks are high at this time in New England
- Cut & remove dead iris leaves to prevent problems next year
- Bring in your outside houseplants well before frost.
- The above taken from UMass2023 Garden Calendar

Plants still available for a donation to Library Friends.

Call Chris Brown at 1 413 364 1510 if interested. House plants: Aloe, hoyo. Herbs: chives, lemon balm. Perennials: lirope, day lily, iris, ornamental onion.

COLA GLAZED WINGS

Recipe for Oct 2023 Thank you Jeanne Aras for this latest recipe. If you want to share a recipe with your neighbors, please send to Chris Brown chrisbro40@yahoo.com.

1 lime	2 scallions
2 12 oz. cans Cola	¼ cup soy sauce
6 cloves garlic, smashed	1 2" piece ginger, sliced
1 tsp. cornstarch	2 Tbsp. butter, cut up
2 ½ lbs. chicken wings, split	kosher salt

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Line rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Using a vegetable peeler, make 4 strips of lime zest and squeeze the lime for 2 Tbsp. lime juice. Place in a small saucepan. Cut white and light green scallions into 2" pieces. Then smash with side of knife. Add to sauce in pan along with cola, soy sauce, garlic and ginger. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until slightly thickened and reduce by ½. In a small bowl, add cornstarch and 1 tsp. cold water. Stir, then add to cola mixture. Once thickened, add butter to sauce. Set aside. Put wings in pan, salt and roast until golden brown. Add wings to a large bowl and add at least ½ the sauce. Toss and return back to sheet pan and bake for 8 to 10 minutes more. Add some thinly sliced scallions to remaining sauce. Use for dipping.

OCTOBER RECIPE

CEMETERY LOTS AVAILABLE

The cemetery gates will be closed for the winter with the first snow.

Those wishing to purchase a cemetery plot or lot, or any questions concerning the cemetery, please contact one of the Cemetery Commission members – Joanne Hebert at 862-4586, Patty Little at 862-3830 or Scott Darling at 862-3378, not the Town Office or Town Clerk.

The price per plot (grave) is \$200.00. Lots consisting of 4 plots are \$800.00. Each plot can be used for two (2) cremations after a burial, or four (4) cremations alone.

Sales are limited to legal residents or property owners in Montgomery.

Also, anyone planning a burial, either full or cremation, must notify one of the above members so the site may be correctly marked and recorded. Also, any monuments or groundstone placement needs to be marked for placement. An upright stone can only be between 2 graves, not on single graves.

The Rules and Regulations for the cemetery can be found on the new town website:

<https://montgomeryma.gov>, under "Documents" then "Cemeteries". If you do not have a computer, contact Patty Little at 862-3830.

Battery change approaches; grant for breathing apparatus

Now is the time to get your heating appliances serviced. November 5th is daylight saving time change and our reminder to change the batteries and test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home.

If you have questions regarding the correct placement and operation of your detectors please leave a message on the phone and we will assist.

Recently the Fire Department applied for a regional FEMA grant with Huntington, Russell, Blandford and Chester for new self contained breathing apparatus. We did receive the regional grant providing updated protection for our Firefighters and saving the above Towns over \$600,000.

As always, The Montgomery Fire Department appreciates your support.

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 or stop in on a Tuesday evening at 7 pm.





I DREAM of JEANNIE



"I dream of Jeannie ~ her muffins...pumpkin, blueberry, apple cinnamon, and more. Her cookies....lemon, chocolate chip, peanut butter, and oatmeal raisin. And her big, beautiful brownies!"

Come find Jeannie's delicious baked sweets at the new Gray Catbird Gift Shop (along with the scrumptious work of 60 other local artisans):

*22 East Main Street, Huntington, MA
(next door to B&D's Variety).*

<i>Hours:</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>10 am - 7 pm</i>
	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>9 am - 1 pm</i>
	<i>Friday</i>	<i>10 am - 7 pm</i>
	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>10 am - 5 pm</i>
	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>1 pm - 5 pm</i>



Gray Catbird
GIFT SHOP

Contact: Dale Rogers,
413.875.5205
or graycatbirdpottery@gmail.com

 etsy.com/shop/GrayCatbirdPottery
 facebook.com/GrayCatbirdPottery

MHS Open House highlights October events

MONTGOMERY FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS: PLEASE NOTE – Your Montgomery Historical Society will open the doors to the **Town House (Historical museum)** at the town center on **Saturday, October 7 from 9:30 a.m.**

to 12:30 p.m. This will be the final Open House there for this year, as there is no heat in the building. We encourage our neighbors and friends to visit the Town House to view the exhibits housed there. Many local families have donated items and treasures of historical interest including artifacts from local sites and old tools from Montgomery and other locations. We have pieces of farming equipment, period clothing, photos (or copies of photos) reflecting the “good old days” of Montgomery, and there are copies of many old Town Reports, ledgers, etc., that may be viewed.

If you have local historical documents or photos that you might allow us to copy, we can scan them for our archives during the Open House, and return them to you immediately.

ONE MORE FIELD TRIP FOR THIS YEAR! On Saturday, October 21, your Historical Society is coordinating a visit to the **East Longmeadow (MA) Historical Museum at 87 Maple Street. (ADMISSION IS FREE.)** The museum is open from **1:00 to 3:00 p.m. for tours on the third Saturday of the month, September through June.** We will meet at 12 noon at Montgomery Center (at the Historical building) to “caravan” or carpool (your choice) to the museum. The drive takes about 45-50 minutes from Montgomery if one uses I-91 South from Holyoke. We recommend either having your lunch before meeting at the town center, or bringing along a bag lunch to eat whenever you have the chance...

The building now housing the museum was built in 1852 on North Main Street for the Crane family. It was moved to 25 Maple Street in 1860; then moved again in

Historical Happenings



2004 to the historic Norcross property at 87 Maple Street. Exhibits include Native American artifacts, period clothing, the railroad system through the town, town schools of the past, a timeline of the historic “rotary” in the town

center, and more. Also featured are the three Redstone and Brownstone quarries that helped East Longmeadow to prosper in “the early days.” In addition, there is information about the Norcross brothers, master stone carvers, who became well-known for their intricate carvings housed in many prominent locations throughout the eastern U.S.

We hope that this field trip will be of interest to some of our townspeople and friends – we would love to have you join us for this event! We are also planning to have our annual post-Christmas dinner at a local restaurant -- watch for further information in future issues of the Mountain Breeze!

Have you visited the Library lately? The display case “curated” by the Montgomery Historical Society currently houses our newest exhibit -- “There’s No Place Like Gnome.” Adding a bit of humor to the space, and acknowledging a newer collectible that has become quite popular, Laurie Flechsig has loaned her collection of gnomes for the enjoyment of the public, so stop in at the library, take out a good book or other media, and enjoy the display there!

Your historical items or collection(s) would be a nice addition to the display case! Unique and/or historical items or collections are always welcome. Please consider loaning something from your own collectibles that would be interesting to others, and give Laurie a call (862-8095) to schedule a time when we can show them at the Library. The Library patrons enjoy the variety of exhibits on display!



Outside the bird feeder with Lori Conley

BIRDING IN CEMETERIES? THERE'S LIFE AMONG THE DEAD

Birding is often best in the least likely places and many cemeteries are great places to observe birds and other wildlife. Old rural cemeteries especially, are often repositories for native plants, remnants of the native habitats of the 19th century. Some cemeteries have some of the oldest trees in town, since one of the first things people would do is plant trees where their loved ones were buried, thus making these places bird magnets for migratory birds (and local ones) that find food and cover in these private green oases.

The average person may not think of cemeteries as

places to spend a leisurely afternoon birding, but many of the cemeteries in the U.S. were designed as rural gardens. Tranquil and beautiful, Mt Auburn cemetery (174 acres) in Cambridge, MA was the first one to be designed as a rural garden and park, and tours are given by the Audubon Society during spring and fall migratory bird season.

If you haven't tried birding in a cemetery, grab a friend and try it. Stop thinking of them as scary and gloomy places and start seeing them as peaceful and full of the stories of life!

Remember to observe cemetery rules and be respectful of others that may be visiting those who rest there.

Happy October!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

Bill Aras
Ronald Brewster
Cassidy Cinelli
Addison DuCharme
Andrew Ellis

Jakob Fernengel
Laurie Frye
Carolyn Fuller
Joshua Galipeau
Nathan Labay
Tim Lord
James Lutat

Chris Mann
Linda Morse
Emily Osden
Scott Osden
Montana Paradis
Brendan Patenaude
Julie Pike

Jean Wall
Renee (Whitaker)
Carnevale

Sheri & John Bucko
Laurie & Dan
Flechsig

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jeanne & Bill Aras

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Music in Montgomery

Montgomery Town Hall, 161 Main Road, Montgomery MA.

Same great music, New Location!

"Music ... can take you right back, years back, to the very moment certain things happened in your life. It's uplifting, it's encouraging, it's strengthening."

- The late, great singer Aretha Franklin

When: Every Thursday @ 3pm

Where: Montgomery Town Hall, 161 Main Road, Montgomery, MA 01085

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| Oct. 5 | Eva Capelli & Friends |
| Oct. 12 | Ravenwood ~ Barry Searle & Company in JAZZ mode |
| Oct. 19 | HILLTOWN GRILLBILLIES |
| Oct. 26 | Larry Southard |
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| Nov. 2 | Jerry & Kara Noble: Friendlier with Two |
| Nov. 9 | Barry Searle, Sara Miller, Pete Rzasa |
| Nov. 16 | Ed Bentley & Friends! 'Men of a Certain Age'
Country, Rock, Folk |
| Nov. 30 | Larry Southard: Vocals and guitar, All the Good
Old Songs! |
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| Dec. 7 | Eva Capelli & Friends |
| Dec. 14 | Ravenwood |
| Dec. 21 | Larry Southard |
| Dec. 28 | Ed Bentley & Friends! 'Men of a Certain Age'
Country, Rock, Folk |

We encourage donations of baked goods. Money donations for refreshments can be given to your choice of 2 worthy local causes: Montgomery's Volunteer Firemen's Association and our Town Library. We have a tip can for thanking our fabulous musicians as well.

IT'S A FINE TIME!

Contact Dale for more info: 413.875.5205

Sponsored by the Montgomery Town Library, and Gray Catbird Pottery Studio.





Library News

facebook.com/
gracehallmemorial

October 2023

October is crisp days and cool nights, a time to curl up around the dancing flames and sink into a good book. ~John Sinor (1930–1996)

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

Yoga is on Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm. Please contact Chris Brown at chrisbro40@yahoo.com to sign up.

CookBook Book Club on at October 19 at 6:30pm

“How to Cook without a Book” by Pam Anderson ~ Thank you Kathleen! Stop by the library to check out the cookbook and then on Oct. 19 bring your favorite recipe to share.

2023 Monthly Motif Reading Challenge

Stop by the library to see the monthly challenges. October is “spellbinding and spook-tacular”



BOOK & Bake Sale October 14 9-2pm

Stop by to our annual Autumn sale of Books & Bake at the Little Red School house. We will be taking book donations at the library by appointments till Oct .5 and Bake 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.

Up Coming!: Fairy Garden Workshop Nov. 4, ReSchedule of Cabaret with Mary Jo Maichack Dec. 2 at 12pm, Pastel Work Shop with Greg Maichack Jan. 20 at 10 am

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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commonwealthcatalog.org

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