TOWN CLERK News

Here are some notable dates for upcoming events.

- The Town Election will be held MONDAY, MAY 6th, 2024 from 12:00 pm 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.
- The Annual Town Meeting will be held MONDAY, MAY 20th, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.
- Dog Licenses are available for 2024. A completed and signed application is required for each dog along with a copy of the current rabies certificate. Please be sure and include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you want the license mailed back to you. The town by-laws require the tag be affixed to the dog's collar.
- Be sure to make arrangements to pick up the license if you do not include a self-addressed stamped envelope.
- The Registry of Motor Vehicles is having people **update their voter status** even if you are already a registered voter. There have been quite a few registrations come through to me with a change in your Party. Please take a few minutes to verify your Voter Status and your party at: https://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSerarch/MyV oterRegStatus.aspx

Thank you!

Cheryl Masciadrelli, Montgomery Town Clerk (413) 642-6927 clerk@montgomeryma.gov Office Hours:

1st & 3rd THURSDAY 9 am - 2. pm OR BY APPOINTMENT

Help still needed for Montgomery Memorial Day preparations

When: Monday, May 27, 2024 at NOON – Rain or Shine Where: Town Center

Memorial Day, or Decoration Day as it was formerly called, is the day we pay tribute to the men and women who have

Please turn to page 5.

Happiness held is the seed. Happiness, shared is the flower.

John Harrigan

Police Department awarded funding from Justice Grant

I am pleased to announce that our Police Department has been awarded \$47,549.96 in Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funding. This comes from the Municipal Law Enforcement competitive opportunity offered by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research (OGR).



This funding will the utilized to purchase new tasers, license plate reader cameras, and upgrade office infrastructure and communications.

in other news

- The Department will take part in the national drug takeback initiative on Saturday April 27th 2024 from 10am until 2pm. Russell/Montgomery residents can turn in their expired/unused precription medications. This event will be held at our Russell office at 155 Highland Avenue in Russell.
- Please check out our Russell-Montgomery facebook page for updated news and information.
- Contact information:
- Office Line: 413-862-6209. Dispatch Line: 413-586-1508. Emergencies: Dial 911.
- Email: Police@townofrussell.us

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

WANTED: Volunteer Gardners



Looking for a few volunteers to get the gardens in front of the Town Hall and historical building into something this Town can be proud of.

Please contact me at 413-862-4949 or at paulachapman1962@gmail.com

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.

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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 Thursdays of the month - OR BY APPOINTMENT Email: clerk@montgomeryma.gov

POLICE DEPT:

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT -

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.

PLANNING BOARD:

PHIL CAMP, Chairman 862-4976

SELECT BOARD:

MIKE MORRISSEY, Chairman 862 3368 x1 **DONALD WASHBURN** 862-3301 862-4949 JACOB CHAPMAN

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month (Tue., if on a holiday)

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

LIBRARY:

HOURS:

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:

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

April Calendar

Apr. 3 6:00 pm - Yoga - Town Hall

Apr. 4 3:00 pm – Music in Montgomery– Town Hall

Apr. 10 6:00 pm – Yoga – Town Hall

Apr. 11 3:00 pm – Music in Montgomery– Town Hall

Apr. 17 6:00 pm – Yoga – Town Hall

Apr. 18 3:00 pm – Music in Montgomery– Town Hall

Apr. 24 3:00 pm – Yoga – Town Hall

Apr. 25 3:00 pm – Music in Montgomery– Town Hall

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

Paula L. Chapman

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

The office is in the basement of the Town Hall.

April 4 April 18 May 2 **May 16**

Subject to change if necessary

MOUNTAIN BREEZE AD POLICY

Montgomery resident ads: \$3.50 for 1/4 page, \$7.00 for 1/2 page, \$10.50 for 34 page and \$14.00 for a full page.

Non-resident ads: \$5.00 for ½ page, \$10.00 for ½ page, \$15.00 for 34 page and \$20.00 for a full page.

Political ads: \$15.00 for 1/2 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 Flechsia * Paula Lona * Julie Pike * Lori Conley

montgomerymtbreeze@gmail.com



Credits: Treasure Pot by Dale Rogers

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

Wednesday: 10 am - 2 pm,

3 pm - 7 pm

Thursday: 10 am - 1 pm Friday: 10 am - 2 pm,

3 pm - 7 pm

Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday: 2 - 6 pm

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or graycatbirdpottery@gmail.com

22 East Main Street, Huntington, MA

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Pottery Studio & Gift Shop



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Now we're getting ready for a great growing season ahead

April is the month to:

- Start tomato seeds indoors at the beginning of the month.
- Encounters with deer ticks are high this time of year.
- Consider growing potatoes in fabric pots for easy harvest.
- Prune summer and fall flowering shrubs.
- As insect activity increases, remember most insects are not pests
- Cut, do not pull, to thin crowded vegetable seedlings
- Use row covers to protect seedlings from harsh spring winds
- Sweet pea, alyssum and snapdragon tolerate cool soils



- At the end of the month, start seeds of squash, cucumbers and melons in peat pots.
- Divide perennials on a cool cloudy day. Overgrown perennials need dividing.

Speaking of dividing perennials, the Library Friends will have the annual plant sale sometime in May at the Little Red School House on Pitches St. Please consider sharing your divided perennials with the Library Friends. Contact Chris Brown at 413 364 1510 or chrisbro40@yahoo.com to donate.

ASPARAGUS MUSHROOM RISOTTO

Thank you Jeanne Aras for this latest recipe

6 cups chicken broth Salt & pepper to taste

1 cup white wine

2 Tbsp. butter

2 cups Arborio rice

½ cup grated Parmesan

1 cup chopped onion

- 1 1/2 cups asparagus, trimmed, cut into 1" pcs, blanched
- 2 cups sliced mushrooms, chopped & sauteed
- 3-5 asparagus spears trimmed, blanched

In a large saucepan, combine broth and wine. Bring to a boil over med. heat, then reduce temperature to low. In a lg skillet, melt butter, add onion, season to taste. Cook for 5 minutes until tender. Add rice and stir got 3 minutes. Reduce heat to low. Add a ladle of liquid and continue stirring. Repeat until all liquid is absorbed, about 35-45 minutes. Add mushrooms & saparagus pieces and stir until risotto is creamy. Remove from heat & amp; add Parmesan. Season to taste. Garnish with asparagus spears.

Condolences

Anne-Marie Buikus and John & Darlene Buikus on the loss of husband and father Richard Buikus on February 24 at home.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Tim Baker
Scott Brzoska
Erica Coon
Joseph Coon
Trevor Coon
Louise Fowles
Kelsey Frye
Michael Gaudette
Gabrielle Goralczyk
Jerry Goralczyk

Jason Harris, Jr.

Mason Little

Rick Little

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

FEBRUARY
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Patty & Rich Little

If the glove fits... for all eligible applicants

Open To: Graduating 2024 Montgomery HS 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, and 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, MA 01085

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

MHS taking suggestions for upcoming events

HAPPY SPRINGTIME! The time is here to finalize your garden plans, ready your space(s) for planting (perhaps by the end of the month), or simply enjoy the flowering shrubs and trees.



As this is being written, we are having a "cold snap" but there is always HOPE for warmer weather ahead!

The program committee of your Montgomery Historical Society has received a couple of suggestions for events and/or field trips for the coming months, but would still love to have additional input so that we will plan for activities that you would enjoy participating in. Are there any speakers that you might like to hear... or any places of historical or cultural interest that you would like to visit? In the past, we have taken field

trips to places like Hancock Shaker Village on the western edge of Pittsfield, Berkshire Scenic Railway, and a couple of other places where the cost of admission was discounted for groups such as ours.

We would appreciate hearing from additional neighbors and friends with your ideas. We plan these activities with our readers in mind, so we need your input! Please contact Laurie (862-8095) or Julie (862-4539) with your suggestions...

When we have a schedule in place, we will include information in an upcoming issue of the Mountain Breeze. Please let us hear from you with your ideas for historical and/or cultural activities we might coordinate for your enjoyment! ENJOY THE NICER WEATHER WHEN IT ARRIVES!

The Montgomery Historical Society provides the exhibits for the display case in the Grace Hall Memorial Library at the Town Center. he latest exhibit has a "Spring" theme, and the items include some handmade ceramic pieces, an old-fashioned hand-made "sugar Easter egg," etc. We hope you will visit the library whenever you are able, select some items from the shelves to read or otherwise enjoy, and while there, and take a moment to enjoy this latest exhibit. It is sure to bring a smile to your face...

As has been mentioned in the past, your assistance in providing exhibit material for the display case is being requested. If you have anything you would be willing to display that might be of interest to your friends and neighbors, we urge you to call Laurie at 862-8095 to schedule your display for the near future! That would be very much appreciated!

Outside the bird feeder with Lori Conley

BIRD MATING BEHAVIOUR: WHO'S THE BOSS?

When it comes to looks in

the birding world, most males definitely steal the show. But don't let the female's drabness fool you - she's the one that makes all the important decisions when it comes to mating.

Come spring most males arrive first in our backyard mating grounds and stake out their territory.

Before 2 weeks pass the females arrive and are very particular about which males they choose. for alpha females (those that are oldest, wisest and most aggressive) the ideal males are the ones with the best territory, the handsomest plumage and the finest song...(and as some studies have shown, his abil-

ity to learn new songs) and it's up to the male to win her over. As soon as she chooses one, she too joins him in fighting off intruders, especially other females that are after her mate and his territory.



Everything isn't always what it appears to be in the bird world.

Sure, the male has the looks. But at the end of the day the female bird is the boss!

Spring blessings to all!!

From Birds and Blooms magazine

• Volunteers Continued from Page 1.

served or are serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard.

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

Since the Band is coming – I will be collecting cash donations and/or grocery store gift cards to feed the students. To avoid allergy issues – I get Big Y grinders. I also take donations of water, sports drinks and individual bags of chips/pretzels. As in the past, dessert donations can be brought to the Town Hall as well. The band members start very early on Memorial Day in Huntington so by the time they get to us they are hungry.

As usual I am looking for **VOLUNTEERS** to do readings of In Flanders Field, America's Response and the Gettysburg Address. I will also welcome any other readings that are relevant to the day. Parents – please ask your children to participate – otherwise I will call the Middle School and they "find" students for me to check out.

Remember - it isn't just a "Monday holiday" – almost everyone knows someone who served or is serving in our armed forces. Please take an hour out of your day to honor our Veterans.

Any questions, I can be reached by calling 413-862-4949. Thank you.

— Paula Chapman

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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Montgomery Town Hall, 161 Main Road, Montgomery MA.

"The true beauty of music is that it connects people. It carries a message, and we, the musicians, are the messengers."

- Roy Ayers

When: Every Thursday @ 3pm

Jerry & Kara Noble

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

April 4 April 11 April 18 April 25	Ravenwood: violin, mandolin, guitar and 4 vocalists Jerry & Kara Noble: great Music & stories across decades Ed Bentley & Friends: a variety of Talents! Larry Southard: vocals, guitar, All the Good Old Songs!				
May 2 May 9 May 16 May 23	Eva Cappelli & Friends: strong, good music among friends Barry, Sarah, & Pete: smooth rock, country, spiced with jazz Ed Bentley & Friends Mennonite Hymn Sing (3pm) Larry Southard (3:30 - 4:30pm) Kara & Jerry Noble				
June 6 June 13	The Uncles: 3-part vocal harmonies, a variety of instruments Barry, Sarah, & Pete	are welcome!"			

IT'S A FINE TIME! All are welcome! Contact Dale for more info: 413.875.5205

John & Eveline: sweet bass, violin, and vocals

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

We encourage donations of baked goods. Money donations for refreshments will be split between two 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.

June 20

June 27



- Spring and Fall Clean-ups
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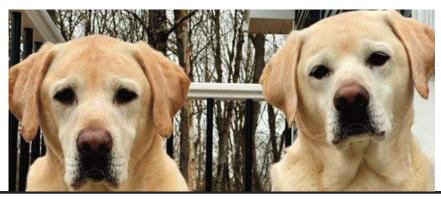
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Get your 2024 dog license now...these two did

Dog Licenses are available for 2024.

A completed and signed application is required for each dog along with a copy of the current rabies certificate. Please be sure and include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you want the license mailed back to you. The town by-laws require the tag be affixed to the dog's collar.

Be sure to make arrangements to pick up the license if you do not include a selfaddressed stamped envelope.



TOWN OF MONTGOMERY DOG LICENSE APPLICATION 2024			LICENSE #: EXPIRES: <u>03/31/2025</u>			
OWNER NAME/ADDRESS:						
PHONE #:OWNERS SIGNATURE:						
DOG INFORMATION						
NAME:	BREED:	SEX: S	PAYED/NEUTERED (y/n):	AGE:		
COLOR:	OTHER DETAILS:					
RABIES CERTIFICATE #:	DATE OF VACCINATION: _	EXPI	RATION DATE:	VET:		
period of April 1, 2024 - I	certificate for payment fee of _ March 31, 2025. 					
DOG LICENS	SE FEES: \$6.00/EA spayed or ne	eutered, or \$10	0.00/EA not spayed o	or neutered.		

<u>DOG LICENSE FEES</u>: \$6.00/EA spayed or neutered, or \$10.00/EA *not* spayed or neutered.

KENNEL LICENSE FEES: \$25.00 Fee plus \$5.00/EA spayed or neutered OR \$6.00/EA *not* spayed or neutered.

(A Kennel License is required for anyone with more than four (4) dogs).

Please refer to the website <u>www.montgomeryma.gov</u> for the Dog By-Laws.

Hazardous trees in town to be removed this month

Hello folks,

In early April K&J tree service will be coming around to remove hazardous trees on town property. Trees have already been selected for the spring secession. As soon as the budget resets in July they will be coming back to make rounds again. If you have a tree that is on the town road right of way and it is dead or dying chances are it's been selected.

Please let the guys do their work and stay clear of them for your safety. Thank you for your cooperation.

Jacob Chapman, Tree warden.

PROJECT BREAD

Please join the Western MA dietitians (WAMDA) who are teaming up with **Project Bread in a Walk For Hunger, Sunday 5/5/24**; either walk in Forest
Park or simply donate, go to the link below to sign up.

One in four school age children are food insecure in Massachusetts, putting our local communities in health jeopardy; Project Bread provides services to help meet the nutritional needs of low-income families. Check this link for more info: https://give.projectbread.org/wamda

Heads up! Are you a HS senior looking for scholarships? Here's 3 to help you continue on your educational path

Three scholarships are available for high school graduates going on to college:

- The A.P.Pettis Fund scholarship
- The Montgomery Historical Society scholarship
- The Chief Steven Frye Memorial Scholarship see separate article elsewhere in the Mountain Breeze

Eligibility Requirements: Must be resident of Montgomery. (Non-Gateway students may request an application from Laura (413/862-8095 or email menehunes_mom@yahoo.com for the Pettis Fund or Historical Society); or from Dan Flechsig for Montgomery Fire Department's Chief Frye scholarship (862-8095 or email 83.mfd.association@gmail.com).

Each scholarship has its own criteria and dollar amount.

The application deadline is May 1, 2024.

Application requirements are the Gateway Regional common application and transcript.

The completed Pettis Fund or Historical Society application and transcript must be returned to Laura Flechsig at 1699 Russell Road, Montgomery 01085-9633.

The Chief Frye application along with transcript must be



mailed to Montgomery Fire Department, Attn: Scholarship Committee, 154 Main Road, Montgomery, MA 01085.

Be sure not to miss this opportunity to apply for some financial assistance toward your further education!

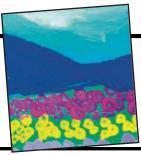
What Life Was Like 55 Years Ago Compared to Now? For starters, The Beatles were still a band.

The world has changed a lot over the years—mostly for the better. Take a look back at what life looked like when the voting age was 21, seat belts weren't mandatory, and humans hadn't yet walked on the moon.

- Although Barclays introduced the world's first automated teller machine in London in 1967, ATMs didn't make their way across the big pond until 1969.
- In 1968, the Apollo program's second manned spacecraft orbited the moon and safely returned on Dec. 28—seven months before Apollo 11's actual moon landing.
- Housing discrimination was rampant. President Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, also called the Fair Housing Act, on April 11, 1968, just seven days after King's assassination. The law prohibits discrimination based on race, gender, religion, or national origin when renting or selling a home.
- In 1968, the median age of first marriage was 20 for women and 23 for men. Back then, close to 70 percent of American adults were married; today only 51 percent are, according to a Pew Research Center study from 2011. The modern bride is 26.5 years old on average and the groom 28.7.
- The drinking age was 18. It became 21 when Congress

- passed the National Minimum Drinking Age Act on July 17, 1984.
- Seat belts weren't mandatory. The first federal seat belt law, requiring all new cars to have a belt for each seat, took effect in1968, but it would be decades before the first state law that required wearing one—that happened in New York on December 1, 1984.
- 9-1-1 didn't exist. A single, nationwide phone number for emergency assistance was established in 1968 following a meeting between the FCC and AT&T. The digits 9-1-1 were chosen because they had never before been used as an area code or other service code.
- Lead-based paint was all the rage. Widely used in homes and schools, the hazardous substance wasn't banned until 1978, which is why the CDC recommends that children and pregnant women stay away from any homes built before then that are undergoing renovation.
- Local calls were only 7 digits. Calling someone in the same town didn't require an area code until the early 2000s, when, the New York Times reported, telecomm regulators began facing "number exhaustion" due to an expanding population.





LIBRARY NEWS

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April 2024

"Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine."

Anthony J. D'Angelo

The Grace Hall Memorial library presents Sheryl Faye's

Ruth Bader Ginsburg – "I Dissent"

This April 27 at 1 pm

Ruth Bader Ginsburg was an American lawyer and jurist who served as an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States from 1993 until her death in September 2020. She was the second woman and the first Jewish woman ever



appointed to the Court and became the longest serving Jewish Justice.

She championed fairness and equality and objected to different expectations for men and women, prejudice against minority groups in places like hotels and restaurants, and women having fewer job opportunities than men. Ruth served on the national board of the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) and launched The Women's Rights Project, she continued to be a leading voice for gender equality, women's interests, and civil rights and liberties.

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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