

MONTGOMERY MT Breeze



PUBLISHED BY THE MOUNTAIN BREEZE STAFF

COLLECTOR/TREASURER News

COLLECTOR/TREASURER OFFICE will be CLOSED

Starting February 19th for 2 weeks (for surgery)

For immediate assistance in my absence-

Email: townhall@montgomeryma.gov

Reminder : Quarter 3 Real Estate taxes Feb 3, 2025

Quarter 4 Real Estate taxes May 1, 2025

****ONLY ONE TAX BILL WAS SENT for both 3rd and 4th quarter**

How to make tax payments:

*Mail – Town of Montgomery, 161 Main Rd., Montgomery, MA 01007

*In secure lock box located front door of the town hall

*Mailbox outside collectors office door

*Online through our town’s website

TOWN CLERK News

Nomination Papers for the May 2025 Annual Town Election are now available. Nomination Papers can be obtained from the Town Clerk’s Office by the person wanting to run for office. **Completed nomination papers are due back to the Town Clerk’s Office by 5:00 pm on MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025!**

The offices with open positions are as follows:

MODERATOR – 1-year term

SELECTMAN – 3-year term

ASSESSOR – 3-year term

TOWN CLERK – 3-year term

LIBRARY TRUSTEE – 3-year term

TRUSTEE OF THE AP PETTIS FUND – 3-year term

Please email me with any questions you may have:

clerk@montgomeryma.gov

The Town Clerk Office will be closed from February 6 – February 18, 2025, and I will have limited access to my emails.

Annual Town Election: Monday, May 5, 2025,

12:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Annual Town Meeting: Monday, May 19, 2025, 7:00 pm

Census forms will be mailed soon. Please complete and return as soon as possible.

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

Please Check your Voter Status Here:

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch/MyVoterRegStatus.aspx>

Recent snow opens burning season

With the recent snow fall Open Burning is now open. The Town of Montgomery allows open burning between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm January 15 to May 1.

Only brush and forestry debris is allowed to be burned.

Permits must be obtained by calling 413-862-4505 at least 48 hours prior to when the debris will be burned.

Leave address, contact name and phone# and date the burn will occur on the answering service.

The burn permit can be revoked at any time due to dry conditions and or air quality so please get your cleanup done soon. Burn area also must be at least 75’ from any dwelling and a means of extinguishing the fire must be accessible. **Please turn to**

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/open-burning-safety/download> for more information.



Check out our Facebook page for information regarding the MFD.

If you like to join our **Volunteer Department** please contact us. Trainings are 1st and 3rd Tuesdays nights at 7 pm or leave a message on our voicemail. We also have a junior Firefighter training program. Applicants must 16 years of age with parental consent. We have several members on our team that started as juniors and several have even gone on to career departments and ambulance services as their full time career.

Thank you Grey Catbird and the Montgomery Music for their continued support the The Montgomery Fireman’s Association. Contributions made go to supplies and The Steve Frye Memorial Scholarship Fund.

**Thank you for your support!!
Montgomery Fire Department**

“Love will find a way through paths where wolves fear to prey.”

– Lord Byron

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 - 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
JACOB CHAPMAN 862-4949
Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month (Tue., if on a holiday)

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: 94 North Elm St., Suite 301-P, Westfield, 01085

STATE REP, 3RD HAMPDEN Nicholas A. Boldyga
254 College Highway, Southwick, MA 01077,
(413) 569-3137, Ext 103

montgomerymtbreeze@gmail.com

February Calendar

Feb. 3 3rd Quarter Real Estate taxes DUE

Feb. 5 6:00 pm – Yoga – Town Hall

Feb. 6 3:00 pm – Music in Montgomery – Town Hall

Feb. 6 - 18 – Town Clerk's Office CLOSED

Feb. 12 3:00 pm – Yoga – Town Hall

Feb. 13 3:00 pm – Music in Montgomery – Town Hall

Feb. 14 Valentine's Day

Feb. 19 Collector/Treasurer Office CLOSED (2 weeks)

Feb. 19 6:00 pm – Yoga – Town Hall

Feb. 20 3:00 pm – Music in Montgomery – Town Hall

Feb. 26 6:00 pm – Yoga – Town Hall

Feb. 27 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.
February 13 February 27

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.

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 **send checks directly to Laurie Flechsig, 1699 Russell Rd, Montgomery, 01085.**

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February 2025

Pottery Lessons Offered:
Whether a beginner or experienced at pottery,
explore your own creative potential.



A Valentine's Recipe:
"Take one cup of love, two cups of loyalty,
three cups of forgiveness, four quarts of faith
and one barrel of laughter."

(Zig Ziglar)

Pour a brewed
cup for all!
Plenty of love
and joy for you
at the Gray
Catbird Gift
Shop & Pottery
Studio.



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

Tuesday: 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Thursday: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
CLOSED: Sundays and
Mondays



Gray Catbird
Pottery Studio & Gift Shop

Contact: Dale Rogers,
413.875.5205

or graycatbirdpottery@gmail.com
22 East Main Street, Huntington, MA

 [etsy.com/shop/GrayCatbirdPottery](https://www.etsy.com/shop/GrayCatbirdPottery)

 [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)

Credits: Teapot by Michell Rathay, Flower Bouquet by Naomi Sturtevant, Laser-cut wood creations by Laura & John Heon

You have your gardening work cut out for you in February

February is the month to:

- Cut amaryllis flower stalks after blooming; water and fertilize leaves.
- Carefully tie up branches of conifers to protect against snow and ice damage.
- Low humidity is very stressful for houseplants. Move indoor plants close together to increase humidity or use a humidifier.
- See the perennial plant of the year at perennialplant.org.
- Tiny black flies hovering around houseplants are probably fungus gnats. Discourage fungus gnats by letting 1 inch of soil dry between waterings.
- Prune grapevines and blueberry bushes toward the end of February.

GardenNews

by Chris Brown



- Sow broccoli, cabbage, celery, lettuce and onion seeds indoors at the end of the month.

The above taken from UMass 2025 Garden Calendar.

Gardening News:

In March, Western Massachusetts Master Gardeners Association is sponsoring three workshop programs (formerly called Garden Symposiums). The dates are as follows: **March 22, 2025 in South Deerfield at Frontier Regional High School; on March 29, 2025 at Westfield South Middle School; and April 5, 2025 at Lee Memorial Middle & High School.** Go to wmmga.org for the flyers describing all the classes. Montgomery Library has flyers for the Westfield workshops.

RAGU PAPRIKASH

Recipe for Feb.2025. Thank you again Jeanne Aras.

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|--------------------------------|--|
| 4 Tbsp. Butter, divided | 1 large onion, chopped |
| ¼ cup Hungarian Sweet Paprika | ½ tsp. crushed red pepper flakes |
| 1 tsp. salt, divided | 4 Tbsp. Red Wine Vinegar, divided |
| 1 14.5 oz can crushed tomatoes | 1 lb. Pappardelle or other long flat pasta |
| ¼ cup sour cream | chopped parsley |

Melt 2 tbsp. butter in a Dutch Oven, medium heat. Cook onions until soft. Add garlic and cook 1 minute. Add chicken, paprika, red pepper flakes, and ½ tsp. salt. Cook, breaking chicken into small pieces, until chicken is cooked. Stir in 2 Tbsp. vinegar, scraping the bottom of the pot. Add tomatoes and ½ tsp. salt and 1 cup of water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium low and simmer until Ragu is thickened and saucy, Stir in the remaining vinegar. Cook pasta until al dente. Drain, reserve ½ cup pasta liquid. Add pasta and remaining 2 Tbsp. butter to the Ragu. Toss and gradually add ½ cup pasta water. Remove from heat. Stir in the sour cream. Season. Enjoy.

FEBRUARY RECIPE



Outside the bird feeder with Lori Conley

THE PILEATED WOODPECKER

The Pileated Woodpecker is one of the biggest, most striking forest birds on the continent. It's nearly the size of a crow, black with bold white stripes down the neck and a flaming-red crest. Look (and listen) for Pileated Woodpeckers whacking at dead trees and fallen logs in search of their main prey, carpenter ants, leaving unique rectangular holes in the wood. The nest holes these birds make offer crucial shelter to many species including swifts, owls, ducks, bats, and pine martens. The Pileated Woodpecker digs characteristically rectangular holes in trees to find ants.

The feeding excavations of a Pileated Woodpecker are so extensive that they often attract other birds. Other woodpeckers, as well as House Wrens, may come and feed there.

The Pileated Woodpecker prefers large trees for

nesting. In young forests, it will use any large trees remaining from before the forest was cut. Because these trees are larger than the rest of the forest, they present a lightning hazard to the nesting birds.

A Pileated Woodpecker pair stays together on its territory all year round. It will defend the territory in all seasons, but will tolerate new arrivals during the winter.

The oldest known Pileated Woodpecker was a male, and at least 12 years, 11 months old when he was recaptured and rereleased during banding operations in Maryland.



From Birds and Blooms

Dinner event in Holyoke a huge success, more planned

Happy Valentine's Day and President's Day to all!

Hope winter is going well for you and your loved ones...

Historical Society members and friends had dinner at Donovan's Irish Pub in Holyoke in early January. We ordered a variety of meals from the menu – the food was great

Historical Happenings



and the portions very generous! We gathered at 6:30 p.m. which was perfect as the restaurant noise level was comfortably quiet starting about 7 p.m. A good time was had by all...

Sorry you weren't there to join us for the fun and fellowship!

Planning for the remainder of the calendar year will continue later in the spring... "Stay tuned!"

The current exhibit in the display case at the Grace Hall Memorial Library, "Christmas in Other Lands," will be replaced soon by a collection of old-fashioned items being loaned by a friend of the Historical Society. We hope to have it in place within the first week of February, so hope you will take an opportunity to check it out within the next few weeks. The Library is beckoning you to come visit and borrow some reading material or other media to help sweep away the "winter blues" from your minds!

In looking forward to future exhibits, we're looking to YOU for ideas! Please call Laurie (862-8095) to plan for your items to be shown. Thank you!

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 Stomsk
Pete Wilcox
Tim Wolcott

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Cheryl & Donny Masciadrelli
Karen & Dennis Wassung

Is your birthday included in our monthly listings? If you would like to share that information, please forward your details to montgomerymtbreeze@gmail.com



Fire Chief Stephen P. Frye Memorial Scholarship announced

Open to: Graduating 2025 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.**

Condolences to...

Dawn and Peter Krawaczyk on the loss of Dawn's son, Andrew Johson, who passed away November 23, at home.

Allison and Scott Blood and family on the loss of Allison's father Henry G. Tucker on December 16 in Florida.

Mark and Susan Bodurtha and family on the loss of Mark's mother, Arlene Bodurtha, on December 21 in Fitchburg, MA; also to Gene Washburn and his family on the loss of his sister Arlene.

Ted and Debra Wright and family on the loss of Ted's sister Suzanne Wright Williams who passed away December 30.

Trevor and Erica Coon and family on the loss of their daughter Kiera Coon on January 17 in Westfield; also to Phil and Linda Smith, grandparents of Kiera.

FULL COLOR ISSUES OF THE MONTGOMERY MT BREEZE ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT: [HTTPS://MONTGOMERYMA.GOV/DOCUMENT-CATEGORY/MOUNTAIN-BREEZE/](https://montgomeryma.gov/document-category/mountain-breeze/)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Music in Montgomery



When: Every Thursday @ 3pm
Where: Montgomery Town Hall, 161 Main Road, Montgomery, MA 01085

*"In three words I can sum up every-
thing I've learned about life:
It goes on.*

— Robert Frost



2025

February 6	Ravenwood
February 13	Jerry & Kara
February 20	Larry Southard
February 27	Doug Pi & the Harmonics
March 6	'We Three' -Barry, Sarah, & Pete
March 13	Ursula Elmes, Helen Arbour, & Joe Nerney
March 20	Larry Southard
March 27	Jerry & Kara Noble
April 3	Ed Bentley & Friends
April 10	Ravenwood
April 17	Craig Manning, Dave LaBlanc & Larry Southard
April 24	Helen Arbour & Joe Nerney
May 1	Jerry & Kara Noble
May 8	Larry Southard
May 15	"We Three" - Barry, Sarah, & Pete
May 22	The Uncles
May 29	Ed Bentley & Friends
June 5	Helen Arbour & Joe Nerney
June 12	Larry Southard
June 19	Kara & Jerry Noble
June 25	R & D - Rob Adams & Dennis Avery

**"All are
welcome!"**
Music in
Montgomery is
sponsored by Gray
Catbird Gift Shop,
Montgomery Town
Library, and the
Montgomery
Council on Aging.

We encourage donations of
baked goods. Money dona-
tions 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.



A Valentine's deal you can fall in LOVE with!

Special 3 Course Menu

Choice of soup or salad

Choice of entree

- Bacon wrapped Filet Mignon
- Beef Wellington
- Broiled Salmon w/cider reduction
- Duck Breast w/cherry glaze

Choice of 2 sides

- Scalloped Potatoes
- Rice Pilaf
- Roasted Brussels sprout
- Loaded Mashed potatoes
- Asparagus, Carrots or Sweet Corn

Deserts

- * Midnight Mocha Cheesecake
- Sweet Cherry Pie
- Apple Crisp a la mode

**Tickets:
\$45 each/cash**

Tickets must be purchased in advanced for guaranteed seating. Limited tickets will be available at the door.

Our regular menu will also be served on this evening. Dinners also offered to take out.

413-388-6599.



Backwoods Breakfast and BBQ
46 Main Rd, Montgomery, MA 01085
413-388-6599

HOURS: Thursday thru Monday: 6 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Friday-Saturday: 4 – 8 p.m.



LIBRARY NEWS

facebook.com/
gracehallmemorial

February 2025

When a library is open, no matter its size or shape, democracy is open, too.

- **Yoga Classes:** Join us for yoga every Wednesday night at 6 pm. To reserve your spot, please contact Chris Brown at chrisbro40@yahoo.com.
- **Music in Montgomery:** every Thursday at 3 pm

Cookbook Book Club February 20 at 6:30pm is Stop by the Library and check out the Book Club selection before Feb. 20 at 6:30pm is Italian Cooking. Come and explore the deep history and flavors of Italy. The Library will provide a selection of cook books to discover.

Come celebrate this Italian Cooking with other cooks.

Join us on Feb. 20 with your favorite recipe to share and discuss. We'll provided the beverage.

Inclement Weather Policy: The Library will be closed on snow days when the Gateway Regional School District closes for weather. We will also post on Facebook.

No late fees will be charged. If you need to renew please contact the library by phone or email.



CWMARS

LIBRARIES CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

- We are joining CWMARS! The conversion will take a few months, so check back here for updates or at 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

Contact

Mail

161 Main Road, Montgomery, MA 01085

Phone

413-862-3894

email

montgomerylibrary3894@gmail.com

Website

wghl.masscat.org

facebook.com/gracehallmemorial

commonwealthcatalog.org

Don't forget to check out Wowbrary and Libby our online services.

Montgomery COA: *neighbors helping neighbors*

Here are the various ways the COA is helping neighbors:

Scam Alert

The Russell Council on Aging will host the Russell/Montgomery Police Department for an important informational session on how to avoid some common scams affecting our area.

Wednesday, February 5, at 10:30 a.m.

Russell Senior Center, 65 Main Street, Russell, MA

The meeting is open to everyone, regardless of age, from all our surrounding communities.

Please call the Russell Senior Center at 862-6217 with any questions.

Cooking for One or Two

Thank you to Jeanne Aras and Chris Brown for presenting the "Cooking for One" workshop this past December. They demonstrated cooking poultry and vegetarian recipes focusing on nutritional value and low salt. Also, thank you to Mary Ann Deming, Montgomery Public Health Nurse who provided additional informational literature. The CoA will be hosting another "Cooking for One" this spring.

Seniors, Need a ride?

Ellen Shaw, COA volunteer, is offering to drive senior residents to their scheduled doctor or health clinic appointments, and pharmacies in the Westfield area. Ellen is a 35 year resident of Montgomery and is CORI approved. She is offering this service on a limited basis and free of charge for our Montgomery seniors. Please keep

in mind the vehicle for transportation is not handi-capped equipped. Therefore all passengers must be ambulatory. If you are a Montgomery senior who needs a ride to your doctor's office or local pharmacy contact Ellen Shaw at 413- 862-4526. Please leave your name and a short message.

Durable Medical Equipment

Our COA has a limited supply of gently-used durable medical equipment such as walkers, canes, shower chairs, etc. for those who made need these items. Please contact Chris Brown at chrisbro40@yahoo.com or call 413.364.1510 for an appointment. At this time we are not accepting any durable medical equipment donations.

Become a "Neighbor Helping Neighbors"

The Montgomery Council on Aging is asking if there are other community members who would like to be a "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" volunteer. The COA is planning a variety of programs and events for the upcoming months including:

- SHINE informational meeting - provides free health insurance information and assistance for Medicare eligible adults and their caregivers;
- Flu vaccine clinic; and, nutritional healthy cooking class for elders.

If you would like to join Montgomery "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" **contact Mary Cantler at cantlermy@gmail.com or call (413) 862-4535.**

Montgomery Cultural Council seeks input on awarding grants for events and programs

To the Residents of Montgomery

Every year the Cultural Council is charged with awarding grants for events and programs that benefit the residents of Montgomery. The goal of these experiences is to highlight the diversity of various cultures through the arts, humanities, and sciences. To achieve these goals and to maximize outreach and participation, the Cultural Council would value the input of its residents in the survey published here in the Mt. Breeze. Whether or not you have participated in any of the programs, which are held in Montgomery and surrounding communities, your input is necessary for us to achieve the greatest success. The following are the current grants awarded by the Cultural Council. We hope that you will take advantage of the opportunity to attend these events. Please contact Dale Rogers, graycatbirdpottery@gmail.com, if you would like more information about a particular event.

Surveys can be dropped off at the Grace Hall Memorial Library in the Town Hall, or mailed to the Montgomery Cultural Council, Town Hall, 161 Main Rd, Montgomery. If you would like a copy of the survey emailed to you, please send your request to kingsransom527@gmail.com.

Applicant/Project Title

Blandford Art Show, Blandford Fair Art Show
Steven Cormier, The Sacrificial Land
Gateway Regional High School MassMoca Field-Trip
Adah Hetko, An Evening of Yiddish Song with Levyosn
Hilltown Families, Hilltown Families Suggests
Laurel Lenski, NIA Four Week Moving Meditation Series
Littleville Elementary School, Tanglewood Marionettes
Gregory Maichack, The Seahorse: How to Pastel Paint
North Hall Assoc., Historic North Hall Arts Festival 2025
Sevenars Concerts, 57th Anniversary Season
Community Fair Assoc. of Chester, Littleville Fair
Mary Witt, Music for Community

Thank you,
Lydia King, Chris Mann, Sandra Mann,
Chelsea Prokop, Dale Rogers
Montgomery Cultural Council

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Montgomery Cultural Council

Fiscal Year 2025 Community Input Survey

The Montgomery Cultural Council is collecting opinions to help us set our funding priorities for the next few years. Your comments and suggestions are important.

Please return your completed survey to the Town Hall – Grace Hall Memorial Library complex by February 17, 2025.

1. Were you aware that artists, schools, and community groups can apply for grants from the Montgomery Cultural Council grants funds?

_____ Yes _____ No

2. What should be the most important priorities for Montgomery Cultural Council funding? Please rank at least your top three recommendations, with "1" for most important, "2" for the next, etc.

_____ Professional development of local artists through community projects
_____ Nature, science, environmental education projects
_____ Arts education in the schools
_____ Restoration or preservation projects
_____ Community-wide gatherings: festivals, concerts, plays
_____ Field trips for students to museums or performances
_____ Projects celebrating local history, cultural diversity
_____ Other: _____

3. What additional types of programming would you like the Cultural Council to support?

4. Are you interested in serving on the MCC?

_____ Yes _____ No

5. Have you attended MCC events? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, what events have you attended? _____

6. Do you feel that the MCC is meeting the needs of the community? _____ Yes _____ No

7. Other comments/suggestions:

Thank you for participating in this survey. Your input counts!

If you would like your name entered for a \$25 drawing to the Comfort Kitchen, please complete the following information and return by February 17, 2025, to the Town Hall - Grace Hall Memorial Library. The drawing will be held on February 18, 2025.

Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

Email: _____