

TOWN CLERK News

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
 MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025. 12:00pm - 7:00pm
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING & ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
 MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025. 7:00pm

Dog licenses expire 3/31/25. You have until the end of June to renew your current license. The application is available on the website. Please make you check payable to the Town of Montgomery and include a copy of the current rabies certificate. You must include a self-addressed stamped envelope to have the license mailed back to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

See license on page 4.

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

**THINK SPRING!
 MONTGOMERY MEMORIAL DAY
 OBSERVANCE AND PARADE**

When: Monday, May 26, 2025
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 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. The more people who participate – the better.

Parents – please ask your young adults to participate – otherwise I have to contact the school and hope they can “find” students for me. As usual this is completely VOLUNTARY, but I need brave, strong young adults to do readings of In Flanders Field, America’s Response and the Gettysburg Address. I don’t know many the students anymore.

Of course, I will also welcome any other readings that are relevant to the day.

Please 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

Southwick BoH holds health fair

Health Fair
Southwick Town Hall Auditorium
Friday, May 16 9:30a.m. to 1:30p.m.

Please consider bringing a non-perishable item for



Vendors will have information on various topics: home health, independent/assisted living, MA State 911 program, health insurance, food insecurity, massage therapy, and local maple syrup will be available to purchase.
 * The nutrition program from the Food Bank will be here with the “Smoothie Bike” - you pedal the bike to blend your smoothie! So fun!!

Western Hampden County Public Health District
 Southwick Board of Health/Southwick Public Health Nurse

“A great difference between ‘May’ and ‘Day’ is the ‘M’ and ‘D!’ Be a good managing director of your life each day in May.
– Ernest Agyemang Yeboah

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 -
L.J. GAMELLI, Chairman, ljgamelli@gmail.com
MICHAEL CHELMINSKI
DEBRA WRIGHT,
Meetings are held the second Monday of each month, when needed.

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
454 College Highway, Southwick, MA 01077, (413) 569-3137, Ext 103

montgomerymtbreeze@gmail.com

May Calendar

May 1 4th Quarter Taxes due
May 1 3:00 pm – Music in Montgomery – Town Hall
May 7 6:00 pm – Yoga – Town Hall
May 8 3:00 pm – Music in Montgomery – Town Hall
May 12 2:00 pm – MHS special program – Town Hall
May 14 6:00 pm – Yoga – Town Hall
May 15 3:00 pm – Music in Montgomery – Town Hall
May 21 6:00 pm – Yoga – Town Hall
May 22 3:00 pm – Music in Montgomery – Town Hall
May 28 6:00 pm – Yoga – Town Hall
May 29 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.

May 8 May 22
June 5 June 19

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.**

MOUNTAIN BREEZE STAFF

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Chris Brown * Laurie Flechsig * Paula Long
* Julie Pike * Lori Conley

montgomerymtbreeze@gmail.com

May 2025

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

SUMMER BASKET **FULL OF CREATIVE ADVENTURES!**

*- All Possible at the
Gray Catbird Studio:*

WATERCOLOR PAINTING

with Dan Delisle

PINE NEEDLE BASKETRY

with Linda Briggs

PRINTMAKING

with Amanda Loiselle

PORTRAIT DRAWING

with Joan Ryan

SEASONAL FLORAL DESIGN

(bouquets) with Mary Cantler

GLASS-FUSING

with Denise Beaulieu

CARD-MAKING with Sandra Mann



CREDIT: Ponderosa Pine Needle Basket by Linda Briggs

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

**Small Classes (4-6)! Dates and prices
yet to be determined.**
**Email your interests with name & phone
number to: graycatbirdpottery@gmail.com**



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)

Avoid mulch hay; use straw mulch on your veggie garden

May is the month to:

- Hide fading Spring bulb foliage with annuals
- Mulch hay contains weed seeds. Use straw mulch on the vegetable garden.
- Sow sweet corn and green beans every 2 weeks until the end of June
- A rain garden is a great way to help manage storm water runoff
- Squash and melons transplant best when they have only 1 or 2 true leaves.
- Scout for bright red lily leaf beetles on Asiatic lilies
- Watch for aphids, spider mites and slugs on pansy



- plantings.
- Unless rain is frequent, water garlic regularly now to promote large bulbs.
- Sow pumpkin and squash seeds in the garden at the end of the month.
- Stake perennials that tend to flop.

Reminder: The Plant & Book sale to benefit Library Friends is on **Saturday, May 17** at the Little Red Schoolhouse on Pitcher St. If you would like to donate plants to share with your neighbors, **contact Chris Brown at 413 364 1510 or chrisbro40@yahoo.com**. You can drop off your donations the morning of the sale or before the sale, by contacting Chris.

BARBEQUE PORK SANDWICHES

Recipe for May 2025. Thank you, again, Jeanne Aras for this latest recipe.

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| 1 lb. boneless pork | 1 Tbsp. cooking oil |
| 1 medium onion, chopped | 1 medium green pepper, chopped |
| 1 8oz. can tomato sauce | ¼ cup bottles BBQ sauce |
| 4 French Rolls or Hamburger Rolls (split & toasted) | |

Partially freeze the meat. Thinly slice across the grain into bite-sized pieces (strips). Preheat the skillet on medium heat, and add oil. Stir-fry the onion & peppers for about 2 minutes. Remove from the pan. Add ½ the meat. Stir fry for 2-3 minutes. Remove and add the remaining meat. Once cooked, add all the meat and the veggies back to the pan. Add the tomato sauce and BBQ sauce and heat thoroughly. Spoon onto toasted buns. Makes 4 servings.

MAY RECIPE

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY DOG LICENSE APPLICATION 2025

LICENSE #: _____
EXPIRES: 03/31/2026

OWNER NAME/ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____ OWNERS SIGNATURE: _____

DOG INFORMATION

NAME: _____ BREED: _____ SEX: _____ SPAYED/NEUTERED (y/n): _____ AGE: _____

COLOR: _____ OTHER DETAILS: _____

RABIES CERTIFICATE #: _____ DATE OF VACCINATION: _____ EXPIRATION DATE: _____ VET: _____

In reliance on the above certificate for payment fee of _____, the animal described above is licensed for the period of April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026.

Dated: _____, _____, Town Clerk.

FEES: \$6.00 spayed/neutered
\$10.00 NOT spayed/neutered

See By-Laws for Kennel Fees more than four (4) dogs.

Please refer to the website
www.montgomeryma.gov for the
Dog By-Laws.

New season brings MHS special program to town

Happy Spring, fellow Montgomeryites! The mayflies are already appearing... so here comes trouble!

Your Montgomery Historical Society is celebrating the beginning of its new season with a special program on **Saturday, May 10 at 2 p.m. in our Town Hall**, presented by Robert Madison, local author, whose interest in regional history has led him to write two books, the latest regarding the connection our little town has with the early rumblings of the Revolutionary War. Montgomery was the location of a secret armory at the foot of Mt. Tekoa "in the foothills of the Berkshires" during that period when the colonists were becoming increasingly unhappy with their British "overlords" and were preparing to protest, with arms if necessary.

Madison's recently-published book, "**General Washington's Secret Armory – Biography of Lt. Richard Falley, Jr., Revolutionary Soldier, Patriot & Armorer**," reveals the story of Falley's heritage, his exploits with the militia raised at Westfield after the battles of Lexington and Concord, his appointment as armorer for the Revolutionary War effort, and much more.

We have recently been reminded through the media of the beginnings of the revolution with the battles at Lexington and Concord (April 19, 1775), so Madison's book is the

Historical Happenings



perfect compliment to the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding. The book contains chapters written in collaboration with the Westfield Historical Commission and Montgomery's Historical Society. It will be available for sale

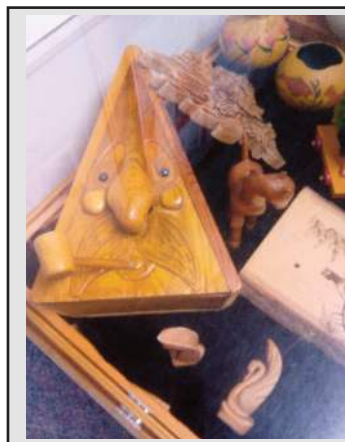
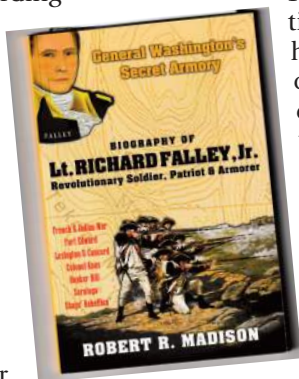
during the May 10 program.

Richard Falley, Jr., served Montgomery as a selectman in 1784 and again in 1803 and 1804. The foundation of his early home and the remains nearby of his arsenal can still be found in the southern tip of Montgomery. If any townspeople are interested in hiking to the area, the Historical Society would be willing to arrange for a guide to take people there perhaps later in the year.

The program will be free of charge, but donations will be gratefully accepted for the Historical Society's Scholarship Fund, to continue the tradition of awarding scholarship(s) yearly to graduating high school seniors who reside in Montgomery. Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon, and there will

be a 50/50 raffle to further contribute to the Scholarship Fund. (One lucky winner will go home with half of the raffle prize money!)

Happy 250th Birthday, America! Our nation will continue to celebrate this momentous anniversary right on through July 4th next year (1776-2026)!



The display case at the Montgomery Library is now exhibiting an interesting display of wood carvings, wood burning, and decorative gourds loaned by Carol Stevens. Her late father, Bill Pattison, Sr., began wood carving as a hobby during his retirement in Florida, and became quite a craftsman with his projects! His carvings include a pair of swans, a rooster pull-toy, and a whimsical birdhouse. A beautiful pheasant is among the wood-burning items. In addition, Carol's mother, Lillian Pattison, often painted Bill's projects, and the previously mentioned gourds were grown by Carol here in Montgomery, then flown in Carol's luggage to Florida to be decorated by her mother. Truly a family-involved hobby! Residents are encouraged to stop in at the library for a good book or other media, and check out the current exhibit.

If townspeople have items or collections they would like to display at the Library, they are asked to please contact Laurie at 862-8095 to make the necessary arrangements. There could be some wonderful exhibits out there waiting to be shared with the public with your suggestion for future displays!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Jeff Brown
Derek Flechsig
Jamie Ellis
Christina Harris
Jillianne Jacques
Cheryl Masciadrelli
Linda Smith
Garrett Spencer-Bartlett
Carol Stevens
Matthew Warren

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Judy & Bob Dowd

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

Hey Montgomery!

Sign up now for a town wide tag sale on **Saturday, May 17th!**

Contact **Karan Miller** to register and for more information. Addresses will be included in an ad on Facebook and other media outlets.

Thank you for your consideration!

Karan Miller
karanmiller@gmail.com

NEW DATE!!!

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

Music in Montgomery



"Tra la! It's May!
The lusty month of May!
That lovely month when ev'ryone goes
Blissfully astray.
Tra la! It's here!
That shocking time of year
When tons of wicked little thoughts
Merrily appear!
It's May! It's May!"

*('The Lusty Month of May' sung by Guinevere in
Camelot ~ music by Lerner & Loewe)*

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
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June 5	Helen Arbour & Joe Nerney
June 12	Larry Southard
June 19	Kara & Jerry Noble
June 25	R & D - Rob Adams & Dennis Avery
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July 10	Doug Pi & Friends
July 17	Jerry & Kara Noble
July 24	Ellen Redman & Last Night's Fun
July 31	Larry Southard

**"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 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.

Groovin' with Garrett



Join us for a day of outdoor Music, Food and Fun-draising! Your favorite live local bands from around Western Mass are coming together to support Garrett and his family.

Saturday, May 17
Noon to 6pm

232 Montgomery Rd
Westfield, MA

Rain date Sunday May 18th



Enjoy live music, food trucks and a beer and wine truck. We are also planning a raffle!

Guests should bring their own chairs or blankets to sit on.

Tickets are a donation of \$30 online and \$40 at the door. Children 10 and under are free with an adult.

[Purchase Tickets](#)

[Learn more or make a donation](#)

*Want to make a direct donation?
Make checks payable to Tanya Wheeler*

see you there!



Outside the bird feeder with Lori Conley

WELCOME BACK SPRING BIRDS TO OUR MASSACHUSETTS BACKYARDS

Welcome back spring birds in MA! Massachusetts is a great birding destination. We have vast water supplies that surround conservation areas to make relatively undisturbed homes for many birds. From waterfowl and Bald Eagles to nesting warblers and finches. Thousands of birds find homes in our Massachusetts backyards.

We want spring birds to find our homes, so we can enjoy them from our own backyard. Stop by The Bird Store and More for Hummingbird Feeders, Birdhouses for nesting, and bear-proof bird feeders to keep out unwanted guests.

In Massachusetts signs of spring are the black-birds returning, turkey vultures, and bluebirds looking for nesting sites. In addition, you should see a lot more Wood Ducks, Hooded Merganser, Common Merganser, Common Loon, and Double-crested Cormorant.

The American Woodcock performs its spring courtship flight in open areas, and the Wood Duck commonly nests along the shore. Other nesting birds include Bald Eagle, Ruffed Grouse, Wild Turkey, Black-billed Cuckoo, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Pileated Woodpecker, Blue-headed Vireo, Common Raven, Brown Creeper, Veery, Hermit Thrush, Scarlet Tanager, and Baltimore Oriole.

The notable list of nesting warblers includes Blue-winged Warbler, Cerulean Warbler (scarce), Blackburnian Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Prairie Warbler, and Black-throated Green Warbler. Spring birds in MA on May 1 - 10:

Sometime in this period, weather conditions will produce the first really massive arrivals of Neotropical migrants. In the migrant traps along the lakeshore, warbler counts may jump from about a dozen species to nearly 30 species literally overnight, and other Neotropical migrants will abruptly pick up in numbers and variety also.

After this big wave, numbers of individual migrants will drop off between successive waves of arrivals, but diversity will remain high through most of May. Early migrants like Rusty Blackbird and Fox Sparrow are mostly gone before May 10th.

The migration of raptors and waterfowl is winding down, but shorebirds are still building toward their peak.

From the bird store and more.

Here's a start on your Spring Cleaning checklist

Get your house and yard in order now, and you'll be ready to enjoy the summer days ahead

With Memorial Day coming up, there is plenty of incentive to get those outdoor spaces ready to enjoy. From scheduling house painting to organizing your outdoor cooking tools, tick these 12 items off your to-do list so you can get to the good stuff: hanging out around the grill, kicking back on the porch and savoring the season.

Things to Check Off Your List in an Hour or Less

1. Check outdoor lighting. Make sure all outdoor lights are in working order, including porch lights, landscape lighting and motion-sensing security lights. Replace bulbs or schedule repairs as needed.
2. Give potted plants some TLC. If you have potted plants that stay indoors over winter, bring them out once the danger of frost has passed. To help your plants acclimatize, find a protected spot out of direct sun for the first several weeks outdoors.
3. Inspect kitchen and bath fixtures. Keeping an eye on these areas can help prevent costly water damage and repairs later on. Make a plan to regrout or recaulk around counters and tile as needed. If you come across any slow leaks, have these repaired as well.
4. Check safety devices. Smoke alarms should be tested at least once a month and replaced every 10 years — even if they still appear to be in working order, according to the U.S. Fire Administration. Test smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors; replace batteries as needed. Check the expiration date on your fire extinguisher and replace it if necessary.

Tackle These Tasks Over a Weekend

5. Get ready for grilling season. Giving your grill a deep cleaning before the start of the season will help it work more efficiently and prevent flare-ups. Clean the grates and interior with a grill brush and wash the exterior with warm, soapy water. Clean and organize your grilling tools (tongs, spatula, skewers) and pick up charcoal or propane if needed.

If you have a gas grill, be sure to check the fuel line for cracks and clean out any clogged burner holes.

6. Maintain and repair garden paths. Create neat edges, pull weeds, fill in gravel paths with fresh gravel and

replace or reposition broken steppingstones. 7. Clean walls and touch up paint. Use a dusting attachment on your vacuum or an electrostatic duster to remove dust from walls, paying special attention to corners and baseboards. For a deeper clean, wipe down walls with warm, soapy water after dusting. Rinse with clean water, using a lint-free cloth. Touch up paint as needed on interior walls and trim.

8. Clean items on open shelves. Infrequently used items stored on open shelves can get pretty grimy over time. For items with a thin layer of dust, swipe with an electrostatic duster. If there is a thicker layer of dust, or if the items are in the kitchen (where cooking grease can be an issue), wash each piece in a tub of warm, soapy water. Rinse and allow everything to dry before replacing.
9. Refresh bedrooms. Rotate the mattresses on all beds and flip over if possible. Dust nightstands, lamps, headboards, blinds and decor. Swap heavy duvets for lighter-weight bedding for the warmer months.
10. Thoroughly clean the laundry room. Run the washing machine with a specialty tub cleaner (or with vinegar for a natural solution) on a hot water cycle. Wipe the rubber rim inside the washer and dryer doors and remove lint from the dryer vent with a vent brush or vacuum attachment. Clean countertops, mop floors and restock supplies.

Maintenance and Extras to Budget for This Month

11. Plan to paint or stain your home's exterior. Longer days and generally milder weather make May a good month to think about house painting. Contact painting pros to find out if they are currently working or will resume later, and reserve a spot on their schedule. If your home has a wood-shingled exterior, replace any damaged shingles and have a fresh coat of stain applied if needed.
12. Add a relaxing porch feature. Make your porch an inviting place to relax and hang out with the addition of a porch swing, rocking chairs or a glider. Too much sun? Crisp white outdoor curtains can provide shade and look chic. Just add a tall glass of iced tea or lemonade, and you'll be ready to savor the season in style.

from houzz.com

**NOT GETTING YOUR MT BREEZE ON TIME?
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/)**

Carriers needed for the MT Breeze

We're always looking for folks to help us get the news out. It's just a few hours and once a month to deliver the MT Breeze to townfolks. Please contact Laurie Flechsig at 1-413-862-8095.

Thanks for your consideration!
Tom Lak, editor

Montgomery COA: *neighbors helping neighbors*

Here are the various ways the COA is helping neighbors:

Council on Aging Board Meetings

The Montgomery Council on Aging board meetings are held every second Monday of the month at 10AM in the Town Hall Community Room and are open to all members of our community. Our CoA board members and volunteers include: Jeanne Aras, Chris Brown, Mary Cantler, Debbie Koundry, Dale Rogers, Ellen Shaw and Jean Wall. Our goal is to support the needs of our elder community, to provide resources for a variety of elder needs, and to share new experiences for a positive, healthy and vibrant elder lifestyle.

We have many ideas for this year and are planning programs focused on physical wellness, social events, and educational workshops.

Good Morning Neighbors!

The April Coffee Hour was enjoyed by all who attended. Join us again in May for a relaxed hour of good conversation and friendly faces at Town Hall in the Community Room. During Coffee Hour bring your knitting, a deck of cards, a story to share or just yourself. Coffee, tea and light treats will be served.

Coffee Hour

Tuesday, May 20th
10AM

Upcoming Coffee Hours: June 17th, and July 15th.
Come join us - everyone is welcome!

Blood Pressure Checks

MaryAnn Deming, our Public Health Nurse, will be available for blood pressure screenings on Tuesday, May 20th from 10:30 to 11:30 at Town Hall. MaryAnn will also be there to share health and wellness information. Stop in to get your BP checked, ask questions, or just to say hello!

Help with Light Springtime Chores

Do you need a little help with some light springtime chores? Cleaning out a garden bed? Installing a window air conditioner? Putting in screen doors? Or other spring cleaning tasks? There is a local youth volunteer group that can help our senior community with these seasonal projects. For more information please contact Dale Rogers at graycatbirdpottery@gmail.com.

Hearing Clinic

The Russell Council on Aging invites Montgomery and other surrounding town senior residents to a New Ears Affordable Hearing Care Clinic held by Gary Winn, a licensed hearing instrument specialist. He will perform hearing screenings and counsel people about hearing loss and hearing aid maintenance. For the next clinic and appointment please call 862-6217 and leave a message.

Need a Ride?

If you are a Montgomery senior resident and need transportation contact Ellen Shaw at 413-862-4526. Ellen is offering transportation for scheduled doctor or health clinic appointments and pharmacies in the Westfield area only. The vehicle is not handicapped equipped so passengers must be ambulatory. This service is offered on a limited basis for medical appointments and free of charge for all Montgomery seniors.

If you need transportation to other areas the Hilltown Easy Ride transportation program has expanded its services into Huntington, Russell, Blandford, Chester, Middlefield, and Montgomery. This service is for persons over the age of 60 years and veterans with a disability rating of 70% or greater residing in the Hilltowns. This is a curb to curb service offered Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM at a fee ranging between \$1.25 and \$2.25 per one way trip. While our drivers can assist you on and off our vehicle, they will not be able to assist you into buildings or your home. Prior to being transported, an application for service needs to be completed and approved by the FRTA office. You may obtain a copy of the application by contacting the ride Coordinator Ed, by calling (413) 296-4232 or by email: Ride@hilltowncdc.org.

They currently have one driver supporting the expansion into these communities so please be patient as you make your request.

Phone Numbers for Senior Services

Montgomery Fire Department	862-4505 (Call 911 for emergencies)
Hilltown Community Ambulance Assoc.	413-667-3277 (Call 911 for emergencies)
Highland Valley Elder Services	800-322-0551
Elder Abuse (24/7)	800-922-2275
MASenior Legal Helpline	800-342-5297



Meet the Massachusetts Register of Deeds

Montgomery Town Hall

Thursday-May 8, 2025 at 1:30pm

Cheryl Coakley-Rivera, Esq. Register of Deeds invites homeowners to an Informational Seminar.



Library News

facebook.com/
gracehallmemorial

May 2025

“In a time of universal deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act.” – George Orwell

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 May 22 at 6:30pm is “Dip it UP!” This month is all about the dips, What ‘s your favorite crowd pleasers? Sweet or Savory, cool or hot & cheesy? Stop by the Library and check out the Book Club selection before

Common Seed Program at the Library! Common Seed project promotes gardening by sharing seeds. This years “common Seed is a Provider Bean– a delicious green snap bean that is well known and loved. Planting instructions and seeds are at the library.

BOOK & PLANT Sale date set for May 17, 9 am to 2 pm at the Little Red School House. Book Donations can be do by appoint with the library, Plant donation the day of .



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Did you know we have... at the library? Passes to Springfield Museums, Mass MoCA, DCR parking pass, and a limited punch card to Magic Wings! An Eversource Kill A Watt meter , “Walk with Edward C” for sale and much more.

NEXT MONTH Summer Reading Program schedule!

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

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