

Village of Montgomery News

Water Filtration Plant Postponed

The planned water filtration plant for the Holt Well Field has been postponed. The Orange County Dept. of Health, as well as N.Y. State Dept. of Health both want the Village of Montgomery to do much more testing to ensure that a filtration plant will solve the brown water issues in the Village, especially in the Waters Edge residential area. DPW Supt. Buddy Nelson has been investigating a variety of solutions, and it has been quite complex. We will keep residents informed of the latest developments.

H.U.D. Grant for Water Line Replacement

The Village was approved for a H.U.D. grant to complete the eight-inch water line replacement on the West-end of Clinton Street. The work is tentatively set to commence in August. Business owners should be prepared for disruption of business due to the street being partially or fully closed for approximately one month. The Contractor (once the bid is awarded) and the Village DPW will work with businesses and residents to ensure that the project is as seamless as possible. This section will be more difficult than last year's because we will be crossing Union Street. On the positive side, the downtown center will have enhanced water flow and fire protection.

Intersection of Union and Clinton Streets Improvements

The Village DPW still plans to begin improvements at the intersection of Union and Clinton Streets. We are waiting on the NY State Dormitory Authority to finalize our approved grant through Senator Larkin's Office. The grant calls for some sidewalk and curb replacement as well as drainage improvements.

Toys For Tot Train Vandalized

Unfortunately, Trustee Hembury has advised us that the Toys for Tots Train, that comes through the Village was damaged at the storage area in NJ with graffiti. He was been in contact with the Railroad and repairs are being made. It is with much hope that the trains will be restored for this year's event.



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Mayor's Message.....

It is with sadness that I report the passing of Alice Eckler on January 2nd. She was a lovely lady who was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, the New Horizons Senior Group, the Montgomery Senior Center and she lived at Montgomery Manor.

Alice drove for Dial a Bus in Goshen and Chester for years, and she was a lifelong area resident who helped make our community a better place. She will be sadly missed.

I would like to congratulate Patricia "Pat" Pskowski for being named this year's Grand Marshal for the St. Pat's Ramble.

Pat has poured her heart and soul into our community, and she is the perfect choice for this honor. She has been loved by all the children who have passed through Montgomery Nursery School. Her calm, friendly and welcoming demeanor is unparalleled, and Pat has certainly had a positive impact in Montgomery.

The Newsletter insert has a more detailed testimonial to this lovely lady.

Please extend your best wishes to Pat at the St. Pat's Ramble on March 18th. We are all proud and honored to have her as part of our lives.

I would like to thank and congratulate Mario Balacich for blessing the Village of Montgomery with the jewel, 88 Charles Café, which recently celebrated their 30th anniversary in business.

Mario's restaurant is one of the finest in the Hudson Valley. That is the brainchild of Balacich, who traveled the world, and we are certainly lucky that he landed his ship in our quaint Village.

His unique character, attention to culinary detail, ambiance, atmosphere and whole experience make Mario and 88 Charles the treasures that they are.

Thanks again for all that you have done for us, and we hope you stay another thirty.

A huge thanks goes out to Tom Steed of Tompkins Road for all his help in ridding the Village of the zombie telephone/utility poles. Tom spearheaded this effort with his insight, lobbying and determination. Thank you for your help in cleaning up these eyesores.

A belated congratulations goes out to Wilson "Tinker" Bunting for being inducted into the Valley Central Sports Hall of Fame. He joins other athletic greats from the Village, such as Bob "Rabbit" Kiernan and the three Bartle Brothers. Though Tinker didn't grow up in the Village, he has spent more than half his years here, so we will claim him, LOL. More details will be coming in the next newsletter.

Village of Montgomery Recycling villageofmontgomery.org/recycle

PLEASE NOTE: Village residents are asked not to flush certain items down their drains (sinks, toilets, tubs etc.), paper towels, napkins, diapers, baby wipes, other wipes such as Clorox, Windex, etc., ladies' products, cloth or any similar-type materials. These items are commonly found in the Village sewer system and cause blockages in the system, which can result in sewer backups in homes, businesses and other facilities.

Village Compost Site

The Village Compost Site is located at the D.P.W. Garage on Bachelor Street. The hours of operation are 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturdays 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. This is for Village residents only and not commercial dumping. The Village will pickup curbside for a nominal fee. Please make arrangement with the D.P.W. at 457-5321. This applies for bulk pickup as well, which can be picked up curbside for a fee.

For more information visit villageofmontgomery.org/recycle



Skip Chambers with Santa at Old Fashion Holiday in December.

Village of Montgomery Happenings

Summer Recreation Camp Registration Days March 4th, 6th & 8th

Village of Montgomery and Town of Montgomery Residents Summer Camp Registration days will be held at the Recreation Center on March 4th from 8:30am - 11:30am at the Village Hall for Town of Montgomery residents ONLY.

Open Registration will be held on March 4 from 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm at the Village Hall and on March 6th & 8th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Village Hall.

NOTE: First time registrations must show proof of residency at Village Hall.

Beginning March 13th applications will be accepted at Village Hall during regular office hours 9:00 am-5:00 pm.

Registration forms for summer camp can be picked up at Village Hall or downloaded on the Village website at villageofmontgomery.org/camp

The Grand Montgomery Chamber Music Series March 12th

Neave Trio - Anna Williams, violin; Mikhail Veselov, violoncello; Eri Nakamura, piano. The concert starts at 3p.m. at the Village of Montgomery Senior Center, 36 Bridge Street. The Montgomery ShopRite supplies free refreshments at intermission. If you have any questions call, 845-457-9867.

St. Pat's Grand Marshall Reception March 12th

The Village of Montgomery, NY St Pat's Ramble Committee is proud to announce the selection of Pat Pskowski as the 2017 St Pat's

Ramble Grand Marshall. Please join us in congratulating Pat. A cocktail reception will be held in her honor at Ward's Bridge Inn. For advance

reservation tickets please call Cathy at Devitt Management: (845) 457-9666 or email devitt_management@frontier.com.

2016 Annual House Decorating Contest Winners

MOST BEAUTIFUL

3rd Place – Michael & Gale Buchholz 87 Madison Avenue
2nd Place – Angela & Gary Demaris 34 Wallkill Avenue
1st Place – Claudette & Tim Schadd 53 Sycamore Drive

MOST TRADITIONAL

3rd Place – Vic & Lori Polesel 128 Purple Martin Road
2nd Place – Fred & Beverly Mertz 237 Frieda Street
1st Place – Glenaster & Roslyn Tulloch 5 Purple Heart Way

OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS THEME

3rd Place – Robert & Teri Ann Donovan 144 Senior Street
2nd Place – Neils Veras & Jheyemi Castillo 383 Angelo Drive
1st Place – Mark Guido & Sandra Regis 86 Union Street

MOST ORIGINAL

3rd Place – Roger & Vickie Vandermolen 112 Railroad Avenue
2nd Place – Richard Garey 16 Purple Heart Way
1st Place – John & Tory White 109 Union Street

MOST EYECATCHING

3rd Place – Richard & Karen Osterhout 175 Boyd Street
2nd Place – David & Lisa Bell 6 Haskin Court
1st Place – Darren & Linda Duvall 213 Union Street

CHILDREN'S DELIGHT

3rd Place – Ian & Karen Wallace 15 Purple Heart Way
2nd Place – Gary Gambelungh 216 Union Street
1st Place – William & Margaret Cuff 378 Angelo Drive

JUDGES: PATRICIA IMBRIANI & MARILYN SMITH

Mayor Brescia thanked the Village Businesses for their generous and benevolent donations: Baby Dahl's Catering, Benson's Deli, Borland House, Caborcas, Copperfield's, Dragon City, Hoeffner Farms, Ilir's Barber Shop, Iron Cafe', JDC Barber Studio, Luminality, Mike's Deli, Montgomery Book Exchange, Montgomery Florist, Montgomery Montessori School, Perfect Temperature, Phil's Barber Shop, Recycled Style, Scents of the Valley, Scott's Corners Paint & Hardware, Seven Freedom Music & Records, Vic's Pizzeria, Village Luncheonette, Walden Savings Bank, Wallkill River School, Ward's Bridge Inn, Yoga on the Hudson.

Village of Montgomery Happenings

St. Pat's Ramble March 18th

The day begins with the Run for the Gold, 5K race, starting at the Fire House Museum at 10 a.m. The Grand Marshal Mass is at 11 am, in honor of the Grand Marshal, Pat Pskowski, and St. Patrick. The Bagpipers Parade starts at 1pm.

Easter Egg Hunt April 8th

Saturday, April 8th, Village of Montgomery Easter Egg Hunt at the Veterans Memorial Park starting at 11 a.m.

Hydrant Flushing April 10th – 21st

Hydrant flushing will be April 10th through the 21st. You may experience sporadic brown water. Let the faucet run with cold water for five minutes, and it should clear.

Little League Opening Day and Parade April 22nd

The Opening Day Parade starts at 9 a.m. Join us and cheer on the players of Montgomery Little League.

The Grand Montgomery Chamber Music Series May 7th

The Grand Montgomery Chamber Music Series presents a performance by Steve Margoshes & Ada Janik Margoshes, Composers & Pianists, with Guest Artists/Friends on Sunday, May 7 - 3p.m.

The concert starts at 3p.m. at the Village of Montgomery Senior Center, 36 Bridge Street. The Montgomery ShopRite supplies free refreshments at intermission. If you have any questions call, 845-457-9867.

D.A.R.E. Bike Rodeo May 13th

The Village of Montgomery Police Department is sponsoring a bike safety Bicycle Rodeo. There will be an obstacle course, food, bike raffles, and bicycle inspections by the Village Police. The event is from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Senior Center.

It is free to Valley Central School District residents, ages 3-12.

Montgomery's Springtime Village-Wide Yard Sale May 20th

Take part in the village-wide yard sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Memorial Day Parade May 30th

Time: Lineup 10:30 a.m.

Parade step off 11 a.m.

Place: Starts at the Orange County Firefighter's Museum, 141 Clinton Street

Marching to Veteran's Memorial Park where there will be a ceremony and then a picnic immediately following. Come out and show your support for our veterans and our troops!

Summer Camp June 26th to August 11th

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Monday through Friday

Camp is open for children ages 5-12. Arts & Crafts, Sports Program, Special Events, Talent Show.

Camp Sessions:

Session 1 - Jun 26-Jun 30

Session 2 - Jul 03-Jul 07

Session 3 - Jul 10-Jul 14

Session 4 - Jul 17-Jul 21

Session 5 - Jul 24-Jul 28

Session 6 - Jul 31-Aug 04

Session 7 - Aug 07-Aug 11

No Camp Tuesday, July 4th

For more information including registration forms and costs, visit: villageofmontgomery.org/camp

A Couple of Requests from the Village

All residents are strongly encouraged to put lids on their garbage cans. Recently in Rolling Meadows and other areas there have been complaints of garbage blowing all over neighborhoods. This is the direct result of lids not being placed on receptacles and garbage not being bagged. Please comply with this request. It is only common courtesy,

and it will go a long way toward keeping our Village clean.

Another gentle reminder is to please clean up after your dogs and other pets when walking them on Village streets. The Board, Village Police and Code Enforcement Officer continue to receive complaints about noncompliance.

For more information visit



www.villageofmontgomery.org/events

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