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Mayors Message

I would like to remind everyone that 2010 will mark the two-hundredth birthday of the Village of Montgomery. A Bicentennial Committee will be formed and the first meeting will be at the end of April 2009.

Montgomery Fire Department already has a Committee, which has been working for quite some time. The Village will be working with the Fire Department to coordinate many activities and make the event as memorable as ever.

The main day will be July 17th, 2010 with a parade, fireworks and a band concert. July 10 - July 17 marks a week of festivities planned by Montgomery Fire Department. The Village will be planning weekend events throughout the Summer of 2010.

Thus far I have only heard from a few volunteers. Please give me a call at 457-4492 or the Village Office at 457-9661 if you are interested in serving on the committee or simply have ideas.

Congratulations to Montgomery Fire Departments honorees at the annual installation dinner on March 14th at Spruce Lodge.

Philip Hoeffner, Eugene Reynolds and John Schmidt were presented 65 year plaques from the Village of Montgomery. Russell Gillespie and Jack Hoeffner were presented 50 year plaques. All these men have donated so much of their lives to the Montgomery Fire Department and it is recognized throughout our Community

Also, congratulations to Robert Reynolds Jr. for achieving Officer of the Year and Tyler Mulvana for being Firefighter of the Year. These two young men have energy, dedication and commitment that is remarkable.

For those interested in renting the Village of Montgomery Senior Center, call the Village Office at 457-9661. The rate is four-hundred dollars for Village residents, businesses and not-for-profits. It is six hundred dollars for all others. There is a two hundred and fifty dollar deposit required, which is refundable when the Center is left in proper order.

The rental form is available for download on the village website at: www.villageofmontgomery.org/rental

The General Montgomery Day Committee would like to remind residents that this year marks the Twentieth Annual General Montgomery Day. Hopefully it will mark a more joyous and celebrated event.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, this year's Grand Marshall is Greg Kaufmann. Marlene Worrell and Joanne Armour, two pioneers in our police department, will participate in our parade and festivities as special guests.

If you would like to offer ideas for this



years event, please call the Village Office and ask for Patricia Imbriani or Rose Griffith at 457-9661 ext. 201.

In addition, all residents are encouraged to decorate their houses for the big day - preferably with patriotic themes.

Businesses that would like to display temporary banners or signs (one week) must get approval from the building inspector (457-9621). These banners, assuming appropriateness, will only be given approval for a maximum for one week.

The maintenance code will also be enforced. The building department has been receiving numerous complaints about junk cars, algae in pools, debris on properties, etc.

Villagers are asked to keep their property clean and to be respectful of neighbors.

~ 2008 House Decorating Winners ~

MOST BEAUTIFUL

- 1st Place Tim & Claudette Schaad
- 2nd Place Angela & Gary Demaris
- 3rd Place Mark & Patricia Giffen

MOST TRADITIONAL

- 1st Place Robert & Teri Donovan Jr.
- 2nd Place Brian & Kristina Sholes
- 3rd Place Michael & Diana Davis



OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS THEME

- 1st Place Michael & Gale Buchholz
- 2nd Place Darren & Sarah Labar
- 3rd Place Deborah Phillips

MOST ORIGINAL

- 1st Place Neal & Linda Curry
- 2nd Place Michael & Susan Hembury
- 3rd Place Eliezer Lugo & Betty Lajara

MOST EYE CATCHING

- 1st Place Robert & Laurie Guarneri
- 2nd Place Gerald & Audrey Petrocelli
- 3rd Place Steven Sollas/Kristina & John Love

CHILDREN'S DELIGHT

- 1st Place Theresa Rodriguez
- 2nd Place Michael & Mary Casamassino
- 3rd Place Jerome & Donna Staples



Historians Corner

Marion M. Wild, Historian

Your new Montgomery Village Museum has made great strides since it's move to the former Methodist Church on Clinton Street.

Mayor Brescia and our Trustees are to be credited to permit our artifacts, piles of delicate documents and ledgers, and photos to be exposed to the public. Now students of all levels and relatives can obtain their same genealogy. Visitors strolling about town are shocked and impressed by the country heritage they never imagined.

Due credit for assisting to organize displays goes to the Girl and Boy Scouts who spent countless days with their parents working on this task.

Emily Short has researched, designed and printed a tourist brochure. The brochure is available for download on the Village of Montgomery website at www.villageofmontgomery.org/map.

James Zock is responsible for planning and developing the new Memorial Garden and Patio with donations for planting shrubbery, etc, which make it a favorable and permeant site for the church bell.

Michael Mont, with volunteer help from Ken Bety, (talented businessman & craftsman) is building a large bookcase to contain fragile historic ledgers.

Girl Scout Troop 722 and Boy Scout Troop 386 both have assisted at events held.

Some adults have assisted us in Mrs. Locke's Research Room, as well as members of Historic Montgomery Assoc. and the Museum Committee. Sizeable donations have poured in with families memorializing their loved ones.

Visitation on Saturday afternoons,

Wesley Hall Bell Finds New Home

The 1860 bell that hung at Wesley Hall has been removed.

It will be displayed in the new Memorial Garden at Wesley Hall.

Hopefully there will be a shelter built where the bell will hang.



openings has increased but it would be more encouraging to note visits from villagers to learn of their new environment.

The new Museum is far from being finished, but then, history is never finished with each day that dawns.

Village Telephone Directory

Village Clerk's Office	.....457-9661
Monday thru Friday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.	
Dept. of Public Works	.....457-5321
Mon. thru Friday: 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	
Building Inspector	.....457-9621
Mon., Wed., Fri.: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	
Montgomery Free Library	.....457-5616
Animal Control Officer	.....457-3666
Humane Society	.....778-5115
Wesley Hall Senior Center	.....457-9367
Meals on Wheels	.....778-3360
Food Pantry	.....457-9673
Dial-a-Bus	.....457-2622
Village Court	.....457-9037
Police/Fire/Emergency/Ambulance	.....DIAL 911

Calendar of Events and Meetings
Community Information
Downloadable Forms
Resident Services Information
and much more!

Visit the Village Website:

www.villageofmontgomery.org

Village of Montgomery Happenings

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 4, 2009 11 am



The Village of Montgomery Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday April 4, 2009 at Veteran's Memorial Park, starting at 11 am.

All children pre-school thru Elementary School, welcomed. There is no rain date.

Donate today to the Montgomery Village Playground fund

Donations go directly to the new playground being planned for our Village. A safe and fun new place for children of all ages to play and enjoy.

No amount is too small! Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Checks are payable to the Village of Montgomery. Make sure you write "MVP fund" in the memo section.

For any questions or comments, feel free to contact the Village Hall at 457-9661 or email Angela Demaris at mvp@villageofmontgomery.org



Beginner Line Dance Class

Beginner Line Dance instructions offered at the Senior Center, 36 Bridge Street, Montgomery on Mondays at 11:00 a.m. Country Line Dance lessons also offered on Tuesdays, at the same time and place.

A schedule of the classes is available on the calendar for the activities at the Senior Center.

For more information call the Senior Center 457-9367 or Ann at 457-3254. Donations of \$2.00 are appreciated.

All are welcome!!

Hydrant Flushing April 13, thru 17, 2009. 7 am - 5 pm.

The Department of Public Works will be flushing hydrants from April 13th thru the 17th. From 7 am until 5 pm. Your water may be discolored but okay to use. Run the cold water until it is clear. It is suggested you wash your clothes at night

Grand Montgomery Chamber Music & Theater Series

On April 26th, 2009 the Chamber Music Series will present a Special Concert: **Cummings and Goings**.

It is musical theater piece that traces the journey of the life of a man through selected poems of e.e. cummings with music by composer **Ada Margoshes**.

This will be performed by a talented group of singers and musicians in two acts.

The show will start at 3 pm at the Senior Center, 36 Bridge Street, Montgomery, NY. There is \$10.00 admission for this special presentation.



On May 17th the Grand Montgomery Chamber Music and Theater Series will present the final presentation of the season. **Charles Mokotoff** will be playing classical guitar, for your listening pleasure.

He will begin his show at 3 pm, and it will take place at the Senior Center, 36 Bridge Street, Montgomery, NY. Admission is free.

Farmers Market Opens Friday May 15th, 2009 11 am - 5 pm

The 2009 Grand Opening of the Farmers Market will be on Friday May 15, 2009 from 11 am to 5 pm.

Located at the site of the old Post Office on Clinton Street, this year's market will have many new vendors.

Sponsored by the Village of Montgomery and the Wesley Seniors, the **Farmers Market will be open every Friday until the end of November**.

For more information, visit: www.villageofmontgomery.org/farmersmarket

