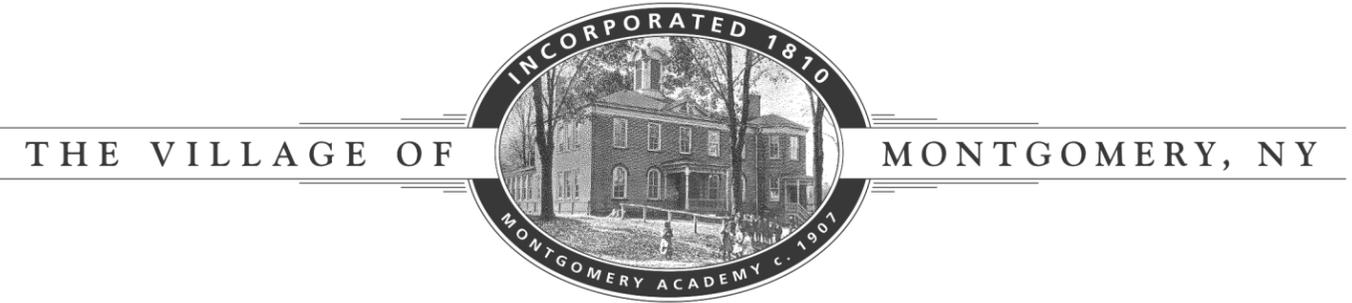


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Mayor's Message

I would like to thank Bill Haubert for coming up with an idea to loan out after-surgery equipment. There are certain agencies, such as Washingtonville Fire Department, that loan out this type equipment for after-surgery recovery. Medicare doesn't pay for such equipment, and it can be quite costly for those in need. Bill has volunteered his time to help set up a program for the loaning of the needed equipment, whether it is wheelchairs, crutches, heart monitors, or anything to do with recovery. Montgomery Fire Department has been receptive to the idea, and hopefully there will be more information about the program in the next newsletter. Thanks again to Bill for coming up with such an outstanding idea.

I would also like to thank Ted Pine for doing a very good deed. Recently Ted found a wallet with cash, and other personal items, near Bank of America. Ted brought the wallet to Village Police Officers, and the wallet was subsequently returned to its owner. Thanks again to Ted for his honesty and concern for others. That is simply the type of person he is. Thanks also to Tony DiMarco for bringing this to my attention.

Once again, the Bicentennial Committee deserves many accolades for organizing and pulling off a great year of events. Everyone worked so hard on their respective committees and events, and it really showed. We will not soon forget our Two-Hundredth Birthday and the rich history

and heritage that has made Montgomery the great village that we have come to know and enjoy. Not only did the Bicentennial Committee do a superb job, but they have done it within the budget that was set aside over the past six years.

The spires on the Montgomery Village Museum are finally completed. Dennis Matthews did a fantastic job in crafting the spires. His workmanship is exemplary. The Village D.P.W. deserves much praise as well for caulking, painting and helping to install the spires. It was a difficult task, but they were all up to the challenge, and everything turned out perfect.

There will be a weight-a-thon starting Saturday November 27th to benefit Will Pahuki, who has leukemia. Weigh in will be

at the Senior Center at 10:00 a.m. and at the Holiday Tent on December 11th, and will run through Saturday February 5th, 2011. It will be run like a walk-a-thon with participants getting sponsors for each pound they lose (e.g., \$1.00 per pound x 20 lbs. lost = \$20.00). Tax deductible donations can be made to the O.C. Firefighters Museum with Pahucki Fund in the memo. Don't worry if you miss the weigh in because entrants can enter late if they so desire. The idea is to raise money for the family for medical expenses, etc., so come out and support a great cause. If there are questions, please call Richard Kurisko at 775-5459, or me at 629-4329. The Pahuki and Noorlander Families have been in a great struggle, and everything is optimistic. Thank you in advance for any help you can provide.

Old Fashioned Holiday Weekend

On December 11, the Montgomery Business Association (MBA) is sponsoring an Old Fashioned Holiday Weekend as a day to promote shopping in Montgomery. Many of the businesses will offer special one day discounts on merchandise throughout their stores in appreciation for the community shopping locally.

Participating retail shops, galleries, museums, eateries and others will be open 11am-7pm.

For more information and coupons visit: www.shophistoricmontgomery.com

Schedule of Events

- 11am-7pm ..Ornaments & Poinsettias for Sale under Tent
- 11am - 7pm Wallkill River School Silent Auction
- 11am-7pm ..Crafts for the Children under tent
- 11am-7pm ..Strolling Minstrels & Bell Ringers through downtown
- 1pm-3pmSanta Clause Coming To Town (Village Hall)
- 3pm-7pmHorse & Buggy Rides
- 7:30 pmChristmas Caroling with Santa & Tree Lighting

Grand Montgomery Chamber Music & Theater Series

2011 Schedule



Senior Center
36 Bridge Street
Montgomery NY 12549

For more information and a complete listing of this year's schedule, visit villageofmontgomery.org/gmcmnts

January 23, 2011, 3 p.m.BONNIE HAM, flutist, JASON HAM, euphonium player, RUTHANNE SCHEMPF, pianist.

Jason is the first euphonium player to give solo recitals in China, Macedonia and Bulgaria. He is considered one of the finest euphonium players anywhere. Bonnie has performed with numerous orchestras and is a wonderful flutist. Bonnie and Jason are both in the West Point Band.

March 13, 2011, 3 p.m.NAGANO MAKOTO, classical marimba player.

Nagano is a Japanese chap who currently shuttles between Japan, Europe and the U.S. giving recitals.

**April 8, 9, 2011, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., and April 10, Sunday, at 3 p.m.

Special presentation: Women in The Arts presents their annual Mainstage production for charity.

May 1, 2011, 3 p.m.The COLEMAN PIANO TRIO.

The group consists of Avron Coleman, cellist (retired from NY Philharmonic), Louise King, pianist (California chamber player), Franco Gennarelli, violinist (concertmaster of NY Grand Opera). They will play piano trios of Beethoven, Brahms and Mendelssohn. This should be a wonderful afternoon.

The guys and gals making the series possible are the Village of Montgomery, O.C. Tourism/Orange Arts and the County of Orange, the Town of Montgomery, Historic Montgomery Association, Dahlia Bartz-Cabe--Qigong & Meditation Counseling, 457-6011, Otterkill Animal Hospital, Montgomery Mills/UPS Shipper, McAdam & Fallon, P.C., Attorneys-at-Law, Montgomery Village Pharmacy, Scotts Corners Paint & Hardware, Town of Montgomery Chamber of Commerce, Imperial Jewelers, Downtown Bread & Bakery, Perfect Temperature Plumbing, Heating & Air-Conditioning, DiBello Gallery/Frames, Devitt Management, All Seasons Fuel Oil, Noble Coffee Roasters, Shaggy Dog Groomers, Iron Café, Ward's Bridge Inn, Mike's Deli, Walden Savings Bank, Rotary Club of Walden, Hudson Valley Roofing, J.W. Landscape Management, David Lerner Associates.

This series has no committees, advisory boards, etc. It is a voluntary effort by myself, Howard Garrett, with assistance from the Village of Montgomery Clerk Linda Thompson and her fine staff, Judy Garrett, Bob Campbell, Barry Plaxen, Eric Hamblin, Jen Parker, Melody O'Connor, Roanne Patterson, Betty & Karl Lauritzen, Ray Ricalde, Tylor Woznick, Buddy Nelson, and one or two others.

Village of Montgomery Happenings

Annual House Decorating Contest

The Village of Montgomery house decorating contest begins the first week of December, with judging on December 12th. Prizes will be awarded at the December 21st Village Board meeting. Thanks in advance for all the donations from our businesses for this contest.

Santa's Coming To Village Hall

On Saturday, December 11 Santa will be visiting the Village Hall at 133 Clinton Street from 1 to 3 pm. Children Pre-school thru Elementary School are welcome. There will be a present for each child and refreshments will be served.

News from Montgomery Nursery School

Montgomery Nursery School has had an exciting beginning to their 2010-2011 school year! For those who are not familiar, Montgomery Nursery School is a non-profit nursery school that has been serving our local children for over forty years. A volunteer Board of Directors oversees the School. MNS would like to thank Board Member Tara Suchy, who was recently named the new President, as well as wishing a welcome to Mrs. Tory White as Vice President and Mrs. Angela Kruger, Director and Universal Pre-K Teacher (also new to the Board).

In addition, devoted teachers Mrs. Donna Spampinato and Mrs. Rosanne Poplaski are to be commended for their dedication to early education and socialization of three and four year olds. September brought many new friends together as there were nearly 100 attending classes.

October has been a fun month as the children enjoyed a trip to Lawrence

Farms for apple picking, a hayride, and a visit to the maze.

Students also travelled to Montgomery Fire House to learn about fire safety and prevention.

On January 16th, 2011, MNS is planning a Winter Festival to be held at the Village Senior Center. For more information, visit the MNS website at montgomerynurseryschool.org

With many more wonderful activities planned, the children and families of MNS have much to look forward to.

DPW Update

The brown water problem on Weaver and River Streets, as well as Pleasant Avenue and Water's Edge will hopefully be resolved soon.

Street Superintendent Bud Nelson plans to commence a water sequestering process within a week using orthopoly phosphate. After working with the Orange County Department of Health, he is confident that this process will alleviate the problem. The new, ten-inch water main on Weaver Street will also help mitigate the recurring brown water issue. That main is scheduled to be completely on line by December 1st.

Supt. Nelson also noted that leak detection was recently completed in the Village, and the representative from Rural Water said that the Village has one of the best systems, with the least amount of leaks, in Orange County.

Christmas Tree Pickup

Christmas trees will be picked up each week day from December 28th through January 14th. Residents are asked to leave their trees curbside and remove all garland, tinsel and decorations.

Toddler Playground

The new playground equipment for ages two through five has been ordered. It will be placed near the five through twelve (age group) playground.

Construction is set for the first week of April, and many volunteers are needed. Please contact the Village hall at 457-9662 if you would like to help. Angela also is planning some fundraisers to raise money for additional equipment.

Holiday Hours

The Village Clerks's Office will be closed Thursday and Friday December 23rd and 24th in observation of the Christmas Holiday.

There will be garbage pick up on Thursday December 23rd but no pick up on the 24th. Garbage will be picked up on your next scheduled day.

The Village Clerk's Office will be closing at 12 noon on December 30th and closed on December 30th in observation of the New Year's holiday.

There will be no garbage pick up on the December 31. Garbage will be picked up on your next scheduled day.

2010 General Montgomery Day Trophy Winners

Fire Trucks

Year	First Place Winner
1919 & Older	Donated by Montgomery Fire Dept. In memory of Edwin Froehlich Goshen Cataract1856
1920 - 1929	Donated by Montgomery Fire Dept. In Memory of Augie Jellema Slater Chemica1929 Model T
1950 - 1956	Donated by Montgomery Fire Dept. In Memory of Bill Hoffman Florida.....1960 Maxium

Privately Owned Fire Trucks

First Place Winner	Donated by Montgomery Fire Dept. Fred Theodore1976 Hahn
Second Place Winner	Donated by Montgomery Fire Dept. Bill Babcock1966 Maxium

Cars & Trucks

Year	Winner & Place
1929 & Older	1st Place Jim MCarey1913 Ford
1929 & Older	2nd Place Kerry English.....1928 Chevy Truck
1930 - 1949	1st Place Joe Vousden.....1930 Model A
1930 - 1949	2nd Place Phil Migliore1932 Touring Car
1950 - 1969	1st Place Bob McCrann1965 Buick Riviera
1950 - 1969	2nd Place Patrick Manz1967 Mustang
1970 - 1979	1st Place Doreen Lynch1972 Pontiac
1970 - 1979	2nd Place Lee Baty1975 Camaro
1980-1999	1st Place Kerry English1994 Jag
1980-1999	2nd Place Adam Xavier1995 Nissan 300zx
2000-2006	1st Place David Meyer2002 Corvette
2000-2006	2nd Place Lucy Rosenberg2002 T-Bird

Misc.

Group	Winner & Place
Best Special Interest Group	1st PlaceValley Central School Group
Best Horse	1st PlaceRoy Rhodes
	General & Mrs. Montgomery
	2nd PlaceFox Hill Community
Best Marching Unit	1st PlaceWalker Valley Ladies Aux
	2nd PlaceSt. Mary's & Most Precious Blood Knights of Columbus



For more General Montgomery Day photos, visit the Montgomery Bicentennial website: www.montgomerybicentennial.com

Best Color Guard	1st PlaceOrange County Sheriff's Office
	2nd PlaceU.S. Marine Corps
Best Musical Unit	1st PlaceAncient Order of Hiberians
	2nd PlaceConnecticut Rebels
Best Junior Musical Unit	1st Place Walker Valley
Best Tractor	1st PlaceFroehlich Farms - 1951 John Deere
	2nd PlaceTroy Vellenga - 2007 John Deere
	Floats
Most Beautiful	1st PlaceGeneral Pulaski Association of Orange County
	2nd PlaceHudson Valley Polonaise Society
Best Musical	1st PlaceTarantella's Pizza Alley
	2nd PlaceSong of the Valley Chorus
Original	1st PlaceBee's Fuel
	2nd PlaceCub Pack #30
Best Design	1st PlaceShoprite Salute to the Veterans
	2nd PlaceKeenan's Fire Brigade
	Red Ribbon - Judge's Choice
Most Unique	In memory of Shari BresciaTwin Ponds
	Blue Ribbon - Judge's Choice
Best Overall	In Memory of Vince Brescia Hill-Hold Museum

NYS Weatherization Assistance Program

The Weatherization Assistance Program assists income-eligible families and individuals by reducing their heating/cooling costs and improving the safety of their homes through energy efficiency measures. Energy efficiency measures performed through the program include air sealing (weatherstripping,

caulking), wall and ceiling insulation, heating system improvements or replacement, efficiency improvements in lighting, hot water tank and pipe insulation, and refrigerator replacements with highly efficient Energy Star rated units. Both single-family and multi-family buildings are assisted. Household

energy use reductions and resultant energy cost savings are significant, with an average savings in excess of 20%. You can find out if you qualify thru Orange County Rural Development Advisory Corporation. Visit their website at www.ocrdac.org.

Special Holiday Concert

Saturday, Decemeber 11th - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Village Senior Center
Presented by the Grand Montgomery Chamber Music and Theater Series

Presenting Janie Vance

A Medley of Music - Something For Everyone
Broadway/Holiday/Classics