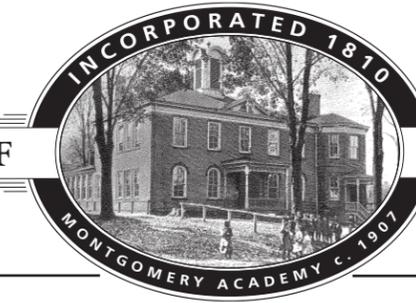


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Mayor's Message.....

I would like to congratulate Larry Schafer on being named this years Grand Marshal for General Montgomery Day. Larry has his roots in the Village of Montgomery and grew up here in the early part of the twentieth century. His interesting and funny stories offer a great deal of nostalgia for Montgomery's earlier times. His sister, Dorothy, served as Village Clerk/Treasurer many years ago, and she must have taught Larry to be the kind-hearted, generous and easy-going individual that he is.

Larry, at ninety-four years young, has participated in General Montgomery Day since it's inception in 1990. He has always ridden on Walden Fire Departments antique fire apparatus drawn by horses, or escorted Patricia Imbraini by horse and carriage. He has served the Enterprise Steamers proudly for sixty-four years.

The Village of Montgomery and the General Montgomery Day Committee are honored to have such a sincere individual as the Grand Marshal for 2008. Please wish him the best when you see him on September 6th.

I would like to wish Gert Miller a belated Birthday. She turned ninety nine on June 11th. Gert has a superb constitution, and she has never been afraid to give an opinion or two.

My Grandmother, Irene Caffee turned ninety four on August 20th. Like Gert, Irene has maintained her youth in the Village environment. Happy Birthday to Irene as well.

I would like to thank Angela De Maris, Andy Roepe, Marc Devitt, Tonya Taylor, Tara Tuttle and other members of the Playground Committee for moving so quickly and diligently on the new playground planned at Veteran's Memorial Park. They have procured a \$15,000.00 grant from the County of Orange (Parkland grant) and a \$2,500.00 grant from Assemblywomen Nancy Colhoun



Village of Montgomery  
**"Ambassador" Richard E. Reynolds**

(member item) for this project. Work will begin in the not-too-distant future. Thanks again for all their hard work. I'm sure the completed project will be one that can be enjoyed for many years to come. If anyone has ideas, or would like to contribute,

please call the Village Office at 457-9661.

**Mayor's Condolence**

It is with greatest amount of sorrow that I report the sudden, unexpected passing of Richard E. Reynolds on Friday August 22nd. This sad news sent shockwaves through the Montgomery Community as Richie was one of the most dearly loved individuals in Orange County. He was such a wonderful person who inspired all of us. Those who knew Richie, and there are many (near and far), can honestly say how he touched their lives. He was simply the "Village Greeter". We didn't have a welcome wagon, we had Richie Reynolds. The Village recently honored Richie as its Official Ambassador, a role he had actually been serving his entire life. A Grand Marshall for General Montgomery Day, a fixture of Montgomery Fire Department, a genuine person and a local hero are just a few synonyms for Richard E. Reynolds.

The heart of the Village of Montgomery and the Town of Montgomery will mourn the loss of one of its best friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Reynold's Family.

**Girl Scout Receives Gold Award**

Girl Scout Emily Short, Troop 331, Montgomery, decided to do an Historical Map and Brochure for her Gold Project. The Gold Award is the highest award for Girl Scouts. It took Emily over a year to comprise the Historic Self-Guided Tour Brochure and Map of Montgomery.

When visitors come to the Village, this brochure will provide them with information of where the historic homes/businesses are located. Visitors can go to these locations at their leisure.

These brochures are available at the following: The Village Hall, Library, Village Museum, Firefighters Museum, the Bed and Breakfasts, OC Office of Tourism and Town Hall. You can also download it on the Villages website at [www.villageofmontgomery.org](http://www.villageofmontgomery.org).

The Village of Montgomery would like to thank Emily for her great work in producing such a useful tool for our visitors.

**2008 VC KICK-OFF DAY**  
**Friday, September 5th**  
*Tentative Schedule of Events*

4:00pm.....Olympic Village Opens  
(Vendors, Merchandise & Games)

Sports Clinics Presented  
by VC Coaching Staff

6:00pm.....West Point Black Knights Parachute Team

7:00pm.....Presentation of Game Ball to Dr. William Moran in Honor of his Selection to the NYS Athletic Hall of Fame

Recognition of the 1968 VC Football Team and the 40 year anniversary of their OCL Championship Season

7:30pm.....Kick off - Varsity Football vs Middletown HS

Half Time Show .....Valley Central Cheerleaders and the Valley Central Dance Team

9:00pm.....Fireworks Display

*Co-sponsored by the Valley Central School District and the Town of Montgomery*

**Grand Montgomery Chamber Music and Theater Series**

 at the **Montgomery Senior Center**  
36 Bridge St.  
Montgomery, NY

**For Info: 845-457-9867**  
**[villageofmontgomery.org](http://villageofmontgomery.org)**

**September 7, 4pm— SPECIAL CONCERT— FREE.** Come and hear the wonderful Classic Choral Society, led by Janiece Kohler, sing many of the Oscar-winning songs from 1935 on, starting with Lullaby of Broadway.

**September 14, 3pm — The Parnas Duo with Lincoln Mayorga — FREE.** Madalyn Parnas, violin and Cicely Parnas, cello with Lincoln Mayorga, piano will perform an all-Schubert program.

**October 5, 3pm — SPECIAL PROGRAM: The Grapes of Wrath — FREE.** The performance, directed by Annemarie Paoli, is sponsored by the Orange Library Association in connection with a grant from the National Endowment of the Arts and The Big Read.

**November 16, 3pm — Jason Cutmore, pianist — FREE.** Jason has given highly acclaimed recitals in North America, Europe and India. Jason will play music by Schubert, Albeniz, DeFalla and others.

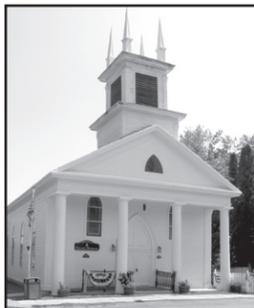
**December 7, 3pm — SPECIAL CONCERT: St. Petersburg, Russia Men's Ensemble — FREE.** Late last year we presented this quartet of singers, and the audience loved them. This event will take place at the First Presbyterian Church, 137 Clinton Street in the Village of Montgomery,



## Historians Corner.....

Marion M. Wild, Historian

Welcome to your new Montgomery Village Museum, at the former Methodist Church, corner of Fought and Clinton Streets, and part of the original "Village Green" of 1810. This fantastic gesture from Village Officials has brought admiration and historic enthusiasm from many visitors



since it's opening on May 31st, 2008. Local Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops, leaders and parents carried heavy boxes galore, and are continuing to learn and participate in it's beginning activities. Under the supervision of Donna Jacke, they are beginning a "Memorial Garden" on the side property. Sizeable donations from seven families already have been received.

Autumn events scheduled: Art Show of local scenes by local artists. Participation in N.Y.S. Archives week. Of special interest, a Mastodon program will be held by Evan Gailbraith, Sunday September 14th at 2 p.m. Evan Gailbraith is the owner of the

land of his proposed mastadon museum. He invites all to attend this presentation.

Meanwhile, we are anticipating General Montgomery Day. Volunteer greeters are needed, while a "Used Book Sale" will be held on our lawn, sponsored by the Girl Scouts. A Special "Welcome Home" to Montgomery High School Alumni that weekend ( Sunday p.m. also).

Stop by Saturday afternoons 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. Reminisce our glorious past while simultaneously visiting the Orange County Fireman's Museum, across the street, also open Saturday 1-4 pm. You will enjoy both.

## Chief's Corner .....

Officer in Charge John J. Luffman

In April we had a very successful Bike Rodeo, thanks to the generosity of many Village merchants. Bicycle safety was the topic of the day. We had classroom training, bicycle inspection, bicycle repair, and an obstacle course complete with road signs. We had over 100 participants and most went away with more than just knowledge. Most were given prizes of one kind or another, thanks again to our sponsors. Prizes consisted of T-shirts, helmets, water bottles, bike paraphernalia, and six lucky participants won new bikes! We are looking to make this an annual event.

In May we graduated approximately 120 D.A.R.E students at the Montgomery Elementary School. It was my pleasure to once again be personally teaching the D.A.R.E. classes after six years off. For those of you who are not familiar, we conduct an intense three and a half-month training program to fifth graders about the dangers and consequences of drugs and alcohol. This year's batch of students took to the program very well and passed with flying colors!

In May we held our second school dance for pre-teens at the St. Mary's Church cafeteria, sponsored by D.A.R.E. and the #2270 Council of the Knights of Columbus. It is always beneficial to keep our children active and interested in community events.

In May we certified three more of our officers as bicycle officers. With the new

contingent of seven certified bicycle officers, their duties will include patrolling the park, park trails, and the downtown area, as well as their other patrol duties.

In July we are re-certifying our officers with AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) training to be able to continue to provide this service to our community. With average response times under one minute, often our officers are first on the scene of a medical

emergency and this training is essential.

Although this is a very safe community to live in, I urge the residents of Montgomery to secure their property. There was another rash of car break-ins and we have made two arrests. Don't make it easy for outsiders to take advantage of our trustworthy lifestyle. It takes only 30 seconds for a criminal to open an unlocked car door and remove property and disappear.

### Village Water Line Repairs

The Village of Montgomery is set to replace the remaining four-inch water line on Wallkill and Railroad Avenues. Schenley Construction was the lowest bidder of fifteen at \$356,662.14. The Village will be receiving a \$300,000.00 grant for this project, and will fund the \$56, 662.14 difference out of the water/sewer fund.

**MONTGOMERY'S  
10TH ANNUAL  
VILLAGE-WIDE YARD  
SALE DAY!**

**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 11**

Call 457-9661 for info

**HAVE A SALE...IT'S THAT EASY**

Sponsored by the Village of Montgomery

# General Montgomery Day

## Schedule of Events for September 6th, 2008

8:00am - 10:00am

**Breakfast** - St. Mary's Parish Hall  
Contact: Nick Scarano ..... 457-5979

8:00am - 9:30am

**General Montgomery Day 8K Race**  
Veteran's Memorial Park  
Late Registration 7:30-8:00am  
Contact: Pete Mathieu ..... 457-5100

9:00am - 7:00pm

**Craft/Antique Vendors**  
Contact: Kevin Conero ..... 457-4139  
Sophia Romano ..... 457-5569

**Business/Civic Vendors**  
Contact: Diane Karsten ..... 457-5710

**Food Vendors**  
Contact: David Griffith ..... 457-9961  
ext 201

10:30am

**Parade Begins Including Floats**  
Lineup at 9:30am  
Contact: 457-9661 ext 217  
**Following Parade** - Speeches  
& Presentations on Reviewing Stand

12:00pm - 4:00pm

**Montgomery Village Museum**  
Wesley Hall - Open House Display  
*Browse & Appreciate Montgomery History*  
Contact: Marion Wild ..... 457-5135

1:00pm - 4:30pm

**Artist on the Green**  
Boreland House  
Dance • Drama • Music  
Live Performances

1:00pm - 5:00pm

**Presbyterian Church Lawn**  
Lemonade Stand

1:00pm

**Soapbox Derby** - Charles Street Hill  
Pre-Registration Required  
Contact: Tim Mahoney ..... 457-1568

1:00pm - 9:00pm

**Bands** — Mostly 50's-60's  
Stage by Clinton Street Shops.  
Contact: Steve Brescia ..... 457-4492

1:45pm - 2:15pm

**Karate Demonstration**  
Thaishodo Martial Arts Academy  
Intersection of Clinton & Union Streets  
Contact: Gino 667-2375

2:00pm - 9:30pm

**GMD Concert Showcase**  
**Jazz/Blues/Rock (WPDH & WRRV)**  
Municipal Parking Lot  
Contact: Steve ..... 457-1424

3:15pm

**Trophies & Prizes**  
Clinton Street Reviewing Stand

4:30pm

**Horse Crapshoot Raffle**  
Intersection Union & Clinton Streets  
Contact: Lori Sibley ..... 457-9495

8:30pm

**Fireworks** - Veteran's Memorial Park  
Contact: Pat Imbriani ..... 457-3065

### \* NO DRINKING ON STREETS \*

Clinton Street, Wallkill Avenue, and Union Street (between 17K and Charles Street) will be closed for the entire day beginning at 6:30am. No overnight parking on these streets the night before.

There will be parking at the Valley Central High School (Rt 17K) with a shuttle bus service to the Village. There will also be parking at Veteran's Memorial Park and Pro Build Lumber (former Rowley's).

**Notice to all village residents**  
There will be no yard sales or reserved parking on General Montgomery Day.

### FOXTAIL FARMS PONY RIDES & PETTING ZOO

All Day

Presbyterian  
Church Lawn  
(Wallkill Ave)

### Special Event!

### ROBERT ROGERS PUPPET COMPANY

Clinton Street  
Village Hall Lawn

2 Shows:  
1:45pm - 3:00pm

### AMUSEMENT RIDES FOR CHILDREN

Veteran's  
Memorial Park  
by Bandstand

All Day!

### SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR SPONSORS!

For General Information Contact: Pat Imbriani 457-3065 or Village Offices at 457-9661 ext.217