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## Mayors Message

It is with sincere regret that I report the passing of John J. Byrnes Sr. (June 2nd, 2009) and Frances K. Moore (July 2nd, 2009).

Both of these individuals gave of themselves to the Village for many years.

John (Jack) was Chairman of the Police Commission for 13 years, and he served on the Policy Advisory Committee before that. He conducted many police officer interviews, background checks, handled civilian complaints and was instrumental in formulating rules and regulations for the police department. Jack was known for his knowledge, research, stubborn tenacity (in getting to the bottom of things) and his giving nature in volunteering so many hours to the Village.

Fran Moore served as Village Trustee for twenty plus years, and she did a wonderful job during that time. Her kind, gentle demeanor and meticulous attention to numbers, made her the great Treasurer that she was. Fran also gave of herself to volunteer for many civic causes.

Both Jack and Fran will be remembered for the contributions they made to the Village of Montgomery as we mourn their passing.

I would like to wish a belated Happy Birthday to Gertrude Miller. Gert celebrated her One Hundredth Birthday on June 11th, 2009.

To my knowledge, she is the oldest person in the Village of Montgomery and even attended the Conroy/Miller outing on July 4th.

Gert has been an inspiration to all of us, and she has never been afraid to voice an opinion or two. We wish her all the best as she begins her second century.

Two committees started in June, the Business Committee and the Bicentennial Committee. There have been many great ideas emanating from both committees.

The Business Committee will focus on generating business throughout the Village, whereas the Bicentennial Committee will plan events for our Two Hundredth Celebration scheduled for the Summer of 2010.

If you would like to join either committee, call the Village Office at 457-9661.

The next Business Committee meeting is scheduled for August 31 at 7:30pm at the Senior Center.

The next Bicentennial Committee meeting is scheduled for September 21 at 7:00pm at Village Hall.

I must extend an overdue thank you to the Playground Committee, especially Angela and Gary DeMaris, as well as Trustee Andy Roepe.



The new playground (Phase 1) has been completed, in large measure to their efforts. The Church Communities, (Bruderhoff), Greg Schloemer, Robert Canavan Jr., (and Boy Scouts), Richard Niedermeyer, Sean Sloan, Eamon Daley, and Mike Wzientek also deserve praise for tireless work on construction weekend.

Let me not forget the great job by the Village of Montgomery D.P.W. and Supt. Buddy Nelson. Thanks to all for a superb undertaking. Gary, Angela and Andy are already brainstorming the next phase (for ages 2-5).

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

No Rain Date - Call 457-9661 for info

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

Sponsored by the Village of Montgomery

# Village of Montgomery Happenings

## Village Wide Yard Sale

We would like to thank the residents of the Village for cooperating with us and not having any Yard Sales on General Montgomery Day.

The annual Village Wide Yard Sale will take place on Saturday October 10th, 2009. There will be no rain date.

## Farmer's Market

Friday, May 15, 2009

11 am - 5 pm

The Farmers Market, sponsored by the Village of Montgomery and the Wesley Seniors is open every Friday through October from 11 am to 5 pm. The location is where the old Post Office was on Clinton Street. There are many new and different vendors this year.

For more information, visit: [www.villageofmontgomery.org/farmersmarket](http://www.villageofmontgomery.org/farmersmarket)

## Four Local Boy Scouts Honored

On July 18, 2009 Boy Scouts, Michael A. Pressler, Michael Joseph Mont, James Anthony Zock, and Preston Joseph Perry, of Troop 386 in Montgomery NY were honored at a special court of honor ceremony at the Brick Church, for achieving the highest honor in Boy Scouts, The Eagle Award.

Michael A. Pressler, on his way to becoming an eagle Scout, earned 22 merit badges and served as an Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. For his project, Michael took on a project that Village Historian, Marion Wild, recommended to the Village Board. The site for his project was at Veterans Park. At the intersection of Bachelor Street and Tice Road stood an overgrown lot. All brush was cleared and a rock wall was constructed. The property was back filled, leveled and covered with mulch, thus beautifying the entrance to a section of the park. Michael has recently graduated from Valley Central High School and is attending the University of Buffalo in the fall.

To become an Eagle Scout, Michael Joseph Mont earned 26 merit badges and served the troop in various leadership positions, including Assistant Patrol Leader and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. He also completed an Eagle Scout project dedicating over 100 hours of service to his community by

constructing a book case for the Village Museum to store and preserve old ledgers which date back to the 1800s and some books from the military during the Civil War. Michael has recently graduated from Valley Central High School. He also serves his parish, St. Mary's Church in Washingtonville, as an altar server for the past nine years. This fall, Michael will be attending SUNY Orange pursuing a degree in Business Administration.

To become an Eagle Scout, James Anthony Zock earned 21 merit badges and served the troop as patrol leader. He also completed a major community service project of repairing and painting fences, planting flowering trees and creating a memorial garden of perennial plants for the Village Museum. James is an eighth grade honor roll student and member of the National Honor Society. Since he is only 14 years old, he plans to

continue his scouting experience and work toward his Eagle Palms. After High School, he wants to go to the Air Force Academy and become a military pilot.

To become an Eagle Scout, Preston Joseph Perry earned 24 merit badges and served the troop in various leadership positions including Assistant Senior Patrol leader, Senior Patrol Leader, and Junior Assistant Scout Master. He also completed an Eagle Scout project dedication 100 hours of service to the community by constructing a hand-crafted directional sign out of cedar and landscaping the area in the Pleasure Ground Park. Preston recently graduated from Valley Central High School where he participated in varsity football and lacrosse. He is a Certified BSA Lifeguard. This fall, Preston will be attending Hofstra University pursuing a degree in Engineering.

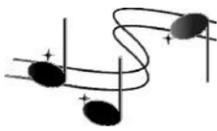
Visit the Village Website:

[www.villageofmontgomery.org](http://www.villageofmontgomery.org)

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



# Grand Montgomery Chamber Music & Theater Series



2009-2010 — our 22nd year

Senior Center

36 Bridge Street | Montgomery NY 12549

For a complete listing of this year's schedule, visit [www.villageofmontgomery.org/gmcmts](http://www.villageofmontgomery.org/gmcmts)

## September 20, 2009 at 3pm .....Nepenthe

Nepenthe, a group of splendid musicians consisting of Avron Coleman, recently retired cellist from the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, pianist Karen Vandenburg, flutist Jacquelyn Pruiksmacoleman and dancer MaryBeth Hraniotis will perform music of Telemann, Saint-Saens, Chopin, Piazzola and others. This promises to be a fine and unusual concert.

## October 11, 2009 - 3pm .....Puccini's La Boheme SPECIAL PRESENTATION!!!!

Tickets: \$25

We are proud to present the highly acclaimed Delaware Valley Opera fully staged production of Puccini's La Boheme. Included will be a chamber orchestra. In Italian with English super-titles. The first opera to be presented at the Senior Center. This very special extra event has a \$25 ticket charge. Call 457-9867 for reservations. Tickets will also be available at the door.

## November 15, 2009 at 3pm.....St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble

Great News!!!! The Russians are coming, the Russians are coming -- back again -- as part of their annual tour. They love coffee and enjoy drinking concentrated lemon juice straight. And they love to perform. Three terrific singers and an incredible accordion player will sing and play an all new program of Russian traditional and folk songs. Do not miss this very special concert.

## Monday, November 30, 2009 at 7:30pm .....Pine Bush Community Band SPECIAL-EXTRA FREE CONCERT-

The Pine Bush Community Band will entertain us with a wide variety of music. This local group always leaves their audiences very pleased.

## Revamping Village of Montgomery's Website in the Works

The Village of Montgomery has had a website for quite some time now at [villageofmontgomery.org](http://villageofmontgomery.org). While the site contains a lot of information such as department directories, calendars and documents, there have been

requests for additional content and functionality.

It is important to make the Village's website a destination that supports its small businesses. At the request of the Village of Montgomery Small Business

This series is possible because of the support of the Village of Montgomery, the Town of Montgomery, Historic Montgomery Association, Noble Coffee Roasters, Otterkill Animal Hospital, Walden Diner, McAdam & Fallon, PC, DiBello Gallery/Frame Shop, Dahlia Bartz Cabe-Qigong, Imperial Jewelers, Montgomery Village Pharmacy, Montgomery Mills/UPS Shipper, Charles 88 Café, Iron Café, Hudson Valley Roofing, Walden Savings Bank, Town of Montgomery Chamber of Commerce, Devitt Management, Montgomery Veterinary Practice, and Scotts Corners Paint & Hardware.

The concert series is a volunteer effort of Judy and Howard Garrett, with assistance from the Village of Montgomery Clerk Linda Thompson and her fine staff, Bob Campbell, Barry Plaxen, Eric Hamblin, Jen Parker, Melody O'Connor, and a few other kind souls. Fred Ponger is the official kibbitzer.

Questions? Call 457-9867

## Village Dog Park to be Built in Veteran's Park

The Village plans to build a dog park in the vicinity of the tennis court and the senior league field. Hopefully the park will consist of one to two acres and be divided into one section for large

dogs and one section for small dogs (similar to the Orange County dog park in Hamptonburgh). At this time we can only plan and prep the park because funds are not yet available. Eamon

Andolsek has volunteered to serve on a dog park committee. If anyone else is interested, please call the Village Office at 457-9661.

## Antique Shaving Mugs to be Displayed at Village Hall

Years ago there was a time when shaving was more of a chore than it is today. Hot water was not available from the tap, so often the water had to be pumped from a well, boiled on a wood-burning kitchen stove, and then carried to the bathroom - and then one had to shave with poor lighting.

However, if you could afford the 10 cent cost, you could go to a barber shop, relax while reading, meet friends and get a professional shave with hot towels and your own shaving mug and soap. This period, from about 1870, was a time when changes were rapidly taking place throughout the country. The industrial revolution was creating new jobs and many unique products. Immigrants were arriving from diverse countries to fill jobs and bring new skills.

Almost every man owned a shaving mug, either at home, or at his

barbershop. Shaving mugs also were a status symbol for barbers and customers as well.

A shaving mug is a device used during a wet shave, when using a shaving brush and soap. The mug is traditionally used to hold the block of soap, and to build the lather up while using the brush. However, it can also be used with soft shaving creams and soaps.

Typically made of ceramic, it often looks like a standard mug. Some also have a built-in brush rest, so the brush does not sit in lather.

The shaving mugs will be on display at the Village Hall and were donated to the Village of Montgomery thanks to Phil DeLessio, a long-standing respected member of our community where he has operated his barbershop for over fifty years. Prior to Phil's Barber Shop,



Example of an antique shaving mug.

Ralph Broas operated the barbershop also for fifty years as well, (A total of over 100 years!)

The display cabinet was made from the original shelves used to store the mugs in the barbershop.

## Montgomery Village Museum News

On Saturday, May 23rd, 2009, Montgomery Village Historian Marion Wild hosted a memorial ceremony for Montgomery native, Robert F. Starbuck. Bobby, as he was known, graduated from our high school, now Montgomery Elementary, and he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps where he quickly became a model marine, having been named the top recruit in his basic training company at Parris Island where he would later become a drill instructor. Bob Starbuck influenced the lives of many young soldiers, instilling in them a sense of responsibility and duty that those recruits would need to serve our country as proud

marines. On February 3, 1967, Bob Starbuck was killed in action as he exposed himself to heavy gunfire while acting to save members of the night recon squad that he commanded. Bob Starbuck's parents received the Silver Star award that their son was awarded, posthumously, for his bravery. The citation read: By his courage, aggressive fighting spirit and steadfast devotion to duty in the face of extreme personal danger, Sergeant Starbuck upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country. Home Town: Montgomery, New York

During the Montgomery Village ceremony, Marion Wild and members of the Historical Montgomery

Association unveiled a memorial plaque for Bob and demonstrated a visual display of pictures and testaments about Bob Starbuck's life. The ceremony was well attended by area residents, members of local veterans organizations, including the American

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Legion and VFW. Several Marine friends of Bob Starbuck also attended. A VFW color guard fired a 21-gun salute to Sergeant Starbuck and everyone sang God Bless America. After the ceremony, several local residents offered their own observations about Bob Starbuck and his impact on their own lives.

Excerpt from the book, Honor the Warrior, the U.S. Marines in Vietnam by William Myers 2000, Redoubt Press - "The patrol leader was Sgt. Robert Starbuck. I had been on several recon patrols with him before and he definitely knew what he was doing - he was an excellent Marine and patrol leader-squared away-a professional-I have nothing but respect for that man-he was tops with me." Note: In this excerpt, William Myers was writing about the night patrol, in graphic detail, that took the life of Robert Starbuck. Myers was severely wounded that night.

On behalf of a grateful community, Montgomery, NY, we extend our heartfelt thanks for having known Robert (Bobby) Starbuck and we recognize his significant skills and dedication on behalf of a grateful nation and, especially, our proud



United States Marine Corps. May he rest in peace! Please stop by the Montgomery Village Museum to see the wonderful visual display about this fine young American.

*Prepared by Joseph Devine and the committee Walter Karsten, Russell Gillespie and James Sweikate.*

## Orange County Household Waste Collection

THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE TO ORANGE COUNTY RESIDENTS

**Delano Hitch Stadium, Washington Street, Newburgh, New York**

**Friday, September 18, 2009**

**9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

Farms, Schools, Governmental Agencies, and Small Businesses

**NO RESIDENTS!**

MUST pre-register before Sept. 4, 2009.

Cost is according to fee schedule. Call 1-800-328-4808 for eligibility

**Saturday, September 19, 2009**

**9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**ORANGE COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY**

*Proof of residency must be provided at the time of participation*

### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

Adhesives, Aerosol Can, Automotive Products, Corrosives/Cleaners, Creosote, Driveway Sealer, Dry Wall Compound, Fluorescent Light Bulbs, Inks, Joint Compound, Mercury, Paint (OIL BASE ONLY), Pesticides/Herbicides, Pool Chemicals, Roofing Tar, Rubber Cement, Solvents/Thinners, Varnishes/Shellac/Stains, Wood Preservatives.

### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

Air Conditioners, Refrigerators, Freezers, LP Tanks, Tires, Water Base Paint NO ELECTRONICS ACCEPTED

**For information on disposal of unacceptable items or other questions call (845) 291-2664, 1-800-328-4808 or visit [www.orangecountygov.com/efs](http://www.orangecountygov.com/efs)**

## 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

**Senior Center**.....457-9367

**Village Museum** .....457-7576

**Meals on Wheels** .....778-3360

**Food Pantry** .....457-9673

**Dial-a-Bus** .....457-2622

**Village Court** .....457-9037

**Police/Fire/Emergency/Ambulance** ..

.....DIAL 911

## Gregory Kaufmann named the 20th Annual General Montgomery Day Parade Grand Marshall.

Greg was born on September 6, 1954, to Ann and the late Rodney "Bub" Kaufmann. He has lived in the Village of Montgomery all his life. He is the oldest of six children. two brothers: Brian and Bradley, and three sisters: Susan Wilson, Karen DuBois and Marybeth Turner. He graduated from Valley Central High School in 1972, and attended SUNY Delhi. In 1972-1973, Greg took up carpentry. In 1974 and 1975, Greg worked for Brescia Pole Buildings. When the economy and building slowed down in 1975, he went to work at the family business, Kaufmann's Service Center, where he worked until he retired in 2007.

In 1976, Greg married Stephanie Holladay, and they had three children: Gregory, Mark, and Marie. They became Grandparents when Ashton T. Kaufmann was born in 2004. Another grandchild was born in 2008, Gavin P. Moore, and they are expecting their third grandchild, a girl, in September.

Greg began his life in the Montgomery Fire Department in 1973, when Vince



Brescia talked him into joining the Fleet Hook & Ladder Company. In 1975 he became a Lieutenant and worked his way up through the ranks, Captain and Assistant Chief. He became Chief in 1984 and served until 1988. The Fire Department was under Village Government until 1988 when the Montgomery Fire District was formed. After serving as Chief, he served as Deputy Chief for many years.

Greg is currently the Treasurer of the Montgomery Fire Department and serves on the Board of Fire Commissioners. He is a Life Member of the Orange County

Fireman's Association and Past President of the Fire Chiefs Association of Orange County. Greg is also a Member of the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs and the Fireman's Association of New York. He has served on many of the New Truck Committees. He was Chairman for the New Ladder Truck Committee, and is currently serving as Chairman for the New Pumper-Tanker Truck. Greg has received all of the yearly awarded pins for membership in the Montgomery Fire Department for his service for the past thirty-six years. In March of 2009, he received the Vincent N. Brescia Memorial Award given out each year by the Board of Fire Commissioners. He is currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Orange County Firefighters Museum.

Greg has served the Village of Montgomery through his family business and the Montgomery Fire Department for most of his life, and we are proud to have him as Grand Marshall of the 20th Annual General Montgomery Day Parade.

## Village of Montgomery Happenings

### Montgomery Bicentennial Committee

The Montgomery Bicentennial Committee has secured the volunteer services of Joe Devine, Marc Newman and Robert L. Williams to put together a pictorial history on the Village of Montgomery which is planned to be available by July 2010.

If you have stories or photographs, please e-mail them to



montgomerybicentennial@yahoo.com or contact them to set up a time for an interview/meeting.

If a scanned copy of an old photo can not be provided, the committee will scan and promptly return the originals. It is our hope that this book will be a timeless tribute to our village and the people who reside in it.

### Donate today to the Montgomery Village Playground Fund

Donations will go directly to the new

playground being planned for our Village. It will be 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

# General Montgomery Day

Schedule of Events for September 12, 2009

8:00am - 10:30am

**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 (lineup at 9:30am)

**Parade Begins Including Floats**

Contact:.....457-9661 ext 217

**Following Parade**

Speeches & Presentations on Reviewing Stand

1:00pm - 4:00pm

**Montgomery Village Museum**

Open House Display - browse and

appreciate Montgomery History

Contact: Marion Wild.....457-5135

11:00pm - 4:00pm

**Lemonade Stand**

Presbyterian Church Lawn

1:00pm

**Soapbox Derby - Charles Street Hill**

Pre-Registration Required

Contact: Tim Mahoney.....457-1568

1:00pm - 9:30pm

**Bands: Country/Easy Listening**

Stage by Clinton Street Shops.

Contact: Steve Brescia.....457-4492

## Special Events

**FOXTAIL FARMS  
PONY RIDES &  
PETTING ZOO**

**Face Painting**

**Clown/Magician**

2 shows

1:30pm - 3:00pm

**All Day  
Presbyterian  
Church Lawn**

**ROBERT ROGERS  
PUPPET  
COMPANY**

Clinton Street

Village Hall Lawn

2 shows

1:45pm - 3:15pm

**STORY TELLER**

2 shows

1:00pm - 2:30pm

**LOCAL ARTISTS  
SHOW**

Borland House

All Day

**AMUSEMENT RIDES  
FOR CHILDREN  
Veteran's Memorial Park  
All Day!**

**Karate Demonstrations**

Intersection of Clinton & Union Streets

1:45pm - 2:15pm

**Thaishodo Martial Arts Academy**

Contact: Gino.....667-2375

2:30pm - 3:15

**Action Karate**

Contact: Dawn Bennett.....744-4772

2:00pm - 9:30pm

**GMD Concert Showcase**

**Municipal Parking Lot**

Jazz/Blues/Rock (WRRV/WPDH)

Contact: Margo O'Connell.....914-213-1422

3:00pm - 7:00pm

**Artist on the Green**

**Veteran's Memorial Park**

Dance • Drama • Music

Free Craft Making Workshops

Contact: Mary Beth.....457-5512

3:00pm

**Trophies & Prizes**

Clinton Street Reviewing Stand

4:30pm

**Horse Crapshoot Raffle**

Intersection Union & Clinton Streets

Contact: John Tracy.....457-3601

8:30pm

**Fireworks - Veteran's Memorial Park**

Contact: Pat Imbriani.....457-3065

**\*\*\* NO DRINKING ON STREETS \*\*\***

Clinton Street, Wallkill Avenue, and Union Street (between Rt. 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 at Pro Build Lumber (Former Rowley's).

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

**SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR SPONSORS!**

**For General Information Contact: Pat Imbriani 457-3065 or Village Offices at 457-9661 ext.201**