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Mayor's Message.....

I am proud to announce that the General Montgomery Day Committee has named George Weeden as the Grand Marshal for General Montgomery Day 2012. George is a sixty-one year member of Montgomery Fire Department who served as Chief in the early 1970's. He has also served on the Village Planning Board for many years and has donated much of his time to our community. More information (including biography) will be forthcoming two newsletters hence. Judge David Roepe has been named the Grand Marshal for the 2013 General Montgomery Day.



I would like to congratulate Coach Tim Faulkner for winning the Section IX Girls Basketball Tournament with his Lady Vikings on March 4th.

I graduated with Tim, and he grew up on Union Street in the Village. He and his family presently live in the Village on Wavey Willow Lane.

Congrats to Tim and the Viking Girls for winning the first tournament since 1993. As big underdogs, this is a huge accomplishment, and we should all be proud.

Grand Montgomery Chamber Music Series May 20th, 2012

Jason Cutmore, a world class pianist, will conclude our 24th year of offering quality concerts.

CMCMS is looking forward to our silver anniversary in September. We are the longest running free series in Orange County!

Veteran's Memorial Parade May 28th, 2012

Time: Lineup 10:30 am
Parade step off 11:00 am
Place: Starts at the Orange County Firefighter's Museum

Please come out and show your support for our Veterans and our Troops!

24th Annual House Decorating Contest Winners

The Village of Montgomery would like to congratulate the following December 20th, 2012 House Decorating Contest winners:

Most Beautiful:

- 1st Place Fred & Beverly Mertz
- 2nd Place Gary & Angela DeMaris
- 3rd Place: John McHale

Most Eye Catching

- 1st Place Tim & Stephanie Faulkner
- 2nd Place Gary Gambelunghe
- 3rd Place Jose & Gladys Barrera

Most Original:

- 1st Place David & Kristen Kochetta
- 2nd Place Robert & Teri Donovan, Jr.
- 3rd Place: Peter & Mary Jane Nauta

Old Fashioned Christmas There

- 1st Place John & Jennifer Jones
- 2nd Place Robert Westerfield, Jr
- 3rd Place Maria Gresham

Most Traditional:

- 1st Place Brian & Kristina Sholes
- 2nd Place William & Kathryn Haubert
- 3rd Place Mark & Patricia Giffen

Children's Delight

- 1st Place Steven & Kristina Sollas
- 2nd Place Mary Casamassimo
- 3rd Place Michael & Susan Hembury

JUDGES: PATRICIA IMBRIANI, THERESA SMITH, LORI SIBLEY

The Village would like to thank all the following business who made generous contributions to our 24th Annual House Decorating Contest and made the contest such a success. Imperial Jewelers, Copperfield's, Iron Café, Downtown Breads and Bake Shop, Eddie's Deli, Curves, Wildfire Grill, Village Sampler, Fancy That, Tarentella's Pizza Alley, Benny's Pizzeria, Garrison's Taven and Wine Cellar, Ilir's Barber Shop, Montgomery Sporting Goods, Montgomery Florist, Hoeffners, Montgomery Pharmacy, Raydiance Hair Salon, Phil Delessio Barber Shop, Montgomery Antiques, Mike's Deli, Dragon City, Forget Me Not Gifts, Clinton Shops, Tea For Two, Diamond Upscale Jewels, Cutting Edge Salon, Recycled Style, Winding Hills Golf Course, Wolf Gang Gallery, James Douglas Gallery, Borland House and Montgomery Village Luncheonette.

Village Board recently approved a permanent generator for the Holt Well

The Village Board recently approved a permanent generator for the Holt Well. This will make it much easier to keep residents water and sewer needs fulfilled during power outages. Similarly, the Village will be seeking a bid for a permanent generator for the Senior Center.

The purpose is to outfit the Center as a shelter for Village residents during natural disasters and power outages. That way the Village will not have to rely on other avenues and distant shelters to provide for its residents. This need was heightened by the power outage just

prior to January 1st 2011, the blizzards in the Winter of 2011 and Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. Safety of the Village residents is of paramount importance. Hopefully we will be able to affordably acquire cots for the Center as well.

AHRB revising the guidelines for the two Historic Districts

Over the past two years the Village Board and the Architectural and Historic Review Board have been working on revising the Guidelines for the two Historic Districts. There have been a few public informational meetings and many joint meetings of the two boards to accomplish the guideline updates.

Residents in the two Historic Districts and residents adjacent to the district have been sent the new guidelines. If you would like a copy of the proposed

guidelines, please contact the Village Clerk at 457-9661 ext 202. The guide-

lines can also be viewed on the Village Website.

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday March 31, 2012

The Annual Easter Egg hunt will be on Saturday March 31, 2012 at Veteran's Memorial Park, starting at 11 am.

Pre-school thru elementary school are welcome. *There will be NO rain date.*





Chief's Corner

Village Police Chief Jim Corcoran

Hello good people of Montgomery,

I have given up my space in this edition of the newsletter

so that the Mayor can provide you with the following important information on CodeRED, the reverse calling system to which the Village has subscribed.

Chief Jim Corcoran

The Village of Montgomery has entered into a collaborative agreement with the Town of Montgomery and the Villages of Walden and Maybrook in order to contract with Emergency Communications Network to license its CodeRED high-speed notification solution. The CodeRED system provides Montgomery area officials the ability to quickly deliver messages to targeted areas or the entire Town of Montgomery.

Mayor L. Stephen Brescia, cautioned that such systems are only as good as the telephone number database supporting them. "If your phone number is not in the database, you will not be called." One of the reasons the CodeRED system was selected is it gives individuals and businesses the ability to add their own phone numbers directly into the system's database. This is an extremely important feature.

"No one should automatically assume his or her phone number is included," Brescia urges all individuals and businesses to log onto the Village of Montgomery's website, www.villageofmontgomery.org/codered. Village residents without Internet access may call Village Hall

at (845) 457-9661 x 201 Monday through Friday, (9AM-4PM) to supply their information over the phone. Required information includes first and last name, street address (physical address, no P.O. boxes), city, state, zip code, and primary phone number. Additional phone numbers can be entered as well.

All businesses should register, as well as all individuals who have unlisted phone numbers including those, who have changed their phone number or address within the past year, and those who use a cellular phone or VoIP phone as their primary number.

Mayor Brescia explained, "CodeRED allows geographically based delivery, which means street addresses are required to ensure emer-



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gency notification calls are received by the proper individuals in a given situation. The system works for cell phones too, but we need to have an associated street address to provide relevant messages."

Brescia stated, "CodeRED gives those who want to be included an easy and secure method for inputting information. The data collected will only be used for emergency notification purposes." Questions should be directed to the Village Hall at (845) 457-9661 x 201.

Village of Montgomery Happenings.....

Bike Rodeo

May 5, 2012 9am - noon

Village of Montgomery Police parking lot.

The Village of Montgomery Police Department is sponsoring a Bicycle Rodeo for bike safety. There will be an obstacle course, giveaways, and bicycle inspections by Village Police. All ages are welcome.

Montgomery's Springtime Village Wide-Yard Sale

Saturday May 19, 2012

Something for everyone! Yard Salers come to the Village and enjoy walking the streets and picking up items from baby cloths to computer equipment, books, furniture, antiques and trinkets.

Summer Camp

July 2, 2012 to August 3, 2012

Applications for the Summer Recreation program will be available April 2, 2012. Counselors and CIT's can pick up their applications now!

Montgomery's Eric Gabrynowicz People's Best New Chef

Congratulations to Eric Gabrynowicz for winning the People's Choice Award as People's Best New Chef (New York Area Food & Wine). Eric lived and grew up in the Village of Montgomery. This is an exceptional honor, and the Village is quite proud to call Eric one of its own. His restaurant is Restaurant North in Armonk, N.Y., and he has been seen on the Today show more than once.

Village of Montgomery Information.....

Village Maintenance Code

Village residents are reminded that the Maintenance Code is in full force. Yards must be properly maintained as well as outward appearance of properties and buildings, such as painting, weeds, sidewalks, bushes, etc. Sanitary maintenance of swimming pools will be strictly enforced with respect to public safety. Summonses may be issued by the Building Department to those in violation. Residents are strongly encouraged to comply. Building permits are required for inflatable pools, and proper electrical connections are a must. Extension cords are absolutely not allowed. If in doubt, call the Building Inspector at 457-9621 or 629-4690. Building permits are required for practically every renovation even if there is no fee (such as handicapped ramps). Residents are also encouraged to check handrails on decks, etc. to make sure they are not wobbly as this may lead to accidents. Building permits are also needed for driveway paving and blacktopping.

17K (Ward Street) RR Crossing Construction

The Railroad Company has contracted for the re-design of the 17K (Ward Street) crossing. Construction is set to take place one weekend in June (Not determined yet). There will be a smooth transition at the tracks as well as lighting and crossing gates will be installed. There have been many complaints about this condition, and the new construction will make for a safer, smoother crossing. Also, the entire 17K road in the Village is set to be re-paved by late August. This will help alleviate the bumpy condition near the signal light.

Hydrant Flushing

Hydrant flushing will be April 9th through the 13th. You may experience sporadic brown water. Let the faucet run with cold water for five minutes, and it should clear.

Historian's Corner

Another year, 2012, will capture interest and appreciation of our Village Museum, its open doors eagerly awaiting your entrance. Definite dates for planned events will be advertised as the year progresses. Success depends on participation of citizenry and organizations and your enthusiasm.

Sarah Wells Tricentennial will be observed throughout Orange County. Our area proudly boasts of many of the Wells-Bull family who have actively participated in our community's progress. Contact me with your family data to present on event honoring them locally.

"Monty, our Mastodon" and the proposed Charles Wilson Peale Museum, 17K, must continue, despite the untimely passing of its dedicated promoter, Joseph Devine. His extensive research had begun this tremendous undertaking that could bring beneficial advantages to our area. Contact Evan

Village Website

The Village Website is www.villageofmontgomery.org. The site design has recently been updated. You can find much information, such as a directory of departments as well as phone numbers, meeting dates and agendas, a slideshow, village activities, amenities and schedules. If you would like to e-mail the Village with questions or concerns, the e-mail address is villageofmontgomery@hvc.rr.com. Village information can also be found on Channel 23 Time Warner Cable (the blue screen).

Village Compost Site

The Village Compost Site is located at the D.P.W. Garage on Bachelor Street. The hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This is for Village residents only and no 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.

Bandstand Fundraising

The Village is looking to raise money for a proposed bandstand at the old post office site. There is approximately \$4000. in the kitty thanks to Brian Fitzpatrick, Jeff Spreer and the Golf Outing Committee (Sub-Committee of the Post Bicentennial Committee). They are planning another golf outing on Sunday September 16th at Winding Hills Golf Course. More details will be forthcoming in the next newsletter. If you have any ideas for a fundraiser for the bandstand or would like to volunteer to help, please call the Village Office at 457-9661.

Marion M. Wild, Historian

Gailbraith, our associate, at evan@cyber-cafe.com with your desire to assist.

Importantly, we proudly celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the opening of our historic, admirable Union Street, Montgomery High School- present Montgomery Elementary School.

In September 1937, a hard-working Board of Education opened its doors wide for our Grammar School and High School youths to profit from a more advantageous curriculum and pleasurable education, presently Valley Central's Montgomery Elementary School. Your assistance is appreciated to formulate a late September event with past students, present Principal Serratore, Staff, and Board of Education to honor such a praiseworthy building with a prestigious past on its Diamond Jubilee.