

# City Highlights

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## OUTDOOR WATERING BAN IN EFFECT AUGUST 1

Due to the drought-like weather we have been experiencing and the increased use of community members using irrigation systems, the City of Montgomery has lower than normal water levels, so the City has issued a watering ban.

Watering and irrigation of lawns and washing of vehicles – cars, motorcycles, side-by-sides, ATV's, Golf Carts, etc. – will be on an "odd/even" schedule. Homes with an odd number address will be permitted to water, irrigate, or wash vehicles on odd number days and homes with an even number address on even numbered days.

Watering, irrigation, or washing of vehicles will not be allowed any day between the hours of 12:00 p.m. [noon] and 6:00 p.m. Watering, irrigation, or washing of vehicles on the assigned day may be done between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m. Hand watering of flowers, gardens, and landscaping will be permitted. Pool filling – both wading and swimming – will be permitted. Water toys and sprinklers for children actively playing are also permitted.

The City of Montgomery appreciates your cooperation. We need to work together to keep our community safe! For Questions, please call the city office at (507) 364.8888.

## SUMMER HAPPENINGS

Enjoy Summer in Montgomery with a variety of activities. Our Music in the Park Series is held every Thursday evening at 7 pm (unless noted on schedule.) All events are free. You are asked to bring your own lawn chair and enjoy a nice summer evening of music. Food and treats may also be available. For a full schedule of music acts, visit the city website.

The Farmers Market runs every Thursday thru October from 4-7pm in Memorial Park.

The Montgomery Classic Car Roll-In sponsored by the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce occurs every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, May through September, from 4-7pm along 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

To check out more local events, visit our community calendar at [www.cityofmontgomerymn.com](http://www.cityofmontgomerymn.com). To promote your non-profit organization's event, contact us at City Hall with the information, and we will help promote the event on our website and social media.

## KEEP OUR SEWER LINES FREE FROM FOG (Fats, Oils, & Grease)

The residents of Montgomery have invested a large amount of money in the sanitary sewer system and in order to keep it running smoothly and to avoid costly and often time unnecessary repairs and maintenance, we all need to watch what goes down the "drain."

When FOG (fats, oils, and grease) is dumped down the drain it forms large, thick grease logs that clog pipes. Clogged pipes can result in sewer backups and spills, environmental problems, or even flooded homes and businesses. These grease logs can damage equipment which leads to costly repairs as well as staff time. Preventing sewer backups from FOG blockages saves taxpayer money. When sewer pipes back up on private property, the homeowner or business owner is responsible for the cleanup. You can help prevent this by following these suggestions:

### Do's

- Can the grease! Keep an empty metal can and pour oil and grease into the can. Allow grease to cool and solidify in the container before throwing it in the trash.
- Wipe or scrape before washing. For greasy pans, use a paper towel or rubber scraper to wipe or scrape out the remaining grease in the pan prior to washing.
- Seal the oil. For FOGs that don't solidify, pour them into a sealable bottle and throw the whole container away with your regular garbage. You can also mix liquid vegetable oil with an absorbent material such as kitty litter or coffee grounds, place it in a sealable container and throw it in the trash.

- Keep drains clean by pouring 1/2 cup of baking soda down the drain followed by 1/2 cup of white vinegar. Wait 10-15 minutes and then rinse with hot water.

#### **Don'ts**

- Don't pour fat, oil, or grease down the drain or garbage disposal.
- Don't use hot water to rinse grease off cookware, utensils, dishes or surfaces.



In the above picture, the white material at the bottom is grease removed from the resident's service line. The cost to have the line dug up and cleaned is the responsibility of the homeowner. If this material ends up in the sewer main, then all residents foot the bill to have it cleaned and removed.

Please help keep the sewer system running well and operational costs down; don't put anything in the system that doesn't belong. Remember, sewer rates cover the cost of the system. The more it costs, the higher the rates.

## **CANNABIS LEGISLATION**

The State of Minnesota has legalized low-dose hemp derived THC edibles and beverages, and use of cannabis by adults 21 years of age or older. The city currently has a moratorium on the sale of low-dose hemp derived THC edibles and beverages. The use, possession, and cultivation of cannabis becomes legal on August 1, 2023. The city council and planning and zoning commission are currently working on rules and regulations regarding where these products can be sold.

Use and cultivation of cannabis is **only** permitted on your own private property. Use of cannabis products are prohibited in public – in a park, on a sidewalk, public parking lot, street, or other public property.

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