

City Highlights

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POLICE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

Join us **Saturday, June 17th from 10:00am – 1:00pm** for an Open House at the new Montgomery Police Department building, located at **300 Lexington Ave NW**. Tour the new facility, enjoy donuts and coffee, and visit with the Police Department staff. If you have questions or are unable to attend but would like to view the new Police Department, please contact Missy Eisert at 507-364-8000 or email meisert@montgomerymnpd.com.

HIGHWAY 13 PROJECT OPEN HOUSE

On **Monday, June 26th from 4 – 6pm**, Minnesota Department of Transportation will be hosting a Construction Open House at **City Hall, 201 Ash Ave SW**. This will be an opportunity for the public to learn more about the upcoming project scheduled to begin early July on Highway 13 through Montgomery. The public is invited to come and ask questions and learn more on the construction project before it begins in a few weeks.

BACKYARD CAMPFIRES

Summer is a perfect time to sit around the fire enjoying a cold beverage and good conversation. There is no permit required to have a backyard fire; however, there are a few requirements to keep in mind.

- The fire ring must be no larger than three feet in diameter. Most decorative fire pits meet this requirement.
- The fire ring should be constructed of blocks, rocks, or other solid non-combustible material.
- Clear the base of the fire ring of all combustible material to a distance of at least 5 feet.
- Keep the flames to a height of less than 3 feet.
- Have a hose or bucket of water nearby.
- An adult needs to be present while the fire is burning; never leave a fire unattended.
- When you are done for the evening, use the hose or bucket of water to douse the coals to prevent the fire from reigniting.
- Burn only firewood. Do not burn any kind of construction material, plastics, rubber, lumber, lawn clippings, leaves, or garbage of any kind.

- Finally, be respectful of your neighbors when enjoying your evening around the fire.

GRASS CLIPPINGS

Lawn care season is in full swing and this is a reminder to all that when you cut the grass, be sure to direct the discharge of the mower away from the street. Montgomery City Code, Chapter 7, Section 705, subd. 3 prohibits the discharge or depositing of grass in the street.

Blowing grass clipping, leaves, twigs, and other materials into the street ends up going down the storm sewers. The material has the potential to clog catch basins or build up in the storm pipe causing a blockage in the pipe. City crews then need to clean the catch basin or clean and possibly televisc the storm sewer line to determine the nature of the blockage.

Finally, this material, if not stopped at the catch basin or in the pipe, flows to one of the many storm ponds or ditches that carry the water off to one of the lakes or rivers. This material will generally settle in the storm pond, and this will require the city to dredge and clean the storm water pond or ditch to ensure they have proper capacity to hold the storm water.

Please be aware of the direction you are discharging your grass when mowing the lawn and keep grass clipping out of the street. The public works department greatly appreciates your cooperation in this matter.

CHECKING FOR WATER LEAKS

A leak inside your toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water per day. A leaky faucet that drips at a rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons in a year. These leaks can become very costly for the homeowner. It's important to repair all leaks promptly to save water and money.

Toilet leaks are hard to find. They are normally caused by a bad flapper valve, flapper valve seal, a bad ballcock valve, an improperly positioned float arm, or a defective overflow tube. The City of Montgomery has complimentary toilet tank leak detection tablets that can be requested for at City Hall. You can test the toilet by dropping one of the dye tablets into the tank. **DO NOT FLUSH**. Leave for 15-20 minutes. If the water in the bowl turns blue, then it's possible you have a leak and repairs must be made.

Faucet leaks are easy to detect. If it drips, or worse, continues to keep running after you shut it off, it needs to be fixed. If the dripping water is hot, it is costing you to also heat the water.

Water dripping or running from the shower head when the shower is turned firmly off is usually caused by bad washers or seats in the valve. These washers and seals need to be replaced. Problems with plumbing fixtures may be due to old age and corrosion or wear and tear. Replacement or repair parts can be purchased at a local hardware store or plumbing supply store. You can make repairs yourself or consult a plumber.

The table below shows the impact of a water leak. Note that after the 1st 1,000 gallons, water is billed at \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons and \$7.00 for the next 3,000.

LEAK THIS SIZE	WATER LOSS IN GALLONS		ANNUAL LOSS IN DOLLARS @ \$2.50 per 1,000 Gal. Rate
	Average Per Day	Average Per Month	
•	185	5,550	167
•	735	22,050	662
•	1,655	49,650	1,490
•	2,945	88,350	2,651
•	6,620	198,600	5,598
•	11,770	353,100	10,593
•	18,395	551,850	16,556
•	26,485	794,550	23,837
•	36,050	1,081,500	32,445
•	47,090	1,412,700	42,381

Leakage estimates based on 50psi pressure and 365 days per year.

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 scheduled.) 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 3rd Tuesday, May through September, from 4-7pm along 1st Street.

To check out more local events, visit our community calendar at 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.

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