

City Highlights

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MUSIC IN THE PARK



The “Music in the Park” series is back again this year, with weekly concerts. Events will be held every Thursday, starting June 1st and running through August 17th, with the exception of July 27th due to Kolacky Days. All events start at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted and are held in Memorial Park at the bandstand.

The Park Advisory Board has assembled an excellent line-up featuring a variety of music. The line-up includes the following:

June 1st - TCU Pep Band- Enjoy the TCU Pep Band play some of their favorite rousers to keep the students in the game.

June 8th - Czech Concertina Band- The Czech Concertina Club performs polka and waltz music.

June 15th - Little Chicago- Music starts at 6:00 pm

This band is returning this year and plays a variety of hits from the 60’s and 70’s tunes featuring horns.

June 22nd - Shenanigans- This local father/daughter duo has been performing for the past 15 years and play a wide range of acoustic music.

June 29th - Sawyer’s Dream- New to Music in the Park, this group performs 60’s & 70’s style music with great vocal harmonies akin to “The Mama’s & The Papa’s” and others.

July 6th - Sean Benz & The Misfits- This dynamic group, also new to Music in the Park, is led by Montgomery’s own Sean Benz. They play a variety of rock and roll hits from the 50’s and 60’s.

July 13th - Mary Guentzel Quintet- Performing great standards of the 30’s and 40’s along with select favorites from more recent decades.

July 20th - Annie and the Bang Bang- Another group new to the Music in the Park series. This group plays a wide range of original rock and alternative rock. This is a fun and high energy group you won’t want to miss.

August 3rd - Colton Tupy & the Sand Creek Connection- Colton and his band play a variety of old-time polka and country.

August 10th - The Echos- A classic “Big Band” playing the hits of the ‘40s in the style of Glenn Miller and other dance bands of the era.

August 17th - Leslie Rich and the Rocket Soul Choir- This three-member rock/pop group plays a variety of original music. Their music has been compared to that of Chris Isaak.

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. Watch the city’s website, Facebook page and newsletter for additional updates. In case of inclement weather, concerts will be held at the American Legion Post #79.

GOLF CARTS, ATV’S, AND SIDE-BY-SIDES

Golf carts, ATV’s and side-by-sides are an economical and inexpensive way to get around town in the summer, and many residents have opted for this mode of transportation. Montgomery City Code specifically allows these types of vehicles to operate on city streets as long as they are properly licensed and operated in accordance with the Code. This includes the following:

- Operator’s must be **16 years** of age or older.
- Anyone **under 18** on an ATV or side-by-side **must wear an approved DOT helmet.**
- Only the number of passengers the device is designed for can be on/in the vehicle and all passengers must be on a seat designed for sitting. No standing on the back of a golf cart or carrying a child on one’s lap.

There are other vehicles that are not permitted to be operated on City streets. These include, but are not limited to mini-bikes, “pocket” bikes, go-carts, home-made vehicles, dirt-bikes, lawnmowers, etc. Essentially, if the vehicle cannot be licensed by the State of Minnesota for operation on a public street, and it is not a golf cart, ATV, or Utility Task Vehicle (Side-by-side), it cannot be operated on any public street or alley.

If you need a license for your special use vehicle, you can obtain an application at City Hall or download the form from the City’s website. Applications must be brought to the Montgomery Police Department or City Hall during normal business hours, along with a current copy of insurance information. The fee for the license is \$20 and must be renewed every calendar year.

NUISANCE ENFORCEMENT

The Montgomery Police Department has started responding to complaints on violation of the City’s public nuisance code.

One of the most common nuisance complaints is parking and/or storing cars, trailers, campers, fish houses, snowmobiles, boats and other watercrafts, recreational vehicles, etc. on the grass in the front, side, or rear of the home. In residential areas, parking and storing these types of

items on the grass in any part of the yard is prohibited. Storing lawnmowers, tires, construction materials, barrels, lumber, etc. outside is also prohibited.

Vehicles parked or stored in the front yard, including trailers, campers, ATV/UTV, golf carts, boats, etc., must be on a paved driveway surface. Items parked in the side or rear yard must be on an approved parking pad or area.

An approved parking area is a defined area constructed of asphalt, concrete, gravel, pavers, or some other surface. To create one of these areas, a zoning permit is required and there are setback requirements depending on the material used for the surface. The area also needs to be maintained in a way to prevent grass and weeds from growing. If you need information on creating a compliant parking area, please contact City Hall.

Other issues are canoes, kayaks, paddleboards, and such that are outside. This is acceptable if they are stored on a rack. Many residents also store firewood to use in a fire pit. Keeping a stack of firewood is acceptable if the wood is neatly stacked.

Items placed in the boulevard also become an issue and hazard. Placement of furniture, electronics, appliances, and other household items, except as permitted as part of a community cleanup or collection by a not-for-profit organization, are deemed a public nuisance. Items placed for collection must be properly identified and located on the boulevard only during the hours of 8:00 am – and 8:00 pm.

Finally, maintenance of grass will soon become an issue. Grass is to be kept at a height of no more than 6". When you cut the grass, make sure to trim around obstructions in the boulevard such as fire hydrants, telephone poles, street signs, and the like. When mowing your lawn, please do not blow the clippings into the street. This is covered in Montgomery City Code, Chapter 7, Section 705.03 subdivision 3. The clippings will run down the gutter and end up in the storm water and may result in clogging the drainage system.

Ordinances are in place to address a variety of concerns including blight, unsanitary conditions, fire hazards, and unsafe structures. Left unmanaged, these issues can lead to public health hazards as well as conditions that impact the property values in your neighborhood. If you would like to report a blight complaint, contact the Montgomery Police Department at 507-364-8000 or City Hall at 507-364-8888.

SUMMER HAPPENINGS

The Month of May kicks off many events that occur throughout the Summer. The Montgomery Farmer's Market kicks off their regular season on May 25th. The 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 begins Tuesday, May 16th. The roll-in 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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