

# City Highlights

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## SEEKING ELECTION JUDGES

The City of Montgomery welcomes inquiries from individuals who are interested in serving as election judges. Election judges play an important role in administering elections.

Any person who is eligible to vote is qualified to be appointed as an election judge, with the following exceptions:

- Individuals who are unable to read, write or speak English;
- The spouse, parent, child, or sibling of any election judge serving in the same precinct or of any candidate in that election; or
- A candidate in that election

### Time Off Work to Serve as an Election Judge

If you are appointed to serve as an election judge, state law allows you to be absent from work without penalty if you have given your employer at least 20 days' notice. The written request to be absent from work must be accompanied by a city certification that details your hourly pay as an election judge as well as the hours you will serve.

Your employer may reduce your salary or wages by the amount that you will receive for serving as a judge. In addition, your employer may restrict the number of his/her employees who are serving as election judges to no more than 20 percent of the total work force at any single worksite.

### Required Training

Prior to serving, all election judges are required to complete a paid, online training in mid-July, which takes approximately two hours to complete.

### How to Apply

Email Patti Soukup at [psoukup@cityofmontgomerymn.com](mailto:psoukup@cityofmontgomerymn.com) to be notified when the application period opens for the 2024 election season.

## RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

Pets can be rewarding, but they come with responsibilities. Courtesy and respect are part of being a good neighbor and abiding by leash laws and cleaning up animal waste are some of the courtesies that residents should provide. Another is making sure your pets do not disturb the peace by barking or howling habitually or at inappropriate times.

When you are out with your dog, please be sure to keep it on a leash. If it is an extendable leash, please restrict the dog so it doesn't interfere with the other walkers if you meet them. Dogs or cats on a leash and accompanied by a responsible person are permitted in streets or on public land unless the City has posted an area with signs reading "Dogs or Cats Prohibited." Please note, that if problems occur, the privilege of pets permitted in our City parks may be restricted.

Most importantly, please carry a few plastic bags with you and pick up after your dog, whether on your own property, on the property of others, or on public property.

## CITY SPEED LIMIT MONITORING

The perception of speeding on city streets has come up as a recent issue. All streets within the city are 30 miles per hour whether posted or not. Alleys are 10 miles per hour.

City staff has collected data on speeds in various locations around the city and the results are generally consistent. In most neighborhoods, on most city streets, the average speed is below 30 miles per hour. The city will continue to monitor speeds on streets and advise the police department of road segments which have an issue. As a resident, please follow the speed limits. The speed limits are key to keeping our community safe.

If you feel speeds are excessive in your neighborhood, please contact the police department and they can arrange to have the area measured and monitored for speeds.

## COMPOST SITE

The compost site is open and available to residents of Montgomery. The site is located north of town, next to the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility, at **16638 - 340th Street**. The Compost site will accept branches, leaves, lawn and other garden trimmings. Please remove all plastic or trash from compost material. Please be respectful of the site and stay on the road.

The site may be temporarily closed due to inclement weather, and will be closing for the winter. Please call the City Office with any questions.

## HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Halloween is lurking around the corner! Here are some great tips to remember to keep everyone safe this Halloween:

- Drive EXTRA careful on Halloween, take extra time to look for kids at intersections and on curbs
- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods
- Take extra effort to eliminate tripping hazards on your porch and walkway that may prove hazardous to young children rushing from house to house
- Cross the street at corners using crosswalks; don't run across streets
- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective, and make sure they are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement, or contact with flame
- Carry a flashlight or glow stick
- Trick or Treat with an adult, and never leave children unattended
- Have an adult check all candy to make certain it is safe

The City of Montgomery wishes you a happy and safe Halloween!



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