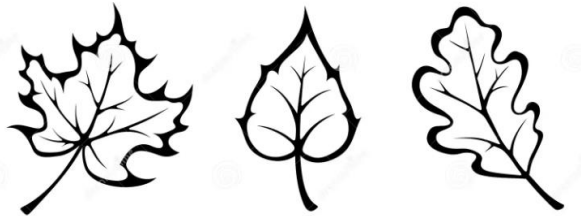


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FALL LAWN CARE

This fall as you prepare your lawn for winter, please do not rake leaves, grass clippings, or other debris into the street or storm drains. Blowing grass clippings, leaves, twigs, and other materials into the street ends up going down the storm sewers, which then 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 televisize 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 and area you are raking your leaves and keep debris out of the street. The public works department greatly appreciates your cooperation in this matter.

5th STREET PARKING OPEN FORUM

The Public Works Advisory Board invites residents and other interested parties to attend their next meeting to be held on **Thursday, October 5th, 2023, at 5:00 pm.**

The Advisory Board is seeking feedback and input on restricting parking on 5th Street NE/SE. Parking is currently only allowed on the west side of the street, with no parking prohibited on the east side of the street during the Highway 13 construction project. This temporary parking ban has been put in place in an effort to improve safety in the area, due to the added traffic. The Board is considering making this parking ban permanent and would like to hear input from residents.



RURAL ENTREPRENEURIAL VENTURE UPDATE

Montgomery is part of the Rural Entrepreneurial Venture (REV) program sponsored by the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation and supported by the Blandin Foundation, Region Nine Development Commission, and the University of Minnesota Extension.

The intention of the program has been to find and ignite existing entrepreneurs in our community by adopting a “grow your own” approach to business development, helping create a more vibrant community by growing from within. The program has focused on a range of groups, from business startups to existing businesses that want to grow and worked to encourage youth to remain or return to the community. Some of the activities the group has completed include providing small business workshops, conducting a Civic Summit to bring our different civic groups together, work with TCU to support their STEAM Initiative, and

conduct one-on-one interviews and focus groups with our local businesses.

As the program approaches the end of its three years, the REV group is transitioning to a subcommittee of the Economic Development Authority to continue the ideas, programs, and initiatives it started and continue to work to assist area businesses and entrepreneurs. They would like to share some of the results from the one-on-one interviews. Scan the QR code below to view these results or visit our website at www.cityofmontgomerymn.com/rev.



RECREATIONAL BACK-YARD FIRES

Sitting around a fire with friends is a regular past-time for many residents, especially when the evenings start to get a bit chilly, and the days get shorter.

If you plan to have a recreational fire, please keep the following in mind.

- Check for fire danger and burning restrictions on the MN DNR website (www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire)
- The fire pit cannot be more than 3 feet in diameter.
- The fire itself cannot be higher than 3 feet.
- The pit must be 25 feet from structures. This includes combustible fencing.
- A water source needs to be available to douse the fire.
- Only burning of firewood; no leaves, garbage, waste lumber, and other such items can be burned.

When having a back-yard fire, also keep your neighbors in mind and try to avoid a situation where the smoke blows into their home.

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