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February 2016 Newsletter
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For more information please see our website at: www.townofmontgomery.com

Town Hall Hours - Monday through Thursday - 8:15 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Friday - 8:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Abraham Lincoln's Birthday - February 12th

St. Valentine's Day - February 14th

Presidents' Day - Town Hall will be closed on Monday, February 15th

George Washington's Birthday - February 22nd

February Meeting Schedule - **Subject to change; please confirm meeting date before attending.**

Planning Board - Mon., Feb. 8th & Mon., Feb. 29th at 7:30 p.m.; Work Session Feb. 3rd at 9:00 a.m.

Town Board - Thurs., February 4th at 7:00 p.m. & Work Audit on Thurs., February 11th, 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Board - Wednesday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Other Monthly Town of Montgomery Committee Meeting Dates:

Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) - Meeting monthly each 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Seniors Independence Project - Meeting monthly each 2nd Wednesday, 2 p.m.

Historic Preservation Commission - Quarterly Meeting

Attention Seniors!! Orange County Office for the Aging - Tax Aide Program for Orange County Seniors

Once again the Town of Montgomery will be supporting this program by having Town Hall as one of the sites used for tax appointments, starting in February. Please call the Town Clerk's Office at 845-457-2660 to make an appointment or for more information.

Questions Regarding Income Tax Filing Information

For Federal Filing: IRS Telephone Assistance for Individuals: Toll-Free, 800-829-1040

For NYS Filing: Personal Income Tax Information Center 518-457-5181

Town of Montgomery and Will Spay Pets, Inc. Spay/Neuter Certificate Program



Cat Spay/Neuter Program for Town of Montgomery Residents. Cats may be spayed/neutered at any T.A.R.A. location. Certificates may be purchased at 110 Bracken Road, Montgomery, NY. Proof of residency and a cash payment of \$25.00 are due at that time. For more information contact the Town Clerk at 845-457-2660.

Rabies Clinic- Please call O.C. Health Department at 291-2331 for upcoming rabies clinics.

If You Love Me, License Me

ALL DOGS over the age of 4 months must be licensed in New York State. Contact the Town Clerk at 457-2660 for registration information.

Highway Department - Illegal Snow Deposit

The Town of Montgomery Highway Department is reminding residents not to push snow out of their driveway and into the road, as they will be held responsible if the snow from their driveway causes an accident. This includes shoveling and snow blowing snow into the road. As per Section 1219, Vehicle and Traffic Law, Subsection 214, it is "illegal to deposit snow, or any other substance likely to injure any person, animal or vehicle upon such highway." any person, animal or vehicle upon such highway."

Assessment Announcements

Taxable Status date is **March 1st**. Anyone who has the Basic Star exemption and is turning 65 years old, must contact the Assessor to apply for the Enhanced Star before the **March 1st** deadline. **Grievance Day** will take place on Tuesday, May 24, 2016. For more information, contact the Assessor's Office at 457-2650.

Receiver of Taxes Hours

2016 Town and County tax bills are now due with a 1% penalty and payable by mail or in person. Their hours for collecting in February are as follows: **Monday & Wednesday, 8:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Friday, 8:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.** The penalty amount appears on the tax bill.

Orange County Arboretum

Beekeeping from A to Z - Saturday, February 20th from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. \$30.00 per person, pre-registration required. Call 615-3828 to reserve a spot.

Composting and Worms - Saturday, February 27th, from 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Ages 5 and up, pre-registration required. \$3.00 per child. Call 615-3828 to reserve a spot.

Snow Tubing at Orange County's Thomas Bull Park

The Orange County Snow Tubing & Winter Sports Park is open, conditions and weather permitting. For details call Tom Quinlisk at 457-4910 or tquinlisk@orangecountygov.com. Skating, sledding and more available!

Also, visit www.orangetourism.org to find area events to help beat the winter blues.

Emergency Assistance Program for Senior & Disabled Citizens

If you are disabled or handicapped in any way, you can register to be included on an emergency list to ensure that you are safe during an emergency or natural disaster. Call Officer Joanne Jackson at 457-9211 for more information.

Town of Montgomery Seniors Independence Project Training

Neighbors helping neighbors = What our community is all about. The Town has organized a volunteer program to help our senior neighbors remain independent and safe. If you are interested in more information or receiving services or becoming a volunteer, please call 457-4138 to leave your name and telephone number for the program coordinator to get back to you.

TOMSIP Volunteer Training Dates - Part One - Please call 457-4138 to register

Wednesday, March 9th at 10:00 a.m.

HEAP - Home Energy Assistance Program - Orange County Dept. of Social Services

The 2015 - 2016 Home Energy Assistance Program opened Monday, November 9th. HEAP is a federally funded program that assists eligible households meet their energy needs during the winter months. Application appointments are scheduled by calling 291-2002 for the following locations: 141 Broadway, Newburgh, NY 12550, 33 Fulton Plaza, Middletown, NY 10940. Want to go see if you may be eligible? Complete a HEAP pre-screening at www.mybenefits.ny.gov. Other assistance includes Emergency Benefit, which opens on Jan. 4, 2016 and Heating Equipment Repair or Replacement.

Montgomery Food Pantry

Open: Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Food Pantry is located at 2200 Route 208 South, Montgomery, NY 12549. The mailing address is: P.O. Box 423, Montgomery, NY 12549.

To receive food from the pantry, the following is required: ID for everyone in the household, Verification of address, Must be a resident of the Valley Central School System. Monetary and food donations are always welcomed. Food donations that are needed: Cereal, canned fruits, peanut butter, canned vegetables, soups, tuna fish.

Power Outage Safety/Life Support Apparatus/Service for Seniors/Special Assistance Programs

If you are a Central Hudson customer and you would like information regarding Life Support, Service for Seniors or Special Assistance Programs, go to <http://www.centralhudson.com/specialassistance/index.aspx>.

If you are a NYSEG customer, call 1-800-572-1111 or go to

<http://www.nyseg.com/UsageAndSafety/electricalsafety/stormsafety.html?menu=1081>

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING: 1-866-SAFE-NYS, or call: Town Police 457-9211, State Police - 457- 1388.