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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

New Year's Day - Town Hall will be closed on Friday, January 1, 2016

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Town Hall will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2016

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

Planning Board - Mon., Jan. 11th & Mon., Jan. 25th at 7:30 p.m., Work Session Wed., Jan. 6th at 9:00 a.m.

Town Board Reorganization Meeting - Thurs., January 7th, 7:00 p.m. & Work Audit on Thurs., January 14th, 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Board - Tuesday, January 19th, 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, 2:00 p.m.

Historic Preservation Commission - Quarterly Meeting

E-ZPass[®] On-the-Go - Town Clerk Retailer

E-Zpass On-the-Go allows busy travelers to open an E-ZPass account without filling out an application or waiting in line. Customers can purchase an E-ZPass for \$25.00; cash or checks are accepted. Then register the tag and enjoy the time and money savings E-ZPass offers. Visit or call the Town Clerk's office at 457-2660 for more information.

Snow Tubing at Orange County's Thomas Bull Park

The Orange County Snow Tubing & Winter Sports Park is scheduled to tentatively open Sat., Jan. 16th, conditions and weather permitting. Call 845-457-4949 or 845-457-4910 for more information.

Receiver of Taxes Hours

2016 Town and County tax bills are now due and payable by mail or in person beginning Monday, Jan. 4, 2016 thru Monday, Feb. 2, 2016 without penalty. Hours are as follows: **January: Mon. through Thurs. - 8:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Friday - 8:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.; Feb. 1, 2016, 8:15 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - LAST DAY TO PAY WITHOUT PENALTY.**

Attention Seniors!! 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 for more 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."

Village of Walden Events

6th Annual Leadership Awards - Thursday, Jan. 14th at 6:30 p.m. Bradley Assembly Room, 3rd Floor, Municipal Bldg.

Village of Montgomery Events

Grand Montgomery Chamber Music & Theatre Series Concert - Bergen String Quartet on Sun., Jan. 10, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

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.

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's Office for registration 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, Jan. 13th at 10:00 a.m.

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

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.

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 or someone in your household needs electricity to operate a life-sustaining device, make arrangements in advance for a back-up power supply or transportation to a facility with emergency power in case of a power outage. with emergency power in case of a power outage. Call 452-2700 for more information.

Both Central Hudson and NYSEG have information regarding storm safety and life sustaining equipment.

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; O.C. Sheriff - 291-2329