

Town of Montgomery Newsletter

JULY 2023



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

Montgomery will host its annual Parade on Tuesday, July 4th.
Rain or shine.

Floats will meet at the St. Isadores Parish parking lot at 11:30AM and the parade will begin at Noon and proceed to the Rec Center for the Montgomery Fire Department chicken BBQ Lunch, live music, and games.



MONTGOMERY FARMER'S MARKET

The Montgomery Farmer's Market returns to the Pratt Hall Lawn this summer. Opening Saturday, July 1st and continuing every Saturday from 9:30AM-1PM. Featuring local vendors selling their home goods, local meats and cheeses, jams and baked goods, soaps and essential oils, maple products and more.

ANNUAL LIBRARY AUCTION

Support the local Library at their 15th Annual Montgomery Town Library Wine & Cheese Silent Auction Fundraiser. Friday, July 28th from 6-9PM at Phineas Swann Bed & Breakfast. Many items from talented local craftspeople and artists, donations and gift certificates from local and regional businesses (including a Jay Peak Season Ski Pass and Water Park Passes), and many more amazing items!!!

Suggested admission: \$10 donation.

Live auction begins @ 7:45 for Select Items.

Tables will close in 15-minute increments starting shortly after Live Auction.

For more information email Patty Hathaway at westhillhathaway@gmail.com or Patty Perl at pkc.perl@gmail.com

MES LEAPS DAY CAMP

Leaps Day Camp at the Rec Center is July 5th through August 9th, Monday through Friday for 2023-24's 1st-5th graders.

Kids will have daily activities and games planned, and each week features a field trip.

For more information, dates, and themes, email Renee Davidson at renee.davidson@fnesu.org

MONTGOMERY SUMMER SESSIONS

The Montgomery Rec Center is excited to announce the return of our summer music series for the 2023 season! This will mark the 9th year of hosting this beloved event, which brings families and friends together to enjoy music, food, and fun!

At the Rec Center Pavillion. Free and open to the public. Donations welcome.

July Summer Sessions concerts scheduled for Tuesday, July 4th with the Old Man Garage Band (from 1-3PM);

Thursday July 13th with Matthew Mercury (6-9PM); Thursday, July 20th with the Seth Yacavone Band (6-9PM)

FROM THE MCA

The MCA is continuing the campaign to raise funds for the Exterior Restoration and Preservation of the building. Michael Domina collaborated with the MCA on a successful art sale in June at the Red Barn Studio, and the remaining pieces have since been relocated to the MCA Main Gallery for continued showing and sales. The goal is to raise \$10,000 in order to be in a comfortable position for finalizing the window restoration, exterior stripping and repainting of the building. Michael Domina's generous donation of his extensive Vermont collection of paintings is now on display and for sale in person at the MCA and online at our new website storefront.

www.montgomerycenterforthearts.com/category/all-products

All sales benefit this restoration initiative.

This summer, the MCA will be the host space for "Quiet Space Sundays" from 12-1PM, which begins with a guided meditation hosted by Melinda Swerigen. Join us for a wonderful way to defragment your mind from the week before and to gear up for the week to come. These Meditations will continue through September. This series is presented by the Montgomery Community Church.

YOGA

>>A new yoga series opens at the Grange. Led by certified yoga instructor Emily. Hatha Level 1&2 focused on alignment based postures, breath work, and meditation. Tuesdays from 9-10AM. \$10 per class.

>>J Mountain Yoga continues Gentle Vinyasa Yoga on Thursdays from 9-10AM at the Grange. \$10 per class.

LOCAL RESTAURANT INFO

THE INN

1st and 3rd Friday of June, July, Aug, and Labor Day weekend oyster bar, \$2 a shuck.

July 9th is our monthly wine pairing lunch -- 5 wines, 4-course lunch -- \$50pp -- advanced reservations required.

July 2nd -- Italian Night -- special wine and meal menu featuring Italian inspired cuisine.

July 30th is the monthly CEA (Celebration of Expressive Arts) come join us at The INN for an artist of the spoken word, a visual artist, and a band. Showtime around 7 pm, dinner starts at 5pm. Tables by reservations.

HAZEN'S NOTCH CONSERVATION TRUST (HNCT)

We are pleased to introduce the Hazen's Notch Conservation Trust (HNCT), a local non-profit land trust with a focus on the conservation of forests, wildlife habitats, natural areas, farmland, soil and water resources, undeveloped open space, and non-motorized recreational trails in the Town of Montgomery.

A local land trust provides owners of moderate to smaller land parcels an opportunity to conserve their properties in a way that meets their needs and preserves the natural landscape for the future. These conserved lands also provide the public with opportunities for low-impact recreation while enjoying nature's beauty.

The HNCT is working with local landowners and collaborating with other conservation organizations to identify opportunities for protecting important natural areas. The HNCT is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit, charitable organization. For more information about how to support the Trust or to become involved, please visit <https://hnct.org/> or contact us at hazensnotchvt@gmail.com.

HISTORICAL EXHIBIT

FRIENDS OF THE MONTGOMERY TOWN LIBRARY presents an exhibit of images and text on the life of General Montgomery displayed in the halls of the PSB. The town of Montgomery was named for Major General Richard Montgomery, who was killed in the American Revolution. A colorful new exhibit on his "short, ironic life" has been mounted in the town Public Safety Building on Mountain Road. Montgomery was killed while leading the American assault on the British fortress of Quebec in a raging blizzard in December, 1775. This exhibit recounts Montgomery's short ironic life in eight 11-by-17-inch wall panels illustrated with historic pictures of the general and photographs of Montgomery Place, the estate built by his widow on the Hudson River, in New York. A full-size reproduction of the dramatic oil painting, *The Death of Montgomery in the Attack on Quebec, December 31, 1775*, by John Trumbull, the so-called "painter of the Revolution" whose subjects included George Washington and other Founding Fathers, is also on exhibit.

The exhibit may be viewed whenever the library (802-326-3113) or the town clerk's office (802-326-4719) are open. The exhibit is free but donations to support the library are welcome.

MUNICIPAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS

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Mondays: 9AM-12PM; 1PM-6PM [closed for lunch from 12-1PM]

Tuesdays: 9AM-3PM

Wednesdays: 9AM-3PM

Thursdays: 9AM-3PM

Fridays: 9AM-1PM

HOLIDAY CLOSURES: Monday, July 3rd-Friday, July 7th for Summer Break

MEETING DATES

Select Board -- 6:30PM on June 3rd and 17th at PSB ~ Library Board of Trustees -- 6PM on July 10th at Library
Planning Commission -- 6PM on July 18th at PSB ~ Conservation Commission -- 5:30PM on July 5th at PSB

Most meetings are in person at this time, with some hybrid zoom options available.

A link to online forums can be found on the municipal website montgomeryvt.us/groups/gov