



ECLIPSE GUIDE FOR Montgomery RESIDENTS

Monday, April 8, 2024, we get front-row seats to about three minutes of near-darkness at approximately 3:26 p.m. during a breathtaking total solar eclipse. We could expect record numbers of tourists visiting Montgomery and the surrounding area. Think July 4th Parade, multiplied several times! By preparing in advance, you and your family can enjoy the eclipse with minimal disruption.

- ❖ **Heavy Traffic:** Traffic in our area will likely get very busy beginning Friday, April 5, through Tuesday, April 9, especially around gas stations, retail stores, and restaurants. Be prepared for heavy traffic before and after the eclipse, as well as increased traffic on route 105, route 118 & 242. [Jay Peak is marketing a **large** event]
- ❖ **Schedule Wisely:** Schedule your errands and appointments early if possible. Check ahead if you have plans for Monday the 8th; some services may be closed or have limited hours during this time. **The Town Offices & Town Library will be CLOSED on the 8th to ensure that the Public Safety Building can be staffed by Fire & Emergency Services that day; access to the PSB lot will be closed to all non-EMS personnel.**
- ❖ **Get Groceries/ Gas Up:** Fill up your gas tank/charge automobiles completely several days in advance to avoid long lines at gas stations. Beat the crowds and do your grocery shopping the week prior. Stock up on food, water, prescriptions, and pet supplies.
- ❖ **Anticipate Wireless Disruptions:** Prepare for slower cell/internet service and potential issues with debit/credit card machines.
- ❖ **Cash:** If you regularly use cash or want some on hand, consider visiting your local bank or ATM before April 5th as some ATMs that operate on Wi-Fi might be unavailable due to the increased cellular traffic.
- ❖ **Landowners:** Consider temporarily posting private property 'no trespassing' signs to help discourage unwanted parking on your property. You can find these at local hardware stores.
- ❖ **Emergency Plan:** Review and update your family's emergency plans and build a home safety kit. Even if you don't use it for the eclipse, it will be useful during a winter storm, flood, or fire. Please refrain from campfires & fireworks as Early April we will likely be amid very dry conditions. NO burn permits will be given out that weekend.