



# MONTGOMERY

## TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY

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### COMMUNITY CALENDAR FILLED WITH EVENTS

Montgomery was buzzing with activity this spring and as we head into the summer, there are even more events to enjoy. In March, we hosted a Services Fair that included a town hall with our federal legislator, Representative Bonnie Watson Coleman. Residents and local business owners also had the opportunity to speak with staff members from state and federal legislative offices who help navigate access to veterans affairs programs, Medicare, small business programs and more.

In April, the weather warmed up and we held several events to celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day. During our Stream Cleanup, 100 volunteers helped remove garbage from Rock Brook, including items left behind follow-

ing Hurricane Ida. At our Earth Day Fair, we turned trash to treasure, preventing tons (literally) of material from ending up in the landfill.

Early May saw the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Fling, with the tossing of colored powder to spread good luck. As we head into June, we invite you to join us at one of our upcoming events, including our community picnic on June 2 and the fireworks on June 29. ■

- Mayor Devra Keenan**
- Deputy Mayor Neena Singh**
- Vincent Barragan**
- Patricia Taylor Todd**
- Dennis Ahn**



## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

JUNE  
02

**COMMUNITY  
PICNIC**

VETERANS PARK PAVILION



JUNE  
03

**TRAILS DAY**

BOARD OF EDUCATION TRAILS  
265 BURNT HILL RD., SKILLMAN



JUNE  
29

**MONTGOMERY  
FIREWORKS**

MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL



## BE STREET SMART IN THE TOWNSHIP

Our police department launched a Street Smart Program in May as part of a statewide education, awareness and behavior change initiative to address pedestrian and bicycle safety. Over the month, the campaign worked to reach motorists, cyclists and pedestrians, reminding everyone that roadway safety is a collective effort.

“We’ll continue enforcing pedestrian safety laws, making sure motorists are aware they must stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk, follow the posted speed limit and not become distracted while driving,” said Captain Silvio Bet,

Montgomery Township Police Director.

Officers have conducted directed enforcement of speeding and distracted

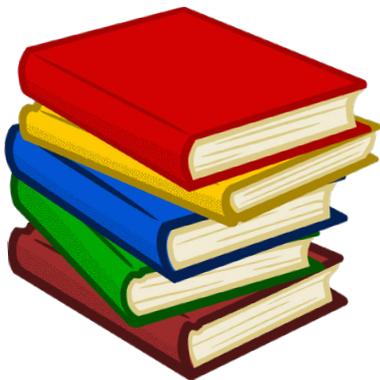
**Encourages motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists to share the road and obey all traffic safety laws.**

*Montgomery Twp Committee  
April 20 Proclamation*

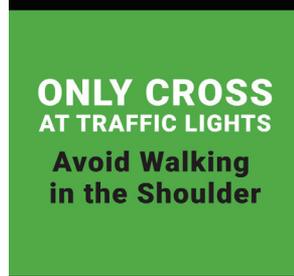
driving violations throughout our community. The Township Committee issued a proclamation naming May 2023 Pedestrian and Bike Safety Month in hopes of furthering public awareness of important safety issues. ■

## CONCERTS, PROGRAMS, MEDIA & MORE AT OUR LIBRARY

There is something for everyone at the Montgomery Branch of the Somerset County Library System! Each week staff offer exciting programs including storytime, creation station and tutoring. The Digital Preservation Lab continues to grow, with new tools coming online to help convert your family’s memories to digital files.



As school winds down, get ready for summer reading with the theme “All Together Now: Todos Juntos Ahora” that will focus on kindness, friendship and unity. Stop by the library today and explore all it has to offer. ■



### Montgomery Library Upcoming Programs

**June 28 • 5:00 P.M.**

**WHY DON'T ADULTS TAKE OUR RELATIONSHIPS SERIOUSLY?**  
A conversation for teens in grades 9-12 about recognizing and preventing dating abuse.

**July 18 • 6:30 P.M.**

**CONCERT: JAKE & DAN DUO**  
Acoustic/electric duo consisting of two accomplished musicians from Edison, NJ.

**August 15 • 6:30 P.M.**

**CONCERT: THE FERMENTERS TRIO**  
A heady mix of alt-folk, bluegrass, Americana, country and eclectic originals.

# ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDEES & ACTION

As leaves started budding on the trees, the Montgomery community took to the outdoors to help the local ecosystem this spring. Starting with the Stream Cleanup on April 15, 100 volunteers spent the morning retrieving trash from Rock Brook in collaboration with The Watershed Institute.

The following week, our Shade Tree Committee held a celebratory planting of a willow oak at the Montgomery Arboretum. The committee distributed seedlings at several events including at workshops to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. At the Earth Day Fair held at Montgomery Municipal Center, residents showed up to recycle and donate thousands of items.

During the April 20 Township Committee meeting, the second annual Environmental Awards were presented to the following people and groups for their outstanding sustainability accomplishments:

- **Viktorija & Daniel Leopold**  
(Water Resources)
- **Orchard Farm Organics**  
(Climate Change & Clean Air)
- **RE Sports**  
(Healthy & Sustainable Business)
- **Clem Fiori**  
(Healthy Ecosystems & Habitats)
- **Sarah Roberts & Larry Koplik**  
(Landowner of the Year)



## HOW MONTGOMERY HELPED OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

### EARTH DAY FAIR:



#### DONATED

- 55 Bikes
- 45 Tennis Racquets
- 15 Boxes of Books
- 90 lbs. of Shoes

#### RECYCLED

- 38 lbs. of Printer Cartridges
- Hundreds of Plastic Flower Pots
- Scrap Metal
- Electronics



### STREAM CLEANUP:

- 100 Community Volunteers
- 433 lbs. of Trash Collected



# KNOW YOUR TOWN

## HAVE AN ELDERLY PARENT OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBER WITH ADVANCED MEDICAL NEEDS?

New Jersey's Register Ready program is a confidential database that helps local first responders reach those needing additional assistance faster during a natural disaster, evacuation or power outage. Access the registration portal through the township website.



## WHAT IS THE VACATION NOTIFICATION FORM?

If you are going to be away from home for any extended period of time and would like to notify Montgomery Township Police as to whom we may contact in the event of an emergency, please fill out the form on our website.



## SIGN UP FOR SUMMER CAMP



Registration for Montgomery Parks and Recreation Summer Camp is ongoing. Rec-N-Crew is held at Orchard Hill Elementary School and residents entering 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades are eligible to attend. Sign up today before spots fill!

## LET'S CONNECT MONTGOMERY!



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## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

- Municipal Offices (908) 359-8211
- Non-Emergency Police (908) 874-3333
- Parks & Recreation (609) 466-3023
- Senior Center & Food Pantry (609) 466-0846
- Department of Public Works (908) 874-3144