



# MONTGOMERY

## TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY

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### ANOTHER WONDERFUL SUMMER

We hope you enjoyed your summer and are excited for the start of the new school year. As everyone settles into a new morning routine, please take a few extra minutes for your commute and be extra aware of students headed to school. Earlier this year we started a pedestrian and bicycle safety initiative focused on educating everyone on making our roads safer. In August, we cut the ribbon on the main phase of improvements along Orchard Rd. that make it safer for pedestrians to access our Municipal Center and library.

More work is taking place across our community to make intersections safer for pedestrians and bicycles. Take a few moments to review the safety tips we've shared with your families.

The summer has been filled with activities, including our Community Picnic where we thanked our local fire and emergency volunteers. We gathered at Veterans Park for ice cream



and music, recognizing everyone who gives back to Montgomery. At the end of June, we hosted our annual fireworks which had the highest attendance with a terrific band. Thank you to our sponsors who made the event possible, as well as our police and township staff who helped organize the logistics for a wonderful evening.

Our Parks & Recreation Department was busy this summer with camps for children of all ages and the return of Movie Night under the stars that was enjoyed by families

Fall is right around the corner and we would like to remind you that hurricane season runs through the end of November. Historically some of the heaviest storms in our area have happened late in the season, so now is a good time to clean

out your gutters, remove excess debris from your yard and check that your sump pump is working.

We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming community event including Trunk or Treat and A Return to Art in October.

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

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## WE WANT YOU TO BE SAFE: USE THE CROSSWALK

Since the spring, our Township Committee and Police Department have been working hard to share important tips on pedestrian and bicycle safety. As we prepare for the start of the new school year, we're amplifying our efforts to keep everyone on our roadways safe.



On August 9, Township Committee members and staff cut the ribbon on the main phase of pedestrian safety improvements along Orchard Rd. in front of the Municipal Center.

## DON'T BE THE VICTIM OF THEFT

*Are you doing everything you can to keep your home and cars safe?*

### MONTGOMERY POLICE DEPARTMENT IS REMINDING ALL RESIDENTS TO FOLLOW THESE HOME SECURITY TIPS:



1. Lock your car and remove all key fobs when not in use.

2. Close your garage door.



3. Remove packages from your front door and mailbox quickly.

4. Make sure security cameras and motion-activated flood lights are working.



5. Keep your exterior lights on overnight.

6. See something suspicious? Give us a call at (908) 359-3222

## 67% of Pedestrian-Vehicle Crashes Occur at Places Other Than Intersections



Source: Arizona State University Center for Problem-Oriented Policing

We recommend pedestrians avoid crossing Route 206 as much as possible. It is a state highway that should only be crossed at controlled intersections with traffic lights. When you jaywalk - or cross where there isn't a crosswalk - you increase the potential for a crash.



## Cross at the Crosswalk

Montgomery wants you to be safe. Only cross in the crosswalk and wait for the light to change. Walking a little bit out of the way and waiting an extra minute could save your life.

**MONTGOMERY CARES ABOUT YOU**

# FLU SEASON IS APPROACHING • GET YOUR VACCINE IN OCTOBER AND STAY HEALTHY ALL SEASON

With the start of flu season around the corner, Montgomery Health Department is reminding everyone that getting vaccinated is the best way to keep your entire family healthy. For older adults and people with underlying conditions, vaccination can help prevent severe illness should you be exposed.

Our health department is offering vaccine clinics for adults over the age of 65 on the following Thursdays:

- **October 5**
- **October 12**
- **October 26**

The clinics will be held at Otto Kaufman Community Center from 10 A.M. to 12 P.M.

*Additional pop-up clinics for residents of all ages will be announced in the fall. Please check with your health care provider or local pharmacy for vaccine availability as well.*

## SAVE THE DATE

### Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 28  
Montgomery High School Parking Lot



### A Return to Art

Opening Reception - Friday, October 27  
Exhibition & Sale - October 28 - 29  
1060 Rt. 206, Princeton, NJ 08540

### Election Day

Tuesday, November 7  
6 A.M. - 8 P.M.



## THREE WAYS TO VOTE THIS FALL

### VOTE BY MAIL

Ballots Mail in September  
Request a Ballot Today!



### EARLY VOTING

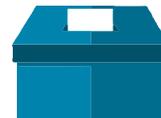
October 28 - November 5  
Mon - Sat 10 A.M. - 8 P.M.  
Sun 10 A.M. - 6 P.M.

Available at Montgomery Municipal Center

### IN PERSON

Tuesday, November 7  
6 A.M. - 8 P.M.

Find Your Polling Location



# How to Prepare for a Hurricane or Tropical Storm

Hurricane Season Continues Through November 30

*Be in the Know*  
Sign Up for  
Emergency  
Alerts  
Through  
Nixle



## BEFORE



## DURING



## AFTER

- Sign Up for Emergency Alerts Through Nixle
- Prepare Your Home:
  - Clean Out Your Gutters
  - Remove Debris from Your Yard
  - Check Your Sump Pump
  - Test Your Backup Generator
- **Have Emergency Contact Information Available**
- Verify Your Homeowners/Renters Insurance Coverage is What You Need
- Fully Charge Your Cell Phone

- Follow Weather Forecasts Closely
- Stay Off of Roads
- Report Power Outages Using PSE&G App
- **Be Prepared to Evacuate if Instructed**

- Avoid Downed Power Lines - **Assume ALL are Active**
- Do Not Drive Through Flooded Roads - **Assume Water is Deep**
- Inspect Utilities at Your Home
- Take Photos of All Damage
- Check Township Website for Information About Disposing of Storm Debris

**SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE TO READ MORE TIPS:**



### POWER OUT?

Report Through PSE&G App or Text "OUT" to 4PSEG (47734)

Download Now



### ADDITIONAL AID NEEDED?

If you use life-sustaining equipment that relies on electricity, sign up for NJ Register Ready.

Sign Up Today



### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS QUESTIONS?

Visit the Township Website or Contact Montgomery's Emergency Management Coordinator (908) 533-1019



### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Police Non-Emergency (908) 359-3222  
Public Works (908) 874-3144  
Health Department (908) 533-9326

**HELP FIRST RESPONDERS HELP YOU SIGN UP FOR SMART911**

