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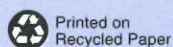
April 2000

Spring ahead April 2

When you go to bed Saturday night, April 1, be sure to set your clocks ahead by one hour. Daylight Savings Time officially begins at 2 a.m., April 2.

Part-Time Summer Workers Needed

Applications are being taken for summer part-time help. Positions include lifeguards, concession workers, camp counselors, and one full time pool manager. Pick-up your application at city hall.



Three residents named to Council

Montgomery's City Council has made three appointments to replace the Council members who resigned earlier this year. New members are **Edward T. Daniel**, **Michael W. Hawkins** and **Lynda E. Roesch**.

Edward Daniel, who has served seven years on the City's Planning Commission, is an Associate Director of CAPV CCG. He has consulted on projects for government entities and Fortune 1000 companies such as P & G, American Express and the World Bank, with emphasis on in-plant and organizational printing, electronic information flow, Print-on-Demand, forms automation and other print/image cost containment and revenue driving processes.

Mr. Daniel received his B.B.A. in Marketing from the University of Cincinnati. He has been active in projects such as revitalization of the Storybook Neighborhood Association and the successful campaign to fund Pioneer Park through a property tax issue. He is also active with Church of the Savior.

Michael Hawkins lived in the area since 1979, moving into Montgomery in 1995. An attorney with Dinsmore and Shohl specializing in employment litigation, employment law counseling, collective bargaining, in-house training and mediation/arbitration, he has been listed since 1992 in The Best Lawyers in America for his expertise in labor and employment law. He has experience representing public entities and had served as the City Prosecutor for Fairfax and Blue Ash early in his career.

Mr. Hawkins earned a B.A. from the University of Kentucky

and a J.D. degree from the University of Kentucky College of Law. He is a Board member of the American Red Cross, Greater Cincinnati Area Chapter, having previously served as Chapter Chair.

Lynda Roesch, a ten-year resident of Montgomery, is an attorney with Dinsmore and Shohl. Her law practice focuses on trademark and unfair competition law, as well as copyright and intellectual property law. Over the past three years, she has actively worked with the U.S. House and Senate on laws relating to trademarks and the internet.

Ms. Roesch has a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from the University of Notre Dame, a Masters of Science from the University of Michigan and a J.D. degree from the University of Toledo College of Law.

A member of the Montgomery Arts Commission and Public Art Committee, Ms. Roesch is also active in the All Saints Parish.

The new members will be sworn into office at 6:30 p.m. preceding Council's April 5 business session. The ceremony is open to the public.

One year ago...

It's been nearly one year since a devastating tornado ripped through portions of the City of Montgomery, leaving in its wake four deaths, numerous injuries, and damage and destruction to hundreds of homes and businesses and to the Johnson and Hazelwood Nature Preserves. In spite of

the devastation, the tornado proved to be a testament to the strong will of our residents to rebuild from this disaster and to the significant amount of volunteerism that provided support and assistance to those who suffered such a great loss on April 9, 1999.

Looking at the neigh-

borhoods today, it is easy to see the countless number of hours that residents, volunteers, and city employees alike have made toward the rebuilding effort. In the April 9th storm, 33 single family and 2 commercial properties were condemned, with between 150-175 single family

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Tornado: watches, warnings & sirens

As we approach the severe weather season, it is important to remember the following information:

A tornado watch is issued when weather conditions are favorable for the formation of tornadoes. During a tornado watch, be mindful of the weather and be prepared to take shelter immediately if conditions worsen.

A tornado warning is issued when a tornado

is sighted and confirmed or indicated by radar. You should take shelter immediately. Because tornadoes can form and move quickly, there may not be time for a warning to be effective. Be sure to stay alert during severe weather conditions.

Outdoor warning sirens in Hamilton County sound a steady tone for either a tornado warning or a severe thunderstorm warning during a tornado watch.

Outdoor warning sirens cannot usually be heard through physical barriers, such as a vehicle or building. Their effectiveness is also dramatically reduced by background noise and terrain.

Tone-alerting weather radios are the most effective means by which to receive severe weather warnings indoors. Radios that have a battery back up and tone-alerting feature which automatical-

Important note about sirens

- Sirens are now tested twice each month on the first and third Wednesday at noon. In case of threatening weather, the test is canceled so as not to alarm anyone needlessly.
- In an actual emergency, sirens are sounded for a period of five minutes. Previously, sirens had been sounded for three minutes.

ly alerts you to a weather warning are recommended.

Outdoor warning sirens, indoor tone alerting weather radios and attention to radio

and television broadcasts during severe weather warnings and watches form an integrated warning system created to best protect you and your family.

One year ago...

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homes damaged to some extent in the City of Montgomery.

To date, 11 of the 33 single family homes destroyed by the tornado have been rebuilt and are now occupied. Six of the 33 homes were able to be repaired and are now occupied. Another 9 remain under construction at this time. Several lots or newly rebuilt homes are currently for sale in the area. The 150-175 homes damaged by the storm have been repaired, but the impact to the trees and natural areas will be felt for many years to come.

The rebuilding and repair of the buildings and equipment that were damaged or destroyed at the Service Department is now complete. While

some site work and clean up has been done, the majority of exterior site work and final clean up has just begun. This includes debris removal, planting approximately 50 trees on site, and replacement of almost 700 linear feet of fencing along the east and south property lines.

Significant work has been completed at the Johnson Nature Preserve. The walking trail was reopened by late summer of last year.

This work was included in a comprehensive recovery plan presented in a report to City Council by the Urban Forest Recovery Evaluation Team on April 29, 1999.

The goal of the plan is to enhance rather than

impede the natural reforestation process that will occur in the Preserve over time. The City of Montgomery has submitted an application for a NatureWorks grant for the purchase and replanting of native trees, shrubs and groundcover plants that will further enhance the recovery process. If the City of Montgomery is successful in obtaining funding for a planting project, work would begin in the fall planting season this year.

The natural recovery of the Preserve is also enhanced by the manner in which the large volume of tree debris is shifted or removed from the area. The majority of tree debris will be left in place or cut and shifted to allow contact with the soil to

hasten the natural decay process.

Some areas have amounts of tree debris in too great a volume to allow natural decomposition. These areas are then evaluated for debris removal that will enhance the recovery process. Several locations are scheduled for debris removal within the Johnson Nature Preserve utilizing methods that will not cause any long-term damage to the ecosystem within the Preserve. The debris removal will take approximately 4 to 6 months to complete.

While we all hope that we will never have to face another tornado or other natural disaster in our community, all City departments have been working to update disaster preparedness and response plans, resource lists, and supplies and equipment

in the City's Emergency Operations Center. While the City has been called upon by many statewide organizations and associations to educate others about our disaster preparedness and response plans, we are constantly striving to improve our operations in the event that we are faced with another disaster.

As we approach the one year anniversary of the April 9th tornado, the city would like to remember those affected by this devastating storm and acknowledge all residents, volunteers, elected officials, employees and the officials and employees of the countless cities, social service agencies, churches, and other jurisdictions that assisted in the emergency response and clean up associated with this disaster.