

New life buds at Johnson Preserve

The Johnson Nature Preserve continues as a point of interest to the local media and residents of Montgomery. Channel 5-WLWT aired a special on April 7, commemorating the

one-year anniversary of the April 9 tornado.

Included in the broadcast was a segment on the recovery of the Johnson Nature Preserve. The trees lost

during the devastating winds of the F4 tornado have opened the forest canopy and as a result significant changes and growth are occurring on what was formerly the floor of the heavily

shaded forest. This was anticipated and was outlined in the report completed by the Urban Forest Recovery Evaluation Team that was distributed to Montgomery City Council shortly after the disaster.

The Service Department will continue to monitor the area as outlined in the report and will supervise and monitor activities within the Preserve including any debris removal and clean up, replanting, or plant removal. The NatureWorks grant application submitted last year is still under review and no response has been received from the State of Ohio Department of Natural Resources on the status of the funding requested for additional plantings and clean up within the Preserve. If you have questions, feel free to contact Bob Nikula at 792-8311.

Certificate of Appreciation

*A grateful community thanks you
for service above and beyond
the call of duty following
the April 9, 1999 tornado*



*The tree of life runs through us all.
Those who reach out their hand in healing are wise,
for they understand that when we
touch one another, we touch the world.*

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Giving thanks one year later

On Sunday, April 9, 2000, a ceremony was held at Sycamore High School to thank the many volunteers who came together to assist with the aftermath of the tornado. This is a copy of a certificate given to those who were acknowledged. It is presented here to acknowledge those of you who selflessly assisted your neighbors, and who were unable to attend the service.

Bridgework and resurfacing planned

Work will soon begin on the Montgomery Road bridge over State Route 126 (Cross County Highway). The project, being undertaken by the Ohio Department of Transportation, is expected to continue through September 30.

Traffic will be limited to one lane in each direction, so some congestion should be expected.

In addition to the bridge work, various areas will be resurfaced as part of the City's annual resurfacing program. Work will begin in the summer and is expected to be completed in early September.

Streets to be resurfaced this year include Deerfield Road (from Pfeiffer Road to Hartford Hill Lane), Acrewood Drive (from E. Kemper Road to

terminus), Escondido Drive (entire road); Old Pond Drive (from Tanagerwoods Drive to terminus); Weil Road (from Weller Road to Trail Lane); Sycamore Street (from Montgomery Road to Main Street); Delray Drive (from Cooper Road to 200 feet north of Cooper Lane); and Cooper Lane (from Delray Drive to the Montgomery corporation limit).

Also included in this year's resurfacing program is the resurfacing of parking areas and entrances at Montgomery Park off Schoolhouse Lane, parking areas and driveway to the Annex building at 10105 Montgomery Road, and parking areas and driveway to Pioneer Park off Deerfield Road.

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City Auction

A City auction is scheduled for June 3rd at the Service Center at 7315 Cornell Road. More details in the June Bulletin.