

Community commemorates 10th anniversary of disaster

With quiet reverence, Montgomery marked the anniversary of the early morning tornado that changed the community forever on April 9, 1999.

During a commemorative ceremony held on April 5, the feelings of many in the community were expressed through the words and stories of those that shared their memories of that day. With a mix of fact, emotion — and even some humor — the ceremony served as not only a remembrance of the aftermath of the disaster, but



In the photo at left, Montgomery employees from 1999 gather to pay tribute to those who were impacted by the tornado, as well as honor the countless volunteers who helped. Shown left to right are Cheryl Hilvert, Bob Nikula, Paul Wright, Tom Wolf, Susan Hamm, George Bracher, Jerry Beitman, Cindy Rains, and Mark Stagge. Below, Mayor Gerri Harbison address those in attendance, including High School Assistant Principal Antonio Shelton at far left.



also a celebration of the community spirit which endured.

During the event, a three-year fundraising campaign was announced to enhance the entrance and user-friendliness of the Johnson Nature Preserve, which was 90 percent destroyed by the F-4 twister.

The fundraising campaign seeks to enhance the entrance of the park in honor of those impacted by the tragedy and those who responded over the years of community rebuilding. Plans

for the entrance area include the addition of natural landscaping, pathways for easier access, a defined space for educational purposes, and new signage to explain the wonders of this natural environment.

A variety of gifting options will be available, including a unique opportunity for an individual sponsorship of the monument to be comprised of a brick pillar and bronze plaque as the centerpiece. Other options will range between \$50 and \$1,500. Each can be customized in both location and message.

Monument & Column
\$10,000 (Limit 1)

Landscape Bed & Bench
\$1500.00 (Limit 5)

Natural Bench along nature path
\$500.00 (Limit 8)

Memorial Brick Pavers (12"x12")
\$250 (Limit 50)

Personalized Brick Pavers (6"x8")
\$50 (Limit 250)

More information is available at Montgomery City Hall and at www.montgomeryohio.org.

HOW TO REACH US



City Hall
891-2424

Police Department
(non-emergency)
985-1600

Fire Department
(non-emergency)
985-1633

Service Department
792-8355

**Planning/Zoning/
Building**
792-8309

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Action Line**
792-8356

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792-8345

COUNCIL CORNER

Montgomery City Council will meet in its regular monthly business session on May 6 at the City Hall. Meetings begin at 7 p.m., with public comments welcomed on each item before Council.

Pending Legislation

■ An ordinance to amend appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Montgomery during the fiscal year ending

December 31, 2009

New Legislation

■ A resolution authorizing the extension of a contract with R.A. Miller Construction Co., for the Montgomery Road Streetscape Replacement Project

■ A resolution accepting a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Schumacher Dugan Construction for the 2009 Streetscape Resurfacing Program

Recent Council Action

APRIL 1 BUSINESS SESSION

Approved Legislation

■ An ordinance to amend appropriations for current expenses and

other expenditures of the City of Montgomery during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009 (passed first reading, 7-0)