

GMACC NEWS

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About the Chamber:

The Greater Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce (GMACC) is a volunteer driven organization committed to helping improve the economic viability of the greater Montgomery area.

We provide opportunities for members to promote their businesses, share ideas and to meet other business leaders. The relationships that are built in the chamber can mean *increased sales*, tips on new business opportunities and a voice in the growth and economic health of Montgomery.

The GMACC is also a member of the Illinois Chamber making additional information and services available to you.

Leads Group:

The Leads Group consists of 8 non-competing businesses. They meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month, at 12 noon at the Montgomery Village Hall.

For more information, please contact Leads President, Jennifer Jones Sinnott at: jjonesinnott@feltesinsurance.com

What are you waiting for?

Call **NOW** to schedule the next Business After Hours!

2009 Memberships:

Watch for membership renewals to be mailed the first week of March. We are up to 138 members, and growing.

Renewals are due April 1, 2009 and will continue to be offered at \$150.00. In today's tough economy, you can't afford to NOT network with the community in which you live and work.

[Download Membership Application](#)

New Executive Administrator welcomed to Chamber Office:

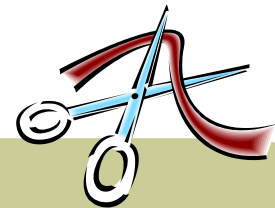
Trisha Wirth has been hired as the new Executive Administrator for the Greater Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce. She is available from 8am-4pm at our office where she is also the Executive Assistant of the Montgomery Economic Development Corporation.

Having Trisha at the office an additional two hours a day, allows better service to all chamber members. She is also a Public Notary. Please call her with any questions.



IRS 2009 Tax Calendar – Ready to Help Small Businesses

The Internal Revenue Service provides a free [2009 Small Business/ Self-Employed Tax Calendar](#) online. This is a great tool with day-to-day reminders such as when certain business taxes are due, various free information services available through the IRS, and interesting articles including "Tips on Maintaining Good Records" and "Your Rights as a Taxpayer".



2009 Scheduled Events

- Chamber 3rd Annual Dinner - May 14
Location TBD
- Chamber 10th Annual Golf Outing - July 16
Bliss Creek Golf Course, Sugar Grove, IL
- Montgomery Fest - August 8 & 9,
Montgomery Park
- Oktoberfest - October 2 & 3
Montgomery VFW
- Montgomery Tree Lighting Ceremony - December 6
Village Hall

Save The Date!

Ribbon Cutting:
Chase Bank
2101 Orchard Rd.
Montgomery, IL 60538
Friday, 2/20/09, 8:30am

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Montgomery Village Open House 3/14/09

This year's Open House will be held on Saturday, March 14th from 9:30 until noon in the Multi-Purpose Room of the new Montgomery Village Hall located at 200 N. River Street. The Open House is a great opportunity for residents to meet the Village President, Village Trustees, Department Heads and staff members. Refreshments will be served.

Tours of the Village Hall will be available throughout the morning. There will be many displays for residents to view relating to the Police Department, Public Works and other Village departments.

Since identity theft has become a real concern for everyone, a professional shredding service will be available for this Open House for residents to shred documents that may contain sensitive information. Please limit the amount of papers to two banker size boxes.

Earthmover Credit Union: Ribbon Cutting & Business After Hours

Earthmover Credit Union held a successful Business After Hours immediately following their ribbon cutting at 1260 Ogden Avenue on February 5, 2009. There was a steady flow of chamber members and very nice to see such an event so well attended.

New Membership in January 09

Kopy Kat Copier

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Chamber Board Member Update:

The Chamber Board is currently looking for two Board seat replacements. Individuals who submitted their requests are currently under review. Selections will be determined at the March Board meeting. Thank you and good luck to those interested parties.



Montgomery Blood Drive 3/12/09

3:00-7:00pm

Montgomery Village Hall
(Multi-Purpose Room)
200 N River Street, Montgomery

Schedule appointment at:
www.heartlandbc.org
Or call 630.896.8080 ext 1114

Avoid fines and stay in compliance with the new FMLA regulations!

The Department of Labor has released the official, revised Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) notice. The new FMLA regulations, including notice requirements, became effective on January 16.

Are your **postings** in compliance? You can be sure to stay in compliance when you trust the Illinois Chamber of Commerce to provide your mandatory employment posters.

The FMLA was recently amended for the first time since enacted in 1993 to extend leave protections to the families of U.S. Armed Forces members. All covered employers are required to post this new FMLA notice, along with the five other required federal postings included on our two-piece **poster sets**. Our sets also include the five Illinois employment postings required by all employers.

Our poster sets are now shipping! To get your sets, visit www.publicationresources.com or call us at (866) 817-7865. Our poster sets are \$45, plus shipping.

Volunteers Needed!

If you are interested in serving on a Chamber Committee, please contact Trisha at 630.897.8137. We are always looking for additional help for our three main events (Annual Dinner, Golf & Oktoberfest). Fresh new ideas and enthusiasm are key components to successful events. Do **YOU**, or someone you know, have what it takes?

Fundraising Ideas?

We are looking for new ideas to fundraise and raise revenue to support future events and outings. If you have ideas, e-mail or call. I'd love to hear from you!