

**Spring/Summer
2022**



Celebrate Earth Week April 18th-24th

Join The Mayor In Several Community Wide Events

The Montrose Porch Project (MPP), will be holding two events during Earth Week 2022, April 18th-24th. MPP mission is to improve the quality of life for its citizens through the restoration and beautification of homes and businesses.

"Battle of the Porches" is this year's before and after cleanup picture competition. The winner will receive a Riverside Market Gift Card.

"Scrappling 4 Porches" will be a community wide Spring cleanup, scrap metal and can drive event. Residents that wish to donate scrap and cans need to contact MPP at montroseporchproject@gmail.com to arrange for pickup on Sunday, April 24th. These donations will go to fund future MPP community events and future projects.

Residents can submit a before and after picture to the [Montrose Porch Project Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/montroseporchproject) and or montroseporchproject@gmail.com

MPP is encouraging community residents to take time to clean litter from their property and neighborhood. City residents can obtain a free dump pass for the Brent Run landfill each month. To learn more please see page 9.

Do you have paint, old electronics, batteries or automotive fluids that need to be disposed? Genesee County offers Recycle Days throughout the year.

Please visit <http://gcmpe.org/recycle-day/> to find out upcoming dates for 2022.

Don't Forget to Get Your Permit

City of Montrose staff can answer your questions about the building, zoning and the permitting process and guide you through the details so that your home or business not only looks great when you are done with your project but can be done right. Permits can be obtained through the city office or online. Because your home or business is an investment, if your construction project does not comply with city ordinances, the value of your investment can be reduced. Property insurers may not cover work done without permits and inspections. If you decide to sell a home or building that has had modifications without a permit, you may be required to make costly repairs. Also, by following code guidelines, the completed project will meet minimum standards of safety and will be less likely to cause injury to you, your family, your friends or future owners. If you are hiring an outside contractor for your next home project, please make sure whoever you hire is licensed and insured.

If you are planning to do work such as landscaping or excavating please contact MISS DIG at least 3 business days prior to conducting excavation on your property. Contact MISS DIG at 1-800-482-7171 or 8-1-1 MISS DIG will notify the public utilities in your area so that they can locate and mark the approximate location of underground lines they own and operate within your proposed work area.

Elected City Officials

Colleen Brown, Mayor
Mark Richard, Mayor Pro-Tem
Robert Arnold, Council Member
Aaron Burch, Council Member
Tom Bigelow, Council Member
Ryan Heslop, Council Member
Andrea Martin, Council Member

Appointed City Officials

Neil Rankin, City Manager
Christina Rush, City Clerk
Chrystal Raible, City Treasurer
Janet Loomis, Utilities
Sam Spence, DPW Supervisor
Bob Naumann, Assessor
Matt Leoni, Building Inspector
Deborah Gross, DDA Chair
Todd Pangle, Planning Chair

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City of Montrose Special Election - May 3, 2022

Mosquito Abatement Special Assessment

Diseases
Michigan Mosquitos
Can Transmit

- *West Nile Virus*
- *Jamestown Canyon Virus*
- *Eastern Equine Encephalitis*
- *St. Louis Encephalitis*

- Montrose residents in 2013 approved a five-year \$30.00 per year/ per parcel mosquito abatement special assessment.
- Each local unit of government must contract out mosquito abatement as it is not a county-wide service.
- The special assessment was renewed in 2016.
- In 2021 City Council requested mosquito abatement proposals as the current assessment was set to expire.
- The City received one qualified proposal from APM Mosquito Control.
- APM provides mosquito abatement to Montrose Township.
- To continue to provide the current level of service the Special Assessment would be increased to \$45.00 per year/per parcel.
- This special assessment increase is due to increases in fuel, labor and materials. It is also due to a longer mosquito season running from April through October.

*BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR THE PROPOSED
MOSQUITO ABATEMENT PROGRAM:*

"Shall the City of Montrose impose a forty-five (\$45.00) dollar assessment upon each parcel within the City for a period of five (5) years, 2022 through 2026 inclusive, to provide funding for a city-wide mosquito abatement program, thereby raising an estimated thirty thousand six hundred dollars and zero cents (\$30,600.00) in the first year the assessment is levied?"

YES ()

NO ()

If Approved By Voters APM Mosquito Control Will Use Integrated Mosquito Management

- Monitor adult mosquito and conduct disease testing.
This includes utilizing light traps to identify quantity, species and diseases carried.
- Identify breeding sites, conduct inspections and apply larvicide.
Mapping of breeding location and application of catch basin larvicide briquettes.
- Apply ULV adulticide (truck fogging)
Truck-mounted short-lived adulticide applied in the affected area.
- Apply Perimeter Barrier adulticide applications (backpack spraying)
Longer lasting and applied to foliage in public spaces and on the homeowners property when requested.

Online Payment Info

The City of Montrose has contracted with companies; "BS&A Software" and "Point and Pay" to offer you the option to pay a bill online at your convenience with a credit card. **There is a minimal convenience charge for online payments however to access your account is free of charge.**

On this page you will be able to look up your bill and/or pay it online. This includes: Utility Bill Water/Sewer, Property Tax Bill, Assessing (Property Parcel)

A Quick Tutorial To Access Your Online Account

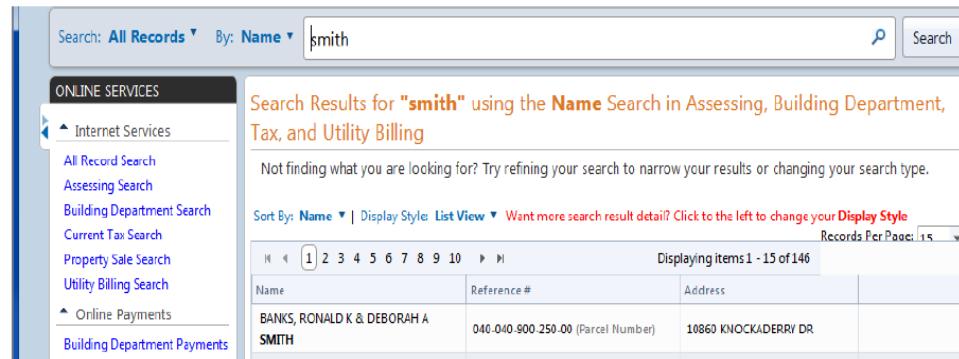
Click on the following hyperlink on the City's main page at cityofmontrose.us

[**Access Online Services! Click Here for more information**](#)

You can also go to AccessMyGov page at <https://accessmygov.com/?uid=1161>

1. Find your record using the search options at the top of the screen. For a more detailed discussion of the search capabilities, please see

<http://www.accessmygov.com/Documents/AMGBasics.pdf>. For this example, we'll search by owner name (Smith):



Search: All Records ▾ By: Name ▾ smith

ONLINE SERVICES

- Internet Services
- All Record Search
- Assessing Search
- Building Department Search
- Current Tax Search
- Property Sale Search
- Utility Billing Search
- Online Payments
- Building Department Payments

Search Results for "smith" using the Name Search in Assessing, Building Department, Tax, and Utility Billing

Not finding what you are looking for? Try refining your search to narrow your results or changing your search type.

Sort By: Name ▾ | Display Style: List View ▾ Want more search result detail? Click to the left to change your Display Style

Name	Reference #	Address
BANKS, RONALD K & DEBORAH A SMITH	040-040-900-250-00 (Parcel Number)	10860 KNOCKADERRY DR

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2. Click on your parcel record from the Search Results screen. If your parcel isn't found, broaden your search criteria by removing some details such as First Name, or search by the Address or the Parcel Number instead.

3. Once you are on the Parcel Details screen, two options are presented to view details. This help document covers Option 1:

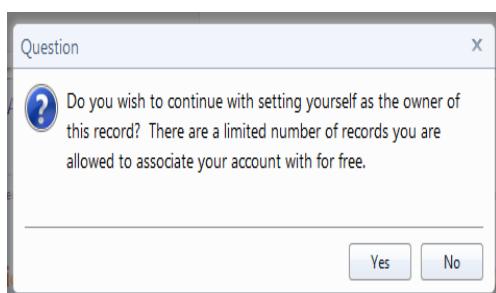
Option 1: I am the homeowner of this record. (No Charge)

Homeowners can view their information **free of charge** please click the below button to proceed. Please note that once an AccessMyGov account has viewed their records for free, they will no longer be able to view other properties for free.

Note: You must have an AccessMyGov account in order to access your information for free, please [click here](#) to create a new account.

[Access this Record for free](#)

4. To access your record for free, it is important that you create an account and log in which you must click here to register. After you enter you create a username and password you will be prompted with the question.



Question

Do you wish to continue with setting yourself as the owner of this record? There are a limited number of records you are allowed to associate your account with for free.

Yes No

Click yes. The details of the parcel record become available. As long as the Owner Name of this record doesn't change, you will have 24/7 access to make payments.

Montrose Office Staff are here to help if you have any questions or issues to create your account. It's a great way to save time and money.

City Assessor

The City Assessor Robert Naumann will be sending notices to properties in the city to re-inspect twenty percent of its parcels.

This is a requirement by the State of Michigan and the City wishes to be compliant with the Audit of Minimum Assessing.

The assessor will take measurements of the exterior of the home and all structures on the property including: sheds, decks, porches, garages, utility buildings, pools, or any other structure erected on a property.

The assessor will not enter your home.

If you have any questions feel free to call the City Offices at 639-6168 ext. 4

July Tax Board of Review

May grant a Poverty Exemption, Disabled Veteran's Exemption, pursuant to MLC 211.7u, which was not denied by the March Board of Review.

The July Tax Board of Review may grant an exemption, at the election of the Taxpayer, for a Qualified Start-Up Business as provided in MCL 211.7hh.

Correction of a Clerical Error. The error must be an error made by the Assessor relating to the correct assessment figures, the rate of taxation and the mathematical computation of the tax or must be an error in the rate of taxation which was applied

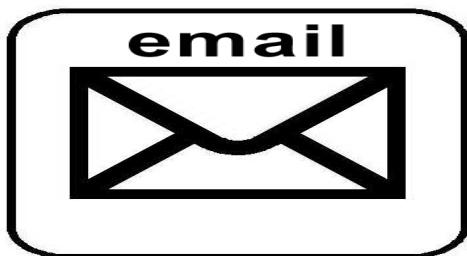
July Board of Review Will be held on July 19th at 5:00 p.m. Check the city website for details.

Did you know?

The City is always looking for residents to serve on its various boards including the Tax Board of Review, Zoning Board of Appeals & Planning Board. Pick up an application from the city office and the staff can help you find a way to serve your community!

UTILITIES-WATER-SEWER-PERMIT INFORMATION

Utility Bill Notification Sign-Up



Are you interested in going paperless and receiving automatic E-mail bills when your water and sewer utility bill is available? The City will be able to send you an email when your water bills is due. Sign up either at the City Offices or online at www.cityofmontrose.us/utilities

By signing up, you agree to receive your utility bill by E-mail rather than by mailed postcard when your utility bill is available for payment.

2022 Water Billing Schedule

Billing Period	Date Billed	Date Due	Shut-off Date
12/10 to 1/9	January 11	January 25	February 8
1/10 to 2/9	February 10	February 25	March 8
2/10 to 3/9	March 10	March 25	April 7
3/10 to 4/9	April 11	April 25	May 9
4/10 to 5/9	May 10	May 25	June 8
5/10 to 6/9	June 10	June 27	July 7
6/10 to 7/9	July 11	July 25	August 9
7/10 to 8/9	August 10	August 25	September 8
8/10 to 9/9	September 12	September 26	October 6
9/10 to 10/9	October 10	October 28	November 8
10/10 to 11/9	November 10	November 28	December 8
11/10 to 12/9	December 12	December 27	January 9, 2023

*Dates are subject to change without notice

Be Our Guest!

Host your next family or special event at Blueberry Park or Lions Park. Rental reservation applications are on a first-come/first-serve basis. No reservations are permitted during the annual Blueberry Festival which is the third week in August (2nd Sunday through 3rd Sunday). Applications are available at the City Office and are just \$10.00.

Upcoming Holidays & Happenings

The City Offices Will Be Closed

April 15th - Good Friday
April 18th - Easter (observed)
May 30th - Memorial Day
July 4th - Fourth of July
September 5th - Labor Day

51st Annual Montrose Blueberry Festival

August 14th - 21st

BURNING IN THE CITY

Burning leaves and grass clippings is only allowed from sunrise to sunset on every Saturday and Sunday during the months of April, May, October and November. Burning leaves and grass clippings at all other times is prohibited. You will need a burn permit for a campfire.

NOTARY SERVICES NOW AVAILABLE AT THE CITY OFFICE

The City of Montrose is now offering notary services. You must provide a form of picture identification. The cost per document is \$5.00 for residents and \$7.00 for non-residents.

Notary services will be provided pursuant to the laws of the State of Michigan and the following Notary Service Policy of the City of Montrose.

Notaries acting on the behalf of the City of Montrose shall:

- Only notarize documents written in English, or with the English translation attached.
- Notarize completed documents, which shall not contain blanks.
- Not notarize copies of passports, I-9 forms, closing documents, trusts or wills.
- Confirm the identity of all individuals requesting notary service against a government issued photo identification card.
- Act as a witness to and notarize the same document.
- Not certify or notarize that a record is an original or a true copy of another record.

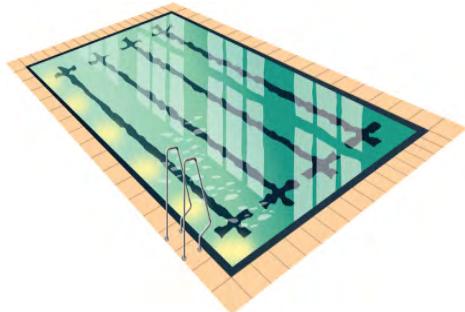
We reserve the right to refuse to notarize any document.



MONTROSE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

Did you know?

An Olympic sized swimming pool could be filled every two hours during peak water usage in the city. That's over 300,000 gallons an hour!



Summer Maintenance & Tips

- Hydrant flushing to begin in late May early June. This will help ensure hydrants are maintained and flush out any rust or sediment.
- Be sure you know the location of the water shutoff valve in your home. Check it periodically to ensure it works properly.
- The street sweeper is slow moving and easy to spot, but it might not necessarily see you or your vehicle. Please be cautious and give it space on the road.
- Our DPW prides itself on its safety record. This summer look out for the neon green vests Montrose DPW employees will be wearing as they crack seal and patch streets. **Please slow down and move over when you see them working.**
- During the summer months and year-round property owners in the City of Montrose are responsible for keeping public right-of-way clear from overgrown vegetation, including bushes, shrubs and trees. **This includes sidewalks overgrown with sod and weeds.**

- The City of Montrose will be completing pavement maintenance on several streets this summer. This will be an application of crack seal.
- The benefits from using a crack seal extends the life of the street by reducing the amount of water to cause damage through the freeze thaw cycles.
- The city DPW utilizes this equipment to apply seal to over one mile of city streets.



Please be sure to slow down and give space.

Tentative Summer Street Project

Hickory and S. Saginaw Street Shoulder Grading

- Anticipated work to start in early Spring.
- Shoulders of these streets will be built up with gravel and graded.
- Mailboxes located in right of way will be moved in to reduce ruts and shoulder damage.
- This allows for safe vehicle travel and water to properly drain away from the road surface.



Code Enforcement

Enforcing Blight

Ordinances

City staff will be working this Spring to ensure the blight ordinances are being enforced. The "Blight Ordinances" are meant to; Prevent areas of the City that are, or may become, blighted with the resulting impairment of taxable values. **Door hangers will inform residents of a suspected violation, followed up by a letter and if necessary the issue of a citation.**

Blight includes:

- **Vehicle Storage, Repair and Abandonment**
- **Litter, rubbish, junk. Storage and Disposal**
- **Noxious Weed and Growth (tall grass)**

CLERK'S CORNER

All federal, state, local and special elections in the City of Montrose are administered by the City Clerk's Office. Special care is taken to ensure that elections are managed properly and residents receive the assistance needed with voter registration, absentee ballots, and more. The City Clerk also manages and makes available past election results.

Visit the Michigan Voter Information Center to verify your registration status, locate your polling location, or to view
your sample ballot @ www.Michigan.gov/vote

Upcoming Elections & Deadlines

- May 3, 2022- Special City Election
- August 2, 2022- State Primary
- November 8, 2022 State General Election
- April 19, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. is the last day to file Non-Partisan Candidate Nominating Petitions.
- Oct. 28, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. Write-in candidates must file Declaration of Intent forms for the November general election.

Just A Reminder

The parking of motor vehicles upon the area between the curb of the street and the sidewalk shall be forbidden.
(Ord. No. 394, § 4, 8-14-2007)

In single-family residential, multiple-family residential, mobile home residential, commercial and industrial districts, the required front yard setbacks shall not be used for off-street parking and shall remain as open space unoccupied and unobstructed from the ground upward except for landscaping, plant materials, or vehicle access drives. All yards abutting public streets shall be considered as front yard for setback purposes. (Article 3 Sec. 3.7)



Are You Registered To Vote?

To register to vote, you must be all of the following:

A U.S. citizen

At least 18 years old by Election Day

A resident of Michigan

A resident of the city where you are applying to register to vote

Get to the city clerk's office and bring your State ID or Driver's License **or** when applying for, updating and or renewing a driver's license/state-issued personal identification card at a Secretary of State Office.

Your voter registration card will be mailed upon processing your application. Keep it in your wallet or purse so you know where to go to cast your ballot. City Electors Precinct is located at City Offices at 139 S. Saginaw St. and is open from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

CITY OF MONTROSE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT POLICY

It is the policy of City of Montrose that all persons, except those incarcerated, consistent with the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those who represent them as public officials and employees. The people shall be informed so that they fully participate in the democratic process.

The clerk is designated as FOIA coordinator and will respond to FOIA requests in a consistent, fair, and even-handed manner regardless of who makes such a request.

The City acknowledges that it has a legal obligation to disclose all nonexempt public records in its possession pursuant to a FOIA request. Sometimes it is necessary to invoke the exemptions identified under FOIA in order to ensure the effective operation of government and to protect the privacy of individuals.

The City will protect the public's interest in disclosure, while balancing the requirement to withhold or redact portions of certain records consistent with and in compliance with State law.



FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, July 15th @ Lions Park-The Lego Movie
Friday, August 5th @ Barber Park- Encanto

**Presented by the
Montrose Downtown
Development
Authority,
Montrose Township &
The State Bank**

- Movies will start at dusk
- Bring a chair or blanket
- Snacks and drinks may be available
- Restrooms will be available
- Parking may be limited

* No alcohol/drugs allowed

News and Notes From City Office

For emergency responders, every second counts!

That's why it's important to make sure your home address is visible from the street. The City of Montrose adopted the International Property Maintenance Code and it states that buildings shall have approved address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches in height with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch. Visible address numbers also ensures that city staff in an emergency can respond in a timely manner.

Making Home Improvements This Summer?

Genesee County Home Improvement Program can help. Contact the Genesee County Community Development Program at (810) 257-3010. Loans are available for those that qualify. The City will be also offering home improvement grants this summer. Details on how to apply will be made to available to the public in the coming weeks. Be sure to regularly check the city website to learn more at cityofmontrose.us

Have Questions On A Building Construction/Project this Summer?

Contact our Building Inspector, Matt Leoni at permits@cityofmontrose.us. He can answer your questions on costs, code and common construction issues. He can help guide you through the process to make sure it's done right.

Want to Get Involved?

The City of Montrose is always looking for citizens to serve on a variety of boards such as the Board of Review and Zoning Board of Appeals. Stop at the city offices to pick up your application.



MOSQUITO ABATEMENT PROGRAM

APM Mosquito Control (APM) has been contracted to perform the mosquito control program for The City of Montrose. The City of Montrose Mosquito Management program was implemented in 2017. APM will work to improve and refine the current program in efficiency and effectiveness. The program consists of all phases of an Integrated Mosquito Management strategy against mosquitoes in the city.

1. Adult mosquito monitoring/Disease Testing.
2. Breeding site inspections and larvicide.
3. ULV Adulticide applications.
4. Perimeter Barrier Adulticide applications.

Detailed information about the program is available at the city offices.

In an effort to notify residents within the city for community Larvicide and ULV adulticide applications APM and City of Montrose utilize the following methods:

1. Public notice in newspaper. A notice appears in the Tri County Times newspaper explaining larvicide and seasonal adulticiding. Advises anyone interested in further information to contact APM or Montrose City Hall.
2. The city posts information about mosquito program at the city offices, as well as on their website, www.cityofmontrose.us
3. The city frequently posts current information regarding mosquito management program in the newsletter.
4. A brochure about the mosquito control program is available at the city hall. The Brochure explains how the whole program works and gives any resident the opportunity to not participate. See Brochure included with this correspondence.
5. A Call/Shut-off notification list is maintained as part of the city program. Before ULV adulticide applications take place APM will call any residents that request to remind them and inform them that a community mosquito control application will be happening that evening, weather permitting. Residents may also request that the ULV adulticide be shut off in front of and or upwind of their area. These areas are staked with a reflective orange stake and noted on ULV adulticide operational maps.
6. Mosquito control is often a topic of discussion at city meetings and residents are always encouraged at meetings to find out more about their local mosquito control program.
7. Information (sample labels & SDS) on insecticides used in program are available upon request by calling APM at (810) 766-9423 or (877) 276-4714 and are available at the City of Montrose offices and the APM website at www.advancedmosquito.com

The contact person that can respond to public questions is Chuck Mullins at APM Mosquito Control.

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Crime Prevention Safety Tips

With the arrival of Spring people will be out and about in the city but not everyone has the same intention of enjoying the warm weather. Review the following crime prevention safety tips in order to familiarize yourself in ways to help prevent crimes of opportunity.

- Keep your garage door closed.
- Remove valuables from vehicles.
- Install secure window well covers.
- If you have double-hung or sliding windows or doors, place a wooden stick in the track.
- Use timers for your lights if you come home after dark.
- If you are going on vacation, be sure to stop mail service and cancel newspapers so they don't pile up in front of your home while you are away.
- Be on the lookout and report suspicious vehicles that look out of place.

Did you know?

To be a Peddler in the City of Montrose you must apply and be issued a permit.

If someone knocks at your door ask if they have a city issued permit. If they don't please feel free to call the city offices.

Trash and Recycling Services

Once-a-Week Recycling Collection:

- Place all recyclables in the blue cart with light blue lid (for more information, visit RecyclingSimplified.com).
- Place cart in the street by 6 a.m. on your collection day, but no earlier than 7 p.m. the night before.
- Place cart with wheels and handle toward the curb. Be sure the lid is closed.
- Please keep 4 feet between the carts and 4 feet away from trees, cars, mailboxes, poles, etc.

Bulk Item Collection:

- Once per month at no charge, but must be scheduled. Extra bulk items may be scheduled for a \$30 fee.
- Bulk items include furniture, mattresses, washers, dryers, desks, refrigerators, dehumidifiers, etc.
- Any item with Freon®, CFCs, HCFCs or liquids must be scheduled for separate pickup.

Yard Waste Collection:

- Yard waste can include grass clippings, leaves, small branches, etc. and must be bagged. No dirt or rocks are accepted.
- Weekly yard waste pickup is limited to 50lb. bags with brush that is smaller than 4" diameter and 4' in length. Place bags at the curb on your collection day

**ONLY place these items in
the recycling container**



If your residential garbage or recycling is not picked up by the end of the collection day (Tuesday) please feel free to contact the City Offices.

**If you have litter, rubbish or junk
to remove please remember:**

- Residential households in the City of Montrose are allowed one free dump pass per month.
- Valid at the Brent Run Sanitary Landfill. Up to 5 yards of solid waste.
- Trailers must be covered.
No Hazardous Waste, Liquids or Whole Tires. Residential waste only.

Postcards From The Past



Looking West on State Street. Many of the same buildings are there today.

**Want to learn more about the history of the City of Montrose?
Be sure to visit the Montrose Historical and Telephone Pioneer Museum.**

City Council Meetings

All other meetings are posted outside of the City Offices and online at www.cityofmontrose.us

The City Offices will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services for the hearing impaired, audio recordings of printed material being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting (and/or hearing) upon 3 working days notice to the City of Montrose.

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