

**SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER 10, 2022**  
**THE ANNUAL “CHRISTMAS IN HISTORIC MONTGOMERY”**  
**.... Where the Holidays Begin!**

Montgomery County’s oldest Christmas celebration has activities not found anywhere else in the area. Do not miss this wonderful day full of events to create memories and fun for every family member, in downtown Historic Montgomery—one of Texas’ oldest towns and the birthplace of the Texas flag.

The **Montgomery Historical Society**, founded in the 1950s, produces the this, their main fundraising event, every December with proceeds going toward maintaining the seven historic buildings owned by the Society. The event is throughout the historic district surrounding the Community building at 14420 Liberty Street.

The strolling carolers, coupled with the **Holiday Marketplace** filled with vendors offering homemade gifts and décor, and the old-fashioned decorations in the historic buildings on the evening **Historic Home Tour**, will make you feel you have stepped back to the mid-1800’s when Montgomery was the county seat.



The City of Montgomery sponsors the **Holiday Parade** which begins 10:00 a.m., starting on Liberty St. and heading north across Eva St., then winding through the downtown area. Several awards will be presented to entrants within the main categories of Theme and Spirit plus a Grand Champion. The 2022 parade theme is “Cowboy Christmas.”

*For safety reasons, no candy or other items are allowed to be thrown from the floats—parade walkers will hand out candies to the crowds along the route.* Parade applications are available on the City’s web site or at Montgomery City Hall on Old Plantersville Road. There is a deadline for submitting applications.

Vendors! Sign up soon for booths at the **Holiday Marketplace—Arts & Crafts**. Items must be homemade or homegrown. This is a great opportunity for visitors to find Christmas gifts and holiday décor. Booths are 10’x10’, renting for \$85, or \$115 with electricity. For more information, See [MHS-TX.org](http://MHS-TX.org), and to print the Vendor Letter and Marketplace Application. Contact Bea at [brouse0122@aol.com](mailto:brouse0122@aol.com) for further questions. The booth area this year includes some spacing to allow for some social distancing for vendors and visitors. All prior vendors who want to return will be guaranteed a space and the number of spaces they rented last year as long as they get their applications in at least a few days before the event.

The community, and especially the Montgomery Independent School District, fully support this popular and remarkable event by sponsoring specific aspects from the area schools and civic groups from participating in the holiday parade to providing festive cookies and candies for the famous Cookie Walk in the Community Building at 14420 Liberty St. (No plain chocolate chip, please—so this event will continue to have specialty items to offer.) This year marks the **33<sup>RD</sup> Annual Cookie Walk**, which was created by the late, wonderful lady, Reba Laughter. This Christmas event was featured in the 1999 issue of *Southern Living* magazine!

**Share your recipes!** There’s a twist this year to allow residents to share their favorite recipes. We are asking residents/donors to share their favorite or family cookie or candy recipes! Interested persons may submit their recipes on the Montgomery Historical Society’s website. ([MHS-TX.org](http://MHS-TX.org).) All recipes submitted will be posted on our website for all to appreciate. It will be even more special for submissions to include a history of the recipe, how long it may have been in the family, where the recipe was found, etc. There is a form on the website that must accompany the recipe submission which gives permission for the Society to share with the public.

The Society is grateful to the **Montgomery Monarchs Chapter of the National Charity League** for continuing their incredibly difficult task of decorating, staging, and serving the thousands of confections for our visitor’s pleasure. Cookies and candies will be in bundles of 2-4 pieces with

festive ribbons. Visitors pay by the pound for the boxes full of decorative sweets they personally picked out.

This wonderful service group is mothers with daughters currently in 6<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grades who reside in North Montgomery County or attend school in Montgomery ISD. Interested mother/daughter duos can look into their activities and apply for membership. For information on joining this civic group, search Facebook for *MontgomeryMonarchsNCL/*.

Folks line up long before the doors open to get first choice. Visitors are given plastic gloves and a box—or boxes—for choosing from the room filled with tables laden with confections until 5 p.m. ...or until all the cookies and candies are sold! The NCL spends all week decorating the interior with several Christmas trees and holiday banners created years ago by Montgomery art students depicting the parade themes for those years.

This holiday event will conform to the Montgomery County Health Department rules and will adhere to the CDC recommendations for public safety at community events at that time. The NCL mothers and daughters will be gloved and the number of people inside the building will be limited to safe numbers.

**The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Tour**, from 4pm to 8pm, rounds out the day as visitors get to experience a few of the historic buildings, including several private homes, some dating back to the mid-1800's, hosted by volunteers in period dress and decorations commemorative of the way it was here up to 185 years ago when Montgomery began.

The tour map and the candlarias on the walkways to the homes and buildings on the tour. Visitors will have the opportunity to visit the seven historic buildings owned by the Society, plus the Living Savior Lutheran Church chapel built in 1908, The Oaks of Montgomery Antique Consignment built in 1876, and up to six private homes beautifully decorated to reflect the history and charm of each. (If a homeowner requires that visitors wear face masks, it will be noted on the tour map and masks will be provided at that location.)

Tour tickets are \$5 for students/children, \$15 for adults, and can be purchased at the N.H. Davis Complex & Museum beginning at 2:00 p.m., and all day at Rustic Cashmere Antiques and Gifts, both on Liberty Street in downtown Montgomery. Visitors will be given wristbands for entry at all buildings on the tour.

The N. H. Davis Museum will be open for free tours with members of Thomas Jefferson Stubbs 253 Chapter of the UDC in period dress leading the tours from 11:00a to 8:00p. All the buildings at Montgomery's Fernland Historical Park will be open for tours until 3:00 p.m. The Park's anchor building, the Society-owned Arnold-Simonton Home, however, will remain open for the evening tour until 7:00p.m.

**The Madrigals, talented award-winning carolers, in gorgeous period dress, from Montgomery High School**, will add to the holiday cheer, strolling throughout the historic district. They will also perform at the entrance of the Cookie Walk to entertain. In addition to the various restaurants' extended hours, there will be vendors offering food, snacks, beverages, *AND* the many antique/gift shops, boutiques, wineries and specialty shops will also have extended hours.

While in town for this wonderful yearly event and throughout the holiday season, visitors are encouraged to "Think Small" and shop in Historic Montgomery for great gifts at small-town prices—unique gifts that will satisfy many people on your shopping list.

*The Montgomery Historical Society thanks all participants and visitors for your support.*

**Funds generated from this event go toward the PRESERVATION  
and MAINTENANCE of properties owned by the Society  
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