



# Montgomery Place ACTIVITIES

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## Dates to Remember \*

December **Garbage Collection**  
Dec 5, 19, 26

December 15 **Deadline**  
**Newsletter Submission**  
email:  
communications@montgomeryplace.ca  
Drop off 3363 Cassino Ave.

We **MUST** have an Indoor Program Director, or we will be unable to offer any indoor programs next year. Don't be shy, come out and help the Community. If interested contact Jim Earle.

### **Battle of Monte Cassino**

Following initial British and Canadian beachheads in Calabria and the American invasion of the Salerno/Naples area, the Allied drive north toward Rome proved hard to do. Both the west coast route and the Route 6 central mountain route were blocked by the Germans. In late 1943, after a fierce battle at San Pietro, a stalemate developed south of the German Winter Line, a set of three defensive perimeters of interlocking bunkers and fortifications that sealed off southern Italy. In addition to German defenses, severe weather during December 1943 - January 1944 created tens of thousands of casualties in the harsh Italian mountain terrain.

The Gustav Line, the northernmost and most formidable of three German Winter Line defensive belts, was anchored by Monte Cassino and the Garigliano and Rapido Rivers. The town of Cassino, about 85 miles southeast of Rome, was a mile east of Monte Cassino.

The Germans built heavily fortified emplacements and observation posts next to the St. Benedict Monastery walls on Monte Cassino, taking full advantage of the terrain and Allied reluctance to attack the Abbey. Allied planners had to treat the entire hilltop as a key military target, dominating

the Cassino valley, and the obstacle to their objective of cracking the Gustav Line.

### **First Battle of Cassino**

The Allies launched their offensive on the Gustav Line on 12 January 1944, with the French Expeditionary Corps assaulting Cassino and the British 10 Corps attempting to exploit previous gains on the Garigliano River. Neither attack succeeded in breaking through, although limited progress was made. One week later, on 20 January, the U.S. II Corps attacked in the center of the Fifth Army front, attempting to cross the Rapido River. After two days of bitter fighting and heavy losses, the II Corps' 36th Infantry Division was forced to break off its attack. The expected rapid breakthrough became a bloody war of attrition. The U.S. 34th Division lost 2,200 men attempting to penetrate German prepared defenses on the Rapido River, failing in attempts to cross the river valley under German fire directed from Monte Cassino. The other Allied forces did a little better, crossing to the north of the Rapido, but were ultimately forced to withdraw.

### **Second Battle of Cassino**

After considerable debate and delay due to fear of offending Christians worldwide, the Allies decided the monastery had to be bombed to dislodge the Germans. After trying leaflets urging the Germans to abandon the site, on 15 February 1944 American bombers dropped 1,150 tons of high explosives and incendiary bombs on the Abbey, reducing the entire top of Monte Cassino to smoking rubble. A simultaneous ground assault went on for three days, attempting to reach the high ground of the monastery. The Germans held on to the mountain top, although the Commonwealth troops from New Zealand and India were successful in capturing some ground in and around Cassino. However, with the Germans continuing to hold the high ground of Monte Cassino, there was little chance of expanding the

gains. The Germans actually had suffered very heavy casualties, but this was unknown to the Allies at the time.

### **Third Battle of Cassino**

For another month, inconclusive ground fighting in wet weather continued around Hill 516, leading to another bomb run, this time with 500 planes dropping 1,400 tons of bombs on Cassino and the mountain on 15 March 1944. The town of Cassino was flattened by the bombing and artillery bombardment. Despite the heavy damage, again the German defenders clung to the ruins, actually improving their defenses in the rubble left by the bombings. About 75% of the town was in Allied hands by this time, but Allied troops could not fully overcome the stubborn resistance that went on

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You can help us recognize Saskatoon's fallen heroes. by making a donation or sponsoring one of the 67 Saskatoon fallen heroes memorial prints, you are ensuring that the memory of local men and women who did not return from service is honoured.

For more information about sponsorship, donations or how to submit information about a fallen soldier, call the Saskatoon Fallen Heroes Committee at 384-4676 or visit the City of Saskatoon website at [www.saskatoon.ca](http://www.saskatoon.ca) (look under "F" for Fallen heroes). Also information at [www.canadianfallenheroes.ca](http://www.canadianfallenheroes.ca)

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building by building in town and yard by yard in the surrounding rugged terrain. German positions remained intact and were vigorously defended. Mechanized war with tanks

was impossible in the rugged terrain and amid the bombing debris, forcing hand to hand combat by soldiers supplied by mules.

**Fourth Battle of Cassino**

Cassino was finally taken in Operation DIADEM, the Allied spring 1944 offensive in Italy, beginning on 11 May under the overall command of General Sir Harold Alexander. Using a well coordinated combined force of infantry backed up by bombing and artillery, the Gustav Line was finally breached on 14 May. US Fifth Army to the south and west and the British Eighth Army in the center combined in a dual strike while VI US Corps at Anzio finally broke out along the coast and to the rear of the Gustav Line. Eighth Army succeeded in cutting Highway 6, the main road linking the south of Italy to Rome.

On Monte Cassino itself, two divisions of the II Polish Corps battled the German 1st Parachute Division for the mountain. After days of attacks and counterattacks in hand to hand fighting, on the night of 17 May the German garrison abandoned Monte Cassino as part of a general German retreat from the Gustav Line to new defensive lines to the north. It is estimated that there were 20,000 Allied casualties in the series of battles.



- \* Join a **LEAGUE** - seniors, adult, youth
- \* Have a **PARTY** - birthday, staff, Christmas
- \* Host a **FUNDRAISER** - easy money !

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000082684	Mon, 2007Aug13	Mischief Under \$5000	3500 11st St W
000081522	Thu, 2007Aug09	Theft Under \$5000	3300 Caen St
000083820	Wed, 2007Aug15	Theft of Bicycle Under	1600 Bader Cr
000083073	Mon, 2007Aug13	Mischief Under \$5000	3100 11th St W
000083144	Mon, 2007Aug13	Theft Under \$5000	3100 Mountbatten St
000083954	Wed, 2007Aug15	Break & Enter Residential Prop	3200 Caen St
000084280	Thu, 2007Aug16	Break & Enter to Residential	3200 Mountbatten St
000079046	Sat, 2007Aug04	Break & Enter Residential Prop	3300 Cassino Ave

This report provides information on property crime for the previous month for your community. These statistics are collected through a city mapping system. Please be aware that the boundaries for your Community and the boundaries for the mapping system may not be identical and therefore some addresses in the Community Association Report may have been unintentionally included or excluded.

To understand your Community Association Report, it may be helpful to know that the statistics only reflect incidents reported to the Saskatoon Police Service, and not necessarily the total number of incidents, as many go unreported. To protect the identity of the victims, incidents are reported by the block in which they occurred and not by the specific address. A break and enter to a residence, includes a break and enter to an attached garage. A break and enter to other, includes a break and enter to an unattached garage or shed. Theft under, includes the offense of shoplifting from a business. Mischief includes the offenses of property damage and graffiti.



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**LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE- A**  
 Service of Remembrance and Hope  
 Wednesday, December 19 – 7:00 p.m.  
 St. David's United Church- 1022  
 Ave L South

Christmas is a time for memories and remembering. Not all of our memories are filled with joy and happiness. Some of us are grieving the loss of loved ones, the loss of relationships, the loss of employment, the loss of health. In our time of loneliness and sadness, this worship service is an opportunity to know that we are not alone. We pray that you will experience God's presence through the prayers, the scripture, the music, and the fellowship that follows. All are welcome.  
 Coffee to follow

**Christmas Eve Services**  
 Monday, December 24  
 6:30p.m. - St David's United  
 [1022 Ave L S]  
 8:00p.m. - Trinity United  
 [3318 Merritt St]

**Salvation Army Donations**  
 This year Montgomery School will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items or donations of cash toward the Salvation Army Christmas campaign. Donations can be dropped off at Montgomery School's main office until Dec 18th.

**Rink Hours**  
 Public skating Thurs & Fri from 6:30 to 8:30, and Sat & Sun from 12:30 to 4:30. The rec unit will be open to put on skates and warm up. We also need volunteers to clean and flood the ice.  
 Phone Jim @ 382-9303

 **Montgomery Place 200 CLUB**  
 COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

- Brem Donaldson - Oct**  
 Liesl Leonard - Sept  
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 Stephan LaPointe - May  
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**New Years Eve Dance**

The Precious Tots Preschool invites you to a dance on New Years Eve in St. Dominic School gym. This is our 2nd annual fundraiser for the Preschool. Included in a ticket are door prizes, midnight lunch, pop and coffee. We will also have a cash bar. Tickets are \$20/person. Please contact Darren/ Lynette Bohmann 683-3328 or Ed/ Marcella Povhe 382-3271 for ticket or any other information. We hope you can join us to bring in the New Year.

**Please Give the Gift of Reading**  
 The Saskatoon nad District Reading Council is collecting books for families in Saskatoon. Books that are new or nearly new. Books that you think children will enjoy. The collection box will be in the front lobby of Montgomery School until Dec 11th.



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