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**Montgomery County Treasurer**

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## **Russ Joseph Sworn in as Treasurer**

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Last week, surrounded by friends, family and elected officials, Russ Joseph took the ceremonial Oath of Office to become the Montgomery County Treasurer. On January 29<sup>th</sup> following the receipt of the Governor's Commission, he officially assumed the role as the county's chief tax collector. With the Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> tax deadline rapidly approaching, Joseph got to work ensuring that our local schools, parks, and other government agencies have the funds they need to thrive.

"I am excited to begin my work as your Montgomery County Treasurer." said Joseph in his opening address "Our office will fight to protect taxpayer dollars, we'll use technology to make doing business with our office easier and more convenient, and we'll work with our community partners to super-charge our land bank and more quickly transition delinquent properties back to productive uses once again."

Joseph began his career in public service as the Director of Special Projects in 2001 for then County Treasurer Hugh Quill. Russ directed public relations for the office and executed the annual Delinquent Dozen campaign, bringing public attention to the county's most delinquent taxpayers and the effect of non-payment on our school districts and community services.

"I hope to use my 18 years of leadership experience to help our office become a catalyst for economic development giving neglected properties new life as job creating businesses and reinvigorating our neighborhoods by removing blight and renovating housing"

As the Montgomery County Clerk of Courts from 2017 to 2018, Russ over saw an 8-million-dollar budget and 100 employees. One of his top priorities as Clerk was expanding the office's utilization of technology, garnering national attention for developing a revolutionary Artificial Intelligence chatbot, making his office more efficient and removing barriers to the access of justice.

Russ has dedicated his life to community and public service. He and his wife Katie serve on the Associate Board for the Dayton Art Institute and are past Associate Board members of the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery. Russ is the former Board President for the House of Bread, and former Trustee of the Oregon Historic District Society, where his family resides.

Joseph takes office following Carolyn Rice's election to the County Commission in 2018 and will serve the remaining two years of her term before running for election in 2020.

If you have questions about how to pay your taxes please call our office at 937-225-4010 or go online and pay your taxes at [www.mctreas.org](http://www.mctreas.org).

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