

July 2, 2015

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Matthew J. Vanderhorst, Acting City Manager 
Department Heads

SUBJECT: Thursday Update

The following information is provided to you as a summary of activities for the week of June 29, 2015 and as an announcement of activities in the coming weeks:

1. The Financial Planning Committee of City Council is scheduled to meet on Monday, July 6, at 4:00 p.m. The Planning, Zoning and Landmarks Committee has cancelled its regularly scheduled meeting for the month of July.
2. The Garden Tour held this past Sunday, June 28, was a huge success (thanks in part to wonderful weather). This inaugural event was sponsored and hosted by members of our Beautification and Tree Commission along with several volunteers. There were over 100 participants that took part in touring the landscaping of seven identified homes throughout Montgomery. Thanks to all who had a part in making this event a success!
3. Jim Hanson and Kelly Beach met with Lori Dameron and Amy Mitchell of WesBanco Bank on Tuesday to discuss implementation steps regarding setup of the City's payroll and general operating accounts as active depository accounts. This change is a result of the recent request for proposal for banking services for the five-year period ending May 31, 2020.
4. Income tax revenues for the month of June were \$523,795, which is a decrease of 1.9% compared to collections of \$534,100 for June of 2014. Year-to-date revenues are up 4.5% over last year and exceed estimated revenues by 7.6%. The June Income Tax Variance Report is attached for reference.
5. The HealthCare Benefits Committee met on Tuesday to review initial proposals from insurance carriers for group health insurance coverage. The Committee will meet again next week as it prepares recommendations to be presented at the July 22 City Council meeting.
6. Melissa Hays and Gary Heitkamp attended the 20th anniversary of the Mill Creek Watershed Council of Communities on Tuesday at French Park. The Council serves as a consensus-building engine bringing together 37 political jurisdictions, hundreds of businesses and stakeholders, and over 450,000 residents to facilitate thoughtful use of water. The ceremony included a re-signing of the intergovernmental agreement that formed the organization in 1995 showing Montgomery's commitment to the Mill Creek Watershed and the Council of Communities.

7. Tracy Roblero met with the Planning Commission and Landmarks Commission members who will be serving as advisors to the Community Improvement Corporation Gateway Redevelopment Ad-Hoc Committee on Wednesday to bring them up to speed on the process thus far and to define their role on the Ad-Hoc Committee.
8. City Council held a public hearing on Wednesday night to consider the expansion of a conditional use permit to allow for the addition of 18 parking spaces at the Safety Center. Planning Commission heard the case on June 1 and recommended approval. City Council voted in their business session to approve the expansion of a conditional use. Work on the parking lot expansion is planned to begin in the fall after the pool has closed for the season.
9. Barrett Paving Materials, Inc. continued work this week on the Montgomery and Pfeiffer Improvement Project as new concrete curbing, base asphalt course, and a segmental retaining wall was installed on Montgomery Road. Crews plan to install the new concrete sidewalk next week along Montgomery Road and also complete the installation of the brick paver sidewalk along Pfeiffer Road. Staff is currently working with Barrett Paving Materials, Inc. to establish an upcoming weekend to perform the asphalt milling and final asphalt resurfacing.
10. Crews from Prus Construction continued work on concrete curb removal and replacement as well as catch basin repairs and replacements this week as part of the 2015 Street Resurfacing Program. Weather permitting, all concrete curb work will be completed by the end of next week. Staff is working with the contractor to anticipate upcoming dates when the asphalt milling and final asphalt resurfacing will occur. The project completion date is scheduled for August 24, 2015.
11. Crews from The Gertz Company have completed removal and replacement of 26 identified fire hydrants on streets associated with the 2015 Street Resurfacing Program. This is the second year of this new program initiated to replace our aging infrastructure of fire hydrants.
12. Public works staff have been busy this week preparing for the upcoming July 3 and 4 events with activities such as trimming trees along the parade route and within Montgomery Park, spraying sidewalks, investigating for any trip hazards, hanging flags and bunting, checking all electrical outlets, installing temporary "No Parking" signs, along with the typical set-up needs required for both events.
13. A total of 40 patriotic volunteers will lend a hand at the events celebrating the Fourth of July. They will help with the July 3rd concert that begins at 7:30 p.m., and the July 4th parade and festival at Montgomery Park that begins at 10:00 a.m. and lasts until 2:00 p.m. Thank you to all the volunteers and staff who work tirelessly to make these events the favorites of our residents and those from surrounding communities. We appreciate your efforts to make our community the best it can be.
14. Please find attached monthly department reports from the police and fire departments for the month of June.
15. Please find attached Montgomery-related news articles that appeared in the local media since our last update.

16. A couple last thoughts as we close out the work week. I wish our Montgomery representatives in Neuilly-Plaisance, France safe travels as they participate in that city's first July 4th Independence Day celebration. In addition, my hope is that we all are reminded not only on this holiday, but daily, of the freedoms that we are afforded because of the ultimate sacrifice given by many veterans years ago, and by the sacrifices of the many brave men and women who are currently serving in the states and abroad. Enjoy this day with your families and give thanks for our freedoms.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

C: Connie Gaylor, Administrative Coordinator
Department Heads
Terry Donnellon, Law Director



July 1, 2015

To: Wayne Davis, City Manager
From: Kelly J. Beach, Assistant Finance Director/Tax Commissioner *KJB*
Subject: 2015 June Income Tax Variance Report

Month-to-Date

For the month of June 2015, the City's total income tax receipts were \$523,795, which is a decrease of \$10,305 or 1.9% compared to the actual amount collected in June 2014.

	2015	2014	% Change
June Actual	\$523,795	\$534,100	(1.9)%
YTD	\$4,684,836	\$4,479,961	4.5%

Year-to-Date

Year-to-date actual income tax receipts show an increase of 4.5% over the year-to-date receipts received through June 2015 compared to the same period in 2014. In addition, year-to-date revenues exceeded estimated revenues by 7.6%.

	YTD Actual	YTD Estimate	% Change
2015	\$4,684,836	\$4,355,745	7.6%

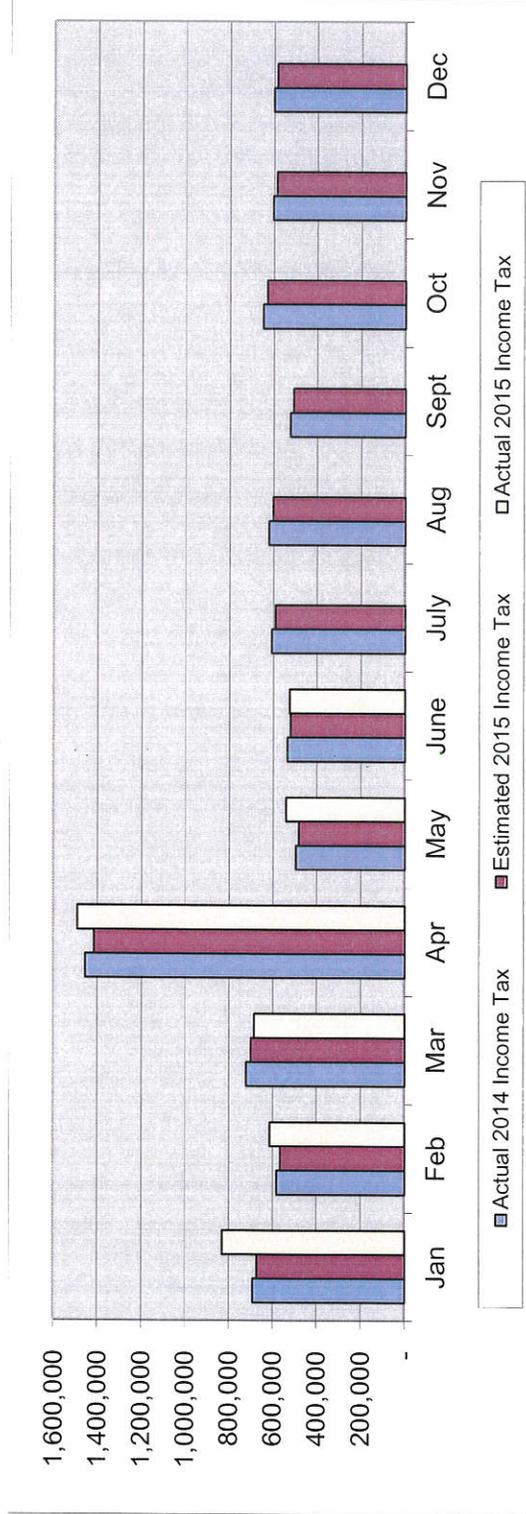
A breakdown by category for June 2015 is as follows:

- *Withholding*- June withholding collections were \$425,373, which is an increase of \$19,337, or 4.7%, when compared to June 2014 collections of \$406,036.
- *Business*- In June 2015, net profits from businesses located within or doing business within Montgomery were \$53,215. This is a decrease of \$4,365 or 7.5% compared to June 2014 collections of \$57,580.
- *Resident*- Revenues of \$45,207 were collected in June 2015 from residents living in Montgomery, which is a decrease of \$25,276, or 35.8%, compared to June 2014 collections of \$70,483.

The following schedule breaks down collections by source and provides a graph comparing actual and estimated income tax revenues for 2014 and 2015. There is also an End-of-Month report attached showing the comparison between month-to-date and year-to-date.

**Schedule of Income Tax Collections by Source
Actual 2014 Compared to 2015 Estimate & Actual**

	Actual 2014		Actual 2015		Total	2015 Estimate	Estimate Variance	%	Actual Variance	%
	Business	Resident	Business	Resident						
Jan	30,088	98,434	23,513	107,848	697,917	671,338	157,940	23.53%	138,795	20.10%
Feb	19,555	35,972	23,144	35,600	554,901	565,520	48,125	8.51%	31,998	5.50%
Mar	65,548	93,913	32,625	59,799	591,955	700,456	(16,076)	-2.30%	(36,052)	-5.00%
Apr	162,578	871,032	200,522	809,884	483,267	1,416,753	76,920	5.43%	36,518	2.51%
May	12,931	27,158	4,704	46,282	489,079	482,388	57,677	11.96%	43,921	8.85%
June	57,580	70,483	53,215	45,207	425,373	519,291	4,505	0.87%	(10,304)	-1.93%
July	39,265	98,569	606,973	-	-	590,143	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Aug	19,420	93,554	620,183	-	-	602,987	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Sept	53,690	64,101	522,558	-	-	508,069	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Oct	50,812	191,017	648,466	-	-	630,486	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Nov	9,662	53,034	603,207	-	-	586,482	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Dec	37,624	169,962	601,386	-	-	584,711	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Totals	558,753	1,867,230	337,724	1,104,621	3,242,492	7,858,624	329,091	7.56%	204,875	4.57%



CITY OF MONTGOMERY
 END OF MONTH REPORT
 30 JUN 2015

	2013	2014	2015	2015 vs 2014	2015	2014	2015 vs 2014
	Month-to-date	Month-to-date	Month-to-date	Month percent	Year-to-date	Year-to-date	Year percent
May							
Business	13,310.59	12,930.75	4,704.39	-63.6	284,508.80	290,699.62	-2.1
Resident	54,670.56	27,158.29	46,281.83	70.4	1,059,413.48	1,126,508.18	-5.9
Withholding	387,344.83	456,055.64	489,079.05	7.2	2,817,118.80	2,528,653.94	11.4
Non-resident							
TOTAL	455,325.98	496,144.68	540,065.27	8.8	4,161,041.08	3,945,861.74	5.4
June							
Business	28,959.95	57,579.92	53,214.95	-7.5	337,723.75	348,279.54	-3.0
Resident	67,751.43	70,483.42	45,207.48	-35.8	1,104,620.96	1,196,991.60	-7.7
Withholding	400,626.99	406,036.16	425,372.81	4.7	3,242,491.61	2,934,690.10	10.4
Non-resident							
TOTAL	497,338.37	534,095.50	523,795.24	-1.5	4,684,836.32	4,479,561.24	4.5
July							
Business	18,181.88	39,265.30		-100.0	337,723.75	387,544.84	-12.8
Resident	93,122.34	98,568.92		-100.0	1,104,620.96	1,295,560.52	-14.7
Withholding	396,199.36	469,138.51		-100.0	3,242,491.61	3,403,828.61	-4.7
Non-resident	88.58						
TOTAL	507,592.16	606,972.73	0.00	-100.0	4,684,836.32	5,086,933.97	-7.9
August							
Business	22,832.21	19,419.83		-100.0	337,723.75	406,964.67	-17.0
Resident	49,365.17	93,554.36		-100.0	1,104,620.96	1,389,114.88	-20.4
Withholding	492,187.96	507,208.45		-100.0	3,242,491.61	3,911,037.06	-17.0
Non-resident							
TOTAL	564,385.34	620,182.64	0.00	-100.0	4,684,836.32	5,707,116.61	-17.9

CITY OF MONTGOMERY
 END OF MONTH REPORT
 30 JUN 2015

	2013	2014	2015	2015 vs 2014	2015	2014	2015 vs 2014
	Month-to-date	Month-to-date	Month-to-date	Month percent	Year-to-date	Year-to-date	Year percent
January							
Business	27,562.55	30,088.07	23,512.73	-21.8	23,512.73	30,088.07	-21.8
Resident	148,796.03	98,433.64	107,848.39	9.5	107,848.39	98,433.64	9.5
Withholding	714,637.19	561,961.06	697,916.73	24.1	697,916.73	561,961.06	24.1
Non-resident							
TOTAL	890,995.77	690,482.77	829,277.85	20.1	829,277.85	690,482.77	20.1
February							
Business	20,950.34	19,554.96	23,143.93	18.3	46,656.66	49,643.03	-6.0
Resident	52,632.13	35,972.00	35,599.97	-1.0	143,448.36	134,405.64	6.7
Withholding	482,559.03	526,120.56	554,901.24	5.4	1,252,817.97	1,088,081.62	15.1
Non-resident							
TOTAL	556,141.50	581,647.52	613,645.14	5.5	1,442,922.99	1,272,130.29	13.4
March							
Business	58,064.79	65,548.31	32,625.34	-50.2	79,282.00	115,191.34	-31.1
Resident	96,187.62	93,912.57	59,799.20	-36.3	203,247.56	228,318.21	-10.9
Withholding	433,380.74	560,970.14	591,954.77	5.5	1,844,772.74	1,649,051.76	11.8
Non-resident							
TOTAL	587,633.15	720,431.02	684,379.31	-5.0	2,127,302.30	1,992,561.31	6.7
April							
Business	170,541.62	162,577.53	200,522.41	23.3	279,804.41	277,768.87	0.7
Resident	735,314.96	871,031.68	809,884.09	-7.0	1,013,131.65	1,099,349.89	-7.8
Withholding	480,882.18	423,546.54	483,267.01	14.1	2,328,039.75	2,072,598.30	12.3
Non-resident							
TOTAL	1,386,738.76	1,457,155.75	1,493,673.51	2.5	3,620,975.81	3,449,717.06	4.9

MEMO

TO: Wayne Davis
City Manager

FROM: Don Simpson
Police Chief
Don Simpson

DATE: July 1, 2015

REFERENCE: June Council Report

Activity

6/1 Officers responded to seven (7) separate auto accidents on this date.

6/2 A man met with Detective LaCalameto in reference to a theft report at his home. The victim signed up for the \$39 whole house carpet cleaning special. Not only did the 3 suspects clean his carpet, but they "cleaned" out his wife's jewelry box as well. The victim cannot remember much about the suspects except there were 3 of them, however he did remember that he gave them a \$1 tip. The case remains open and under investigation. Detective LaCalameto has been communicating with tri-state Detectives in an attempt to uncover better leads in the case.

6/2 A driver called the Police Department to report criminal damaging to her vehicle. While driving on Montgomery Rd., a person threw a pizza box out of another vehicle and it struck her vehicle. Pizza sauce, pepperoni and various other toppings were smeared onto the paint. Officer Wagner made contact with the offender, who stated that he got into an argument about trash in the vehicle with another occupant who simply threw it out the window. Occupants were cited for littering, as the victim's vehicle was not damaged.

6/3 Officer TJ Shreve stopped a vehicle for speeding on Montgomery Rd., and while speaking with the driver, he noticed an odor of an alcoholic beverage. The driver was asked to consent to roadside field sobriety tests. He refused all tests. His father picked him up at the Police Station after he was arrested for OVI and speeding.

6/3 Sgt Plaatje responded to a residence on Huckleberry for a phone theft from a vehicle. The phone was used several times and the victim called the numbers and tried to retrieve information but others on the line were uncooperative. Service has since been closed on the phone.

6/3 Detective LaCalameto spoke with a fraud victim at the station, it involved odd circumstances. The victim reported that he became interested in a 2003 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 LT Z71. The vehicle was advertised as having only 42,800 miles and in perfect condition. The suspect stated that her husband had died six months ago and she was being called to leave for military duty. She sent the victim an email, stating that she only wanted \$2500.00 to avoid negotiations and make for a quick sale. The victim was instructed to purchase Pay Pal cards for payment, which he did. He purchased five cards for \$500.00 each. He then photo copied the front and back of each card as instructed, and sent via e-mail the information to the suspect. The victim became suspicious of the transaction when another e-mail from the "Ebay Financial Department" stating that the vehicle must be insured for transport. He was advised that he is responsible for the \$1500.00 insurance. He then realized that the sale of the truck was a scam and reported it to police. He did not send the \$1500.00. Because

the transaction involved cash, it could not be tracked. Ebay is investigating on their end, so the case will remain open until more leads are developed.

6/6 Sgt Mike Davenport stopped a driver that was under suspension for owing child support. Upon further investigation, Sgt Davenport discovered nearly 18 grams of crystal methamphetamine with a street value of approximately \$2000. He was backed up by Sgt Greg Harris and Officer Alex Janszen. The suspect owes approximately \$18,000 in back support and is currently awaiting trial in the Hamilton County Justice Center.

6/6 Officer TJ Shreve was patrolling the business district on the midnight shift, and he noticed several males walking in the roadway around the time that the bars normally close. He approached the men and asked for identification, and one man ran in an attempt to evade Officer Shreve. Madeira PD responded as backup and took the man into custody on Remington Rd. The man stated that he ran because of two open warrants. The man was charged with Obstruction and turned over to the Justice Center for processing.

6/9 Officer TJ Shreve responded to a perimeter post for Loveland PD, after the driver bailed out of the vehicle from a vehicle pursuit. A K-9 track was performed but the driver was not located. The vehicle was impounded by Loveland PD and they are currently attempting to track down the driver.

6/10 Officers responded to four separated auto accidents on this date.

6/11 Officer Greg Schill stopped a vehicle for expired license plates and an attached warrant thru the State of Florida. Upon further investigation, the vehicle's passenger refused to identify himself, and became argumentative. Sgt Greg Vonden Benken, Officer Alex Janszen and a Sheriff's Deputy responded for backup. Multiple fake driver's license from California were recovered from the vehicle along with several meth pipes. The driver was arrested for Identity Theft and the open warrant thru Florida. The passenger was charged with Identity Theft and was also wanted from the State of California where he is accused of making fake driver's license and using to open bogus credit card accounts. The US Marshal Fugitive Task Force is planning on taking the suspect back to California to face the charges, and the driver will be extradited to Florida as well.

6/13 A victim from Traverse Court met with officers about a stolen Ipod from her vehicle. The Ipod contained approximately 15,000 songs. The case remains under investigation.

6/14 Second shift officers arrested a female for a warrant thru Hamilton County Juvenile Court. The suspect was transported to the jail and upon a search by female Deputies, a syringe was discovered concealed in her vagina. In order to admit the female fully into the jail population it would have been necessary for a Nurse to conduct a pelvic exam. The suspect was charged with possession of drug abuse instruments and issued a criminal citation to appear in court as opposed to incarceration.

6/16 Officer James Martin responded to Weller Rd for a reported Rumpke truck on fire. The fire started in the rear garbage compartment. The Fire Department responded to extinguish the fire.

6/17 Bethesda North Hospital was quite a busy place on this day. At different times of the day, officers responded for a fight in the lobby between a man and a woman. The man took the woman's phone to view pictures of the man with whom she was cheating with. Both suspects were struck by each other and both were arrested for Domestic Violence as this occurred in the hospital lobby. Second, a theft involving drugs, allegedly taken by a traveling Nurse. She is currently under investigation and was terminated by Tri-Health Staff. Third, the report of a drug discrepancy was

made by the Security Office. Anytime narcotics cannot be accounted for, hospital staff must file a police report.

6/18 Sgt Mike Davenport attempted to stop a vehicle on Montgomery Rd that was traveling approximately 60 mph. He eventually stopped the vehicle near 10300 Montgomery Rd. He noticed an odor of alcohol coming from the driver. He performed very poorly on roadside field tests and was taken to the Police Department for further breath testing. He refused any other breath tests and was taken the Justice Center.

6/18 Officers responded to six separate auto accidents on this date.

6/19 Officer James Martin stopped a vehicle on Delray for impeding traffic, upon further investigation, he noticed the smell of marijuana coming from the vehicle. Driver was asked to produce identification and he had a fake driver's license in his possession. He was untruthful about having it. He was charged with obstruction and was released from the Police Department after booking.

6/19 Officers again responded to six separate auto accidents on this date.

6/20 Officer Tom Wagner was dispatched to Hartford Hill for a door-to-door solicitor complaint. Upon arrival he was unable to locate the person. These are common complaints due to warmer weather. Residents are advised to call the Police Department to check permits for validity.

6/21 2nd shift officers responded to a Monte address for a domestic situation. A male 17 year old juvenile became upset with his mother about a television program. He allegedly struck her several times. The mother locked herself in her bedroom behind a reinforced door, and the father fled the residence. The juvenile nearly kicked the door in while attempting to get to the mother. The mother, in fear, called 911. The juvenile was arrested and taken to the Police Station. The parents became upset that he was not taken to Children's Hospital instead. The Ohio Revised Code for Domestic Violence was explained multiple times to the parents as they yelled and cursed at responding officers. The juvenile is currently awaiting trial at the Juvenile Detention Center.

6/22 Officer Paul Payne responded to an Ivygate address where the homeowner advised that someone hacked into his home equity line account and made an unauthorized withdrawal in the amount of \$26,000. Bank fraud investigators are looking into the offense. It remains under investigation by Detectives.

6/23 Officer Nick Nimeskern responded to B North for a report of a subject causing a disturbance. Per security he was asked to leave the premises due to his behavior. Subject left without incident.

6/24 A nursing home called for a report of missing narcotics. They suspected an employee who was asked to submit to a drug test. She immediately refused and then resigned. The nursing home is refusing to prosecute due to lack of evidence. The case is closed.

6/24 Officer TJ Shreve noticed a driver commit a marked lanes violation. When he stopped him, he noticed an odor of alcohol. The driver was returning home from a Jimmy Buffet concert. He performed poorly on roadside tests. He did submit to a breath test and was found to be .125 on the test. Traffic and OVI charges are pending.

6/26 Officer Paul Payne responded to the businesses located on Marketplace for a theft of air conditioning equipment. A witness provided the license plate of the suspect vehicle, which was located in Lockland. The suspect had permission to remove one unit, but helped himself to others in the area. The metal is commonly sold as scrap. The victim is refusing to prosecute as long as the unit is returned.

6/26 Montgomery Officers manned approximately 11 traffic posts along Montgomery Rd as the motorcade for slain Cincinnati Police Officer Sonny Kim passed through town to the Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

6/27 2nd shift officers responded to Kroger's for several suspects stealing meat. The suspects fled and one was apprehended in the south part of the City. Several others have been identified and Kroger's loss prevention is working with us to close the case.

6/27 Officer Bob Otte responded to a call of misuse of a credit card from a resident. Someone made bogus charges for approximately \$400 at a Walgreens. Detective Pat Giblin is following up on the case and believes the card info was stolen off of the internet.

6/28 Kroger, which apparently is popular for their meat selection, again called for a reported theft in progress. The male suspect fled the store and was apprehended near the BMV. He admitted to recently shooting up heroin and steals to support his habit. He was charged with an attempted theft and was released with a court summons.

6/28 A female driver struck a parked vehicle in the business district and was attempting to flee. Officer TJ Shreve located her and advises that she appeared heavily intoxicated. She was fully cooperative but tested a .259, which is 3 times over the legal limit in the State of Ohio. She appeared in Mayor's Court and advised that she is guilty and has a serious drinking problem. She is traveling to California to admit herself into a locked treatment facility in the near future. The charges will be pending upon her arrival back from California in approximately 4 months.

6/29 Officers responded to a residence on Gentlewind for a bomb threat. The victim recently made a transaction for bank fees over the internet for approximately \$10,000 which he paid. The unknown suspect believed to be a Nigerian scammer now is requesting \$25,000 or a bomb would be placed at the residence. Officers thoroughly checked the premises and found no evidence of any bombs. The case was turned over to Detective LaCalameto for further follow up with the victim. This is a common tactic with this group of scam artists by using fear tactics, and in many instances victims will give more money without contacting law enforcement.

6/30 Officer James Martin responded to an Escondido residence for a missing person report. Family members had become concerned about lack of contact with a male subject. He was located at a local hotel in Sharonville and did not wish to communicate with family members. Case was closed.

JUNE 2015 POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

Officer Lauren Helgeson	Caliber Press Street Crimes Seminar	Cincinnati PD
Sgt Kevin Gruber	Self First Aid/Buddy Care	Wright State Univ.
Detective Pat Giblin	Self First Aid/Buddy Care	Wright State Univ.
Officer Nick Nimeskern	Standardized Field Sobriety	Springfield Twp. PD
Officer Greg Schill	Standardized Field Sobriety	Springfield Twp. PD
Officer TJ Shreve	Shoot House Training	Terrace Park PD
Sgt Kevin Gruber	Shoot House Training	Terrace Park PD
Officer Tom Wagner	Threat Assessment	Symmes Twp.

Officer Bob Otte conducted 2015 Safety Village for 2 weeks in June. Over 100 children received instruction in the proper use of 9-1-1, animal safety, water safety, and a special presentation conducted by the Fire Department which utilized the "smoke" house.

**MONTGOMERY FIRE DEPT.
DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION
MONTHLY INSPECTION REPORT
June -2015**

OCCUPANCY CLASS	TOTALS		
	Initial	Re-inspections	Total
RESIDENTIAL _____	3	1	4
PUBLIC BUILDINGS _____	2	1	3
HEALTH CARE FACILITIES _____	10	3	13
CHILD CARE FACILITIES _____	1	0	1
EDUCATIONAL BUILDINGS _____	0	0	0
CHURCHES _____	0	0	0
MERCANTILE _____	37	16	53
Sub Totals:	53	21	74

Other Misc. Inspections:
 • 5 Inspections with NIC

TOTAL INSPECTIONS → 79

RESULTS OF INSPECTIONS

VIOLATIONS ISSUED _____	37
VIOLATIONS CORRECTED _____	44
TOTAL VIOLATIONS ISSUED IN 2015 _____	272
TOTAL VIOLATIONS CORRECTED IN 2015 _____	224
RECOMMENDATIONS ISSUED _____	05
RECOMMENDATIONS CORRECTED _____	03
COMPLAINTS ANSWERED _____	00
REFERRALS MADE TO OTHERS _____	00
PERMITS ISSUED _____	00
PERMITS WITHHELD _____	00
APPLIANCES RED TAGGED _____	00
CITATIONS ISSUED _____	00
WARNING TAGS ISSUED _____	00
SUPPLY SYSTEMS INSTALLED _____	00
SPRINKLER SYS. TESTS OBSERVED _____	01
ALARM SYS. TESTS OBSERVED _____	03
FIRE DRILLS OBSERVED _____	00
TORNADO DRILLS OBSERVED _____	00
SYSTEMS TEST CERTIFICATES RECEIVED _____	05
PLAN REVIEWS MADE _____	06

PROGRAM INVOLVEMENT:

Center Learn – Inspector trainings

Meeting with South West Ohio Fire Safety Council (SWOFSC)

LT. Mark S. Stagge
Fire Safety Inspector



A FINAL FAREWELL

Slain Cincinnati Police Officer Sonny Kim is honored by his students at Karate-Do in Symmes Township before his body is taken to the cemetery.

JEANNE HOUCK/THE COMMUNITY PRESS

There were dignitaries and fellow officers, but mostly, people who live in the Tristate community wanted to pay their respect and show their gratitude for slain Cincinnati Police Officer Sonny Kim's service and sacrifice. They came early and lined the route of the funeral procession to do that. Signs, salutes, and tears were common.

A final bow from his students at his karate do, where he was an instructor touched many hearts. And a hero was laid to rest.

You can donate to a fund to support his family at bit.ly/SonnyKim. And you can find complete coverage of the visitation and funeral for the officer on cincinnati.com



KELLY MCBRIDE/THE COMMUNITY PRESS

"If it rains, it rains. I'm here till the end." Retired firefighter Bob Reiff of Mason held his position throughout the procession of nearly 11 miles of police vehicles. "It's emotional," he said, wiping a tear. "I want to let them know they aren't alone."



KELLY MCBRIDE/THE COMMUNITY PRESS

Lt. Col. David Kelly, from left, and Capt. Brian Rebolz of West Chester Police, and Sgt. Kevin Gruber of Montgomery Police salute the hearse as the funeral procession approaches Schoolhouse Lane on Montgomery Road.

Recycling truck fire raises safety awareness

Cincinnati 10:12 a.m. EDT June 29, 2015

Material in the back of a residential recycling truck caught fire



(Photo: File photo)

Material in the back of a residential recycling truck caught fire June 16 on Weller Road in Montgomery, prompting Montgomery Fire Department to respond and for Rumpke to issue an important reminder to customers.

"Not everything can be recycled," Rumpke vice president Jeff Rumpke said in a press release. "Today's truck fire serves as a reminder that tossing the wrong item in your recycling container can cause big problems. Items like propane tanks and batteries are flammable and put the safety of our employees at risk and could cause big problems for our trucks and recycling plant."

In April 2012, Rumpke's Cincinnati recycling center was destroyed by a fire, according to the press release. While the exact cause remains unknown, authorities believe the fire was caused by something flammable in a load of recyclables.

"Rumpke is committed to recycling, and growing recycling in the region; however, to do so, we need customers to recycle right," Rumpke said in the press release. "We encourage our customers to review and follow our acceptable item list and ask us questions if they are unsure if something can be recycled."

Rumpke accepts the following items in its recycling program:

- plastic bottles and jugs (please flatten and reattach the lid);
- cartons;
- glass bottles and jars (any color);
- aluminum and steel cans;
- empty aerosol cans (with lids and tips removed);
- paperboard (cereal boxes, 12-pack containers, etc.);
- cardboard;
- a variety of paper products, including office paper, newspapers, magazines, junk mail and envelopes (with or without windows), telephone books and paper grocery bags.

Rumpke maintains a list of recyclables at www.rumpke.com (<http://www.rumpke.com/>). Rumpke also encourages customers to tour its recycling facility to learn more about the recycling process. For tour information, email tours@rumpke.com (<http://tours@rumpke.com/>).

MONTGOMERY

City announces Independence Day festivities

Make it a family tradition to celebrate Independence Day together with neighbors and friends at the City of Montgomery's July 3 Concert and July 4 Parade and Festival.

» July 3 Concert is at 7:30 p.m. in Montgomery Park.

» July 4 Parade starts at 10 a.m. on Cooper and Montgomery Roads.

» July 4 Festival is at Montgomery Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

July 3 Concert – Kick off this year's Independence Day celebration with the Blue Ash Montgomery Symphony Orchestra's concert at Montgomery Park. The festivities start at 7:30 p.m. with the playing of the National Anthem. This year's "Holly-

wood Summer Blockbusters" theme will include hits from Superman, E.T., Star Wars as well as patriotic favorites, including "America the Beautiful" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Bring your blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the park setting as you

listen to the symphony orchestra celebrate America's holiday.

July 4 Parade – Floats, notes and horns make for a great parade lineup at the 2015 Independence Day Parade.

This long-standing family tradition in Montgomery starts at 10 a.m. moving along Cooper Road from the Junior High School and heads north on Montgomery Road to Schoolhouse Lane. Spectators should come early to get a spot near the announcers, located by the Bell Tower and the Universalist Church in the Heritage District.

The parade boasts family-fun units and characters, with plenty of tradition built into the lineup of floats, flags and candy to make for a spectacular and entertaining start to a full day of celebrating. Kids, 5 years of age or older, are invited to ride their decorated bike in the Kids on Bikes unit. This unit meets at 9675 Montgomery Road (Intertech Design Services) parking lot at 9:45 a.m.

July 4 Festival – Americana at its best. Fun kids' games, hot dogs, corn on the cob, lemonade, pony rides, music and an all-star ball game round out this year's festival in Montgomery Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Graeter's, Donato's Pizza, Montgomery Chamber of Commerce, and Blue Ash/Montgomery Rotary Club will sell food and drinks along the path in Montgomery Park. With live music by Kevin Fox, the beer booth and park shelter will be a great gathering spot for adults to sit in the shade or as they find a hill side spot to watch two Montgomery ball teams play in the noon-time baseball game.

For more information, visit montgomeryohio.org or call 513-891-2424.

Faith Lynch

Montgomery seeks sign-ups for garage sale

Bargain-hunters and those who enjoy finding a curbside deal should check out the City of Montgomery's Community-Wide Garage-Sale on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration is open to Montgomery households interested in hosting a garage or yard sale and wanting to join in on this joint promotion. Households can sign up on the City's website, www.montgomeryohio.org, or by calling 513-891-2424. There is no fee to participate.

A Garage Sale Treasure Map, with a complete listing of locations, will be available at Montgomery City Hall, 10101 Montgomery Road, starting on Sept. 9, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and at www.montgomeryohio.org to help shoppers prepare for the sales and map out deal-finding strategies. Treasure Maps will also be handed out at City Hall on the Saturday morning of the sales, beginning at 8 a.m.

Twin Lakes Senior Living Community of Montgomery will also hold its annual Whale of a Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 9876 Montgomery Road (former Century Honda dealership) on Sept. 12. The sale features furniture, kitchen items, glassware, household items, appliances, pictures, and linens. All proceeds from the sale benefit the Benevolent and Pastoral Care needs at Twin Lakes.

This grassroots public awareness campaign organized by the Montgomery Environmental Advisory Commission promotes reuse, repair and resale opportunities in the City of Montgomery.

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