

September 10, 2015

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Wayne S. Davis, City Manager  
Department Heads



SUBJECT: Thursday Update

The following information is provided to you as a summary of activities for the week of September 7, 2015 and as an announcement of activities in the coming weeks:

1. As a reminder, the Parks and Recreation and Public Works Committees of City Council will meet on Monday, September 14 at 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. respectively. The Government Affairs Committee has cancelled its meeting for the month of September.
2. As a reminder, the Financial Planning and Law and Safety Committees of City Council will meet on Tuesday, September 15 at 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. respectively. The Planning, Zoning and Landmarks Committee has cancelled its meeting for the month of September.
3. As a reminder, City Council is scheduled to meet in Work Session on Wednesday, September 16 immediately following the Montgomery Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) meeting at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.
4. Volunteer Appreciation Days at the pool wrapped up on Monday, September 7, with a total of 220 volunteer/guests attending. Volunteer feedback was positive with a common theme of appreciation for the flexibility of attendance at this event. The City appreciates the various efforts of all of these fine volunteers throughout the past year.
5. The 2015 pool season ended on Monday with a total of 652 memberships being sold this season, which is in line with 2014 with 666 sold. Attendance increased in 2015 with 20,576 check-in's being recorded versus 19,751 recorded in 2014. The largest attendance was recorded on June 11, with 491. This past Sunday, September 6, was the fourth highest attended day with 464 patrons using the pool. Overall, it was another successful year at the City's pool. Thanks to all who made this happen for our customers.
6. More than 400 people and their furry best friends joined the fun on Labor Day at the annual Dogfest and K-9 Kerplunk event. The event featured on-stage contests and prizes, a doggie parade, an animal communicator, a dog race and, of course, fun in the pool. Thanks are extended to Council Member Gerri Harbison for judging the stage contests. A WCPO Channel 9 newscaster did a live broadcast at the event which was shown during their 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. news broadcast. WKRC Channel 12 was also at the event and filmed a segment which was broadcast during their 11:00 p.m. newscast. Thank you to Dogfest team members Cindy Abner, Sharon Savitt, Sarah Fink, Tony Brothers, Mark Stagge, Greg Schill and Julie Machon for providing a fun community event.

7. Brian Riblet returned to the Public Works Department on Monday, following his attendance last week at the American Public Works Association Conference in Phoenix, AZ. Brian reports that the conference was well attended and provided him with a variety of great resources, including new and innovative software concepts for pavement analysis, roundtable discussions on long-term winter maintenance operations and multiple vendor and peer contacts. Brian is glad to be back and expressed his appreciation to the City for having the opportunity to attend this conference and learn more about his profession. Welcome back, Brian.
8. On Tuesday, Connie Gaylor attended a Hamilton County WeThrive Collaborative meeting. Community representatives from across Hamilton County were in attendance to learn about the topic of Health Equity. Communities shared the benefits of being in the WeThrive Collaborative. Approximately \$800,000 in grant funding was distributed to the Village of Woodlawn and the City of Norwood to help establish Safe Routes to School. The WeThrive teams are nearing the completion of their respective action plans and the City will soon be recognized as a WeThrive community.
9. On Wednesday, Kelly Beach participated in a webinar offered by Frost Brown Todd titled Employment Law Training for Supervisors. The one hour training covered the legal fundamentals of employment law and tips to identify key issues to avoid litigation.
10. A new Yoga class began on September 2 with eight participants enrolled. Classes will run on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. through October 23 at the newly renovated Recreation Annex Building. Since renovations, all classes have seen an increase in registration numbers as well as new participants.
11. The Community Development Department is partnering with the Environmental Advisory Commission to host the Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance for a solar workshop on Thursday evening at Terwilliger's Lodge from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m.
12. On Thursday morning the City sponsored a First Responders Breakfast at the Safety Center to recognize the professionals who give so much of themselves to protect us and our property. Many people from the community attended the event including Pastor Dave Bittinger, Mark and Ginny Laskovics, Gary Blomberg, Marcallene Shockey, Judge Brad Greenberg, Superintendent Frank Forsthoefel and Chad Lewis from Sycamore Schools, Bob Reichart and "new" Montgomery residents, Michelle and Ella Buddy, who brought cookies before Ella went to school. In addition to the Montgomery residents, several City Council Members (Mayor Steinbrink, Lynda Roesch, Gerri Harbison and Ken Suer) were in attendance as were several staff members. Thanks to all of our co-workers at the Safety Center for everything you do. It does not go unnoticed and it is always appreciated. And a special thanks to Lynda Roesch who generated this idea and who worked with Connie Gaylor to make this a reality. A job well done by all for the right reasons. As a follow up from this morning, the Safety Center staff stated how proud they are to serve in a City where there is truly deep support for us and said "thanks" from all members of each Department!



13. Thank you to the Montgomery Ohio Chamber of Commerce and Med+ Urgent Care for once again partnering with the City for the annual Hot Dog event held today at Neuilly-Plaisance Plaza. This fellowship lunch is an opportunity to connect and engage with members of the local business community. This is in keeping with our continued efforts in maintaining close and supportive relationships with our local businesses. Thank you to everyone who attended, and to all of our local weather people!
14. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is conducting a safety project in Hamilton County. The agency will be collecting traffic and crash data from nearly every jurisdiction in the County. They use the collected information to regulate and recommend safety measures that automotive manufacturers put into vehicles that are sold in the United States. Montgomery takes a fair number of crashes every year due to Interstates 71 and 275, and some of these are of a serious nature. It is good to know that some of the data the Police Department collects will be used for motorist's safety on a national basis!
15. Ben Shapiro, Melissa Hays and Connie Gaylor will attend training on Friday for Disaster Assessment hosted by Hamilton County Emergency Management. These assessments are needed to assist in determining if federal funds will be available to the community following a disaster. Staff will be instructed on how to properly complete the applications once the financial assessments are completed, which usually is required within 48 hours following a disaster. Thanks to Ben, Melissa, and Connie for taking time to be trained in this capacity, to ready the City to respond in a time of crisis.
16. We now count a total of 19 MCLA applications for the Class of 2016. Twelve recruitment letters have been mailed this week and we continue to reach out to members of the community

who would make great additions to the Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy. Please let Faith know if you have any additional candidates.

17. On Friday morning, Vice Mayor Dobrozsi, Council Member Harbison, John Crowell and I will depart for Montgomery, NY to participate in our Sister City's General Montgomery Day Parade and celebration on Saturday. Tracy Roblero will be meeting up with us Friday evening to also participate in this event which celebrates the history of Montgomery, NY, where the founders of Montgomery, OH, originated. We will travel up on Friday with plans to return to the area on Sunday afternoon, September 13. We will report on our experiences in more detail in next week's Thursday Update. In my absence, Brian Riblet will serve as the Acting City Manager.
18. On Saturday, Connie Gaylor will travel to Charlottesville, Virginia to attend Leading, Educating and Developing (LEAD) training at the University of Virginia. Tony Gardner, the Executive Director of the Commonwealth Center for High Performance, indicates that he and the staff are excited to have Connie as part of this class, which Connie will complete on Friday, September 18.
19. On Monday afternoon, Tracy and I will meet with Scott McQuinn, Jim Mayer and Jon Homer from Twin Lakes/Life Enriching Communities regarding their plans for the development of their properties at the Twin Lakes Campus along Montgomery Road.

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

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