

August 20, 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 August 17, 2015 and as an announcement of activities in the coming weeks:

1. The Graveleine family from Neuilly-Plaisance is wrapping up their American vacation with a few days in Montgomery before departing to France tomorrow. Denis, Annie, Madeleine and Elise travelled to the Southeast during their vacation (Savannah, Charleston, Asheville and Nashville) and were also able to attend the Sister Cities Commission meeting on Tuesday and spend some time in the region. It is great to have our French friends in town and we wish them a safe return to France.
2. The Montgomery Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) Gateway Redevelopment Area (GRA) Ad-Hoc Committee met on Monday evening to follow up with all four of the development teams by conference call, with questions resulting from their previous presentations. The Committee will meet again on Monday, August 24, to begin discussions on the information that was gathered during the interviews as well as to discuss the decision making process moving forward on this important project.
3. The Planning Commission met on Monday night to consider a concept plan from Camden Homes for a new subdivision at the former Montgomery Swim and Tennis Club site. Camden Homes is proposing a 30 lot subdivision that would require a rezoning and a Planned Development Overlay. The Planning Commission gave the applicant feedback and shared concerns with the developer regarding perimeter setbacks and open space for the project. The Planning Commission recommended that the applicant continue to work with Staff on adjusting the plan in this regard before submitting for a General Development Plan review.
4. Matthew Vanderhorst has published the third Montgomery podcast episode which contains an interview with Lee Langston of Operation Giveback. The podcast is an experiment that the Community and Information Services Department is conducting to improve information dissemination to the community. You can listen to the interview on the website at this link, <http://www.montgomeryohio.org/pages/montgomery-45242-podcast/>. Please let us know your thoughts on this as we experiment with this medium.
5. Kelly Beach attended the quarterly Greater Cincinnati Finance Officers Association (GCFOA) meeting on Tuesday. Robert Leshnak, Jr. of Leshnak Financial Group LLC, spoke on financial planning and tax strategies for government employees. The next meeting is slated for October 20 and will be hosted by the City at the Montgomery Inn.

6. Please see the attached memorandum from Tom Lakamp, Commissioner of the Hamilton County Urban Search and Rescue Team (USAR), appointing Lieutenant Mike Nelson to the position of Training Manager with the team. Mike has certainly hit the ground running since being promoted to Lieutenant and we congratulate him on this appointment.
7. Last night, I had the distinct privilege of swearing in two new Montgomery Police Officers during the City Council meeting. Dave Mulcahy and Alexis Guilkey took their oath of office in front of many friends and family members, and peers who were present for the ceremony. Congratulations to Dave and Alexis!



8. On Thursday night I will be getting together with Tony Gardner as he is passing through the area. Tony Gardner is the Executive Director of the Senior Executive Institute at the Commonwealth Center for High Performance at the University of Virginia. It has been a while since we have been in touch with Tony but it should provide an opportunity to review our continued work at the City, as well as prepare Tony for Connie Gaylor's upcoming Leading, Educating and Developing (LEAD) course work which will begin on September 12. I will be sure to say hello to Tony on behalf of everyone at the City.
9. The facilities team recently wrapped up the City Facilities Overview after several years of research and planning. As some may remember, this team was developed in response to the 2011-2016 Strategic Plan Goal #6, in which members created an inventory and examined current uses of City-owned properties and facilities. This team has made recommendations for improvements, and how we can provide the best services possible to our citizens, visitors and employees, while recognizing that resources are limited for these various "wish list" items. The plan is to review this document with the Public Works Committee of City Council in September and make the document available to all of City Council as a part of the Committee packet. Our thanks goes out to the many City employees who contributed and worked on this important City project and resource!
10. Congratulations are extended to members of the fire department for their academic accomplishments. We recognize Firefighter/Paramedic, Jason Witte on his graduation from the University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor's Degree in Fire and Safety Engineering; Firefighter/Paramedic Bob Hasselfeld on his graduation from the University of Cincinnati with a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice; Firefighter/EMT Mike Jones on passing his National Registry Paramedic Test and now being referred to as "Firefighter Paramedic Jones"; and Kevin Bartenberger who received his Bachelor's Degree in Applied Science from Youngstown State University. Great job by all!
11. Recently, School Resource Officer (SRO) Paul Payne taught a block of instruction at the Ohio School Resource Officers Association (OSROA) Conference in Columbus Ohio. Paul was the opening guest instructor and received many accolades for his presentation. Attached is a thank you letter from the OSROA Membership Programs Director. Our thanks and

appreciation goes out to Paul for his dedication to our City as well as the Sycamore Community Schools, and his many professional contacts throughout the United States!

12. In the upcoming weeks staff will be finalizing plans for a Montgomery contingent (Vice Mayor Dobrozsi, Council Member Harbison, Tracy Roblero, John Crowell and I) to travel to the Village of Montgomery, New York to meet with our counterparts and to participate in the General Montgomery Day events in our Sister City from where so much of our community heritage and history originates. The plan is to travel up on September 11 and return to the area on September 13. We will provide more details on the trip's logistics as they evolve. Thanks to everyone who is willing to be a part of this.
13. A final reminder for the City's Strategic Plan Retreat at Three Chimneys at the Vintage Club, which will take place from 3:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, and from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday. Please complete your homework assignments, and Management Partners will facilitate both sessions and promises to keep us on schedule. Thanks to all for your contributions to this important planning effort for the future of our community.
14. Please find attached Montgomery-related news articles that appeared in the local media since our last update.

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

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From: Lakamp, Thomas [mailto:Thomas.Lakamp@cincinnati-oh.gov]
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Subject: Mike Nelson - Training Manager HCUSAR

Chief Wright,

I am happy to announce that Mike Nelson from your department has been selected as a Training Manager with Hamilton County USAR. Mike will be assisting with the training coordination and emergency scene management of the team. Mike was selected as a result of his demonstrated leadership and past participation with the team. The Deputy Commissioners and I look forward to his continued commitment to improving the service we provide to the County.

Thank you for your continued support of Mike and for Hamilton County USAR.

Thomas C. Lakamp
Commissioner
Hamilton County USAR Task Force
State of Ohio - Region 6 - Collapse Rescue Team



August 13, 2015

SRO Paul Payne
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Dear Paul,

Thank you for once again being the "opening act" for the SRO Basic Training at the Columbus Police Training Academy and presenting the sessions on *The History & Overview of SRO's*, *The Role Of SRO's*, *Ethics and Integrity*, *Implementing an SRO program*, *MOU's*, *Documentation*, *Freshman Orientation and Lesson Planning/Presenting in the Schools*. All your speaker training from OPOTA really paid off by the many positive comments that were made on the evaluations.

- Officer Payne did a great job of explaining and establishing a rapport with students.
- Paul was a good speaker (several people said this)
- Great presentation and info.
- Great ideas on ways to set a SRO up for success.

There were many brand new SROs in the group and I think sharing your experiences as a SRO, both the good and the bad, was invaluable to the group.

The sessions on Thursday and Friday typically are always very positive and has the attendees leaving the training encouraged and ready for the new school year ahead of them.

Thank you for all your help and we very much appreciate your willingness to instruct the SROs and to make the schools in Ohio safer and more effective.

Sincerely,

Eileen Kramer
OSROA
Membership Programs Director

Montgomery City

Council leaf vacuum vote

Montgomery Ohio is a great suburb to live in — friendly neighbors, wonderful parks, and affordable houses in some areas.

Unfortunately, I am extremely disappointed in the City Council's vote on the leaf vacuum issue. Through the hard work and careful research of residents, it was obvious that many citizens of Montgomery were in favor of not bagging leaves every autumn, but raking them to the curb for pick up, just like many communities do in our area.

This is a popular perk of living in Blue Ash, and while someone is considering locating in Montgomery or Blue Ash, this may not be a deal breaker but a negative aspect to life in Montgomery.

Residents did exhaustive research which seemed to be largely ignored by Montgomery's City Council. After attending a meeting where pros and cons of this issue were presented, I got the sense, even this past spring, that the council was not seriously considering leaf vacuuming and had already made up their minds.

How unfortunate that we all will be inconvenienced by this decision of Montgomery's City Council.

*Wendy New
Montgomery*