

August 27, 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 24, 2015 and as an announcement of activities in the coming weeks:

1. As a reminder, City Council is scheduled to meet in Business Session on Wednesday, September 2 immediately following the Montgomery Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) meeting at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.
2. As a reminder, this Friday is the joint meeting between the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce and Ohio National Financial Services. The meeting will be held at noon at the Ohio National facility located at 1 Financial Way. Please plan to attend and support the partnership between the Chamber of Commerce and Ohio National.
3. Tracy Roblero attended the OKI Planning Directors' Network meeting hosted by OKI Regional Council of Governments on Friday, August 21. The event was held at Planning Development Services (PDS) in Northern Kentucky and featured work being done by the organization using Geographic Information Services (GIS). The event also gave Tracy the opportunity to network with Planning Directors from other jurisdictions including the City of Blue Ash and Sycamore Township.
4. Lieutenant John Crowell assisted with two search warrants this past week with the Hamilton County Police Association (HCPA) SWAT (Special Weapons Attack Team) Team. The SWAT Team consists of federal, local, and state law enforcement member agencies that operate within Hamilton County. The HCPA's motto is, "Cooperation in Operation" which is evident in the recent number of multiple Hamilton County jurisdictions where the team has served.
5. The Annex building experienced a much needed face lift this week with the installation of new flooring. The new laminate flooring is commonly used in the fitness industry as it is padded and allows for shock absorbency and less physical impact on participants during fitness routines. I think we can all agree by the picture below that the Annex never looked so good. Thank you to Julie Machon and Sarah Fink on their work to obtain the grant funding that made these improvements possible. Our community will very much appreciate your efforts as do we.



6. Sergeant Greg Harris taught a three day session at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) for Vehicle Pursuit and Control Techniques as part of his instructor duties. On a special note, the police department receives credit for every hour that Sergeant Harris teaches at the Academy, which in turn we utilize for our yearly training needs in lieu of payment. Greg's instruction is geared for officers that range in experience levels from new recruits to officers with many years of experience. Several Montgomery officers have received this highly regarded training and remarked, "This is some of the best training I have ever received!" Thanks goes out to Greg for his dedication and commitment at the State level.
7. The Board of Zoning Appeals met on Tuesday night to hear four residential variance requests and to consider a rehearing of a variance request that was denied in June. The rehearing request for a driveway setback encroachment in the Tanagerwoods Subdivision was denied. Two of the residential variance requests were approved, one for a driveway encroachment in the Ferris Williams subdivision and the other for an addition that encroaches into the side yard setback in the Ferris Williams Subdivision. A variance request for a front and rear yard setback variance for new construction in the Ferris Williams subdivision was denied. The Board also denied a variance request to allow for pool equipment to encroach into the side yard setback on a home on Zig Zag Road.
8. Brian Riblet and Connie Gaylor attended a Residential Recycling Incentive (RRI) meeting hosted by the Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District Wednesday morning. This meeting included communities throughout Hamilton County. Those in attendance discussed the pros and cons of the RRI grant program and how to make improvements for the future. Out of 47 communities that participate, the City is among the top seven that achieved between a 25%-29% recycling rate. Excellent work by our citizens.
9. Kelly Beach is attending the Treasurer of State Center for Public Investment Management training at Sinclair College today. Attending these sessions on cash management, including debt issuance and management, investments, ethics, collection of taxes and any other area that is reasonable as determined by the State Treasurer's Office, satisfies the requirements set forth in the Ohio Revised Code regarding continuing education for deposits of public funds and investments.
10. Today I attended the Ohio City/County Management Association (OCMA) Board meeting in Columbus. The OCMA Board meets every other month and provides members professional development opportunities as well as an opportunity to network with other local government managers throughout the State.
11. Matthew Vanderhorst has published a new podcast episode featuring an interview with Wendy New of Montgomery Food Share. Future episodes will feature interviews with our two new police officers, Alexis Guilkey and David Mulcahy, Montgomery Women's' Club and other topics important to the community. You can listen on the website or subscribe to receive new episodes at <http://www.montgomeryohio.org/pages/montgomery-45242-podcast/>.

12. Public works staff is busy working to close out several construction projects including: Street Resurfacing Program, Bituminous "Black Mat" Project, Montgomery and Pfeiffer Roads Improvement Project, and the Demolition of the Ford Dealership Building(s). Staff will assure all punch list items are completed and it is anticipated that all projects will be completed at or below the budgeted amounts.
13. Tagging onto the prior item, please find attached an email from Mary Fischer, Director of Development at TriHealth/Bethesda North Hospital, thanking the City for the addition of the turn lanes on Montgomery and Pfeiffer Roads. Mary told me earlier in the week that the lanes make a huge difference for her commute and that of other Bethesda North Hospital staff.
14. Public works staff addressed several drainage issues this week including new drainage (and landscaping) along the front of the Annex Building, completed excavation to establish a drainage swale at 7943 Wild Orchard Drive, and installed a trench drain system around the perimeter of the gazebo at Pioneer Park.
15. Public works staff is also overseeing electrostatic fence painting of the tennis courts at both Dulle and Pfeiffer Parks, which is done as part of our ongoing infrastructure maintenance.
16. Recruitment for Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy (MCLA) is still going strong. Thanks to your efforts we now have 13 applications. We will continue to take applications through September 30. Please let Faith know if you have any other candidates that we should contact.
17. Connect Montgomery's Making A Difference Day will be held on Saturday, October 24. This year, Faith will be organizing a group of City staff and City Council members to assist the Blue Ash/Montgomery Rotary Club with volunteer duties at Matthew 25: Ministries, 11060 Kenwood Road, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Please let Faith know if you are interested in participating. Afterwards, the MCLA Class of 2014 is hosting a volunteer celebration cookout at Swaim Lodge from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
18. 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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Subject: New Traffic Lanes

Brian,

I'm in Rotary Club with Wayne and I mentioned to him today that the new traffic lanes on Pfeiffer Road and Montgomery are awesome! I work at BNH - so now I can simply get in the turn-only lanes when I drive to work and don't have to wait behind someone at a traffic light who is heading straight on Montgomery Road.

Thanks so much for all you do!

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What's on the Nov. 3 ballot

Blue Ash

All seven seats of Blue Ash City Council are up for election this November.

Three of the five wards have contested races:

Ward 1 - Robert Ryan and James Sumner; Ward 3 - Rick Bryan and Pramod S. Jahveri, and Ward 5, Margaret Del Favero and Marc Sirkin.

The two at-large seats are held by Mayer Lee Czerwonka and Vice Mayor Tom Adamec; both are seeking re-election. Stephanie Stoller (Ward 2) and Robert J. Buckman Jr. (Ward 4) are running unopposed.

The main issues facing Blue Ash are the ongoing development of Summit Park and multiple residential developments in the area.

Indian Hill Exempted Village City Board of Education

The Indian Hill Exempted Village School District Board of Education has two open seats on the board for four-year terms.

The open seats are for Erik Lutz and Tim Sharp. Lutz did not file for re-election as of Aug. 18; Sharp is on the ballot with Nancy Aichholz, Lyle Fiore and Kris Pearson.

Montgomery

Three seats of Montgomery city council are up for election in November. The seats are held by Mayor Todd Steinbrink, Gerri Harbison and Craig Margolis.

Steinbrink did not file for re-election. Michael Cappel replaces him on the ballot.

The main issue facing Montgomery is the development of the old dealership sites, which are owned by the city. The city is also looking into switching from a leaf bagging system to a leaf vacuuming system after the debate was raised by residents.

Sycamore School Board

Two seats on the Sycamore Community School board of education are up for election. They are held by Ken Richter and Paul Balent, who was appointed to the position in May after Jill Cole moved out of the district.

Richter is not running for re-election. Melissa Weiss is the second candidate.

The main issue for the Sycamore Community Schools is formulating the new Aviator Flight Plan, which is meant to better prepare students for life after graduation. The district also has a new administration with Superintendent Frank Forsthoefel taking over for Adrienne James, who retired after 32 years with the district and nine as superintendent.

Sycamore Township

Dennis W. Connor (board of trustees) and Rob Porter (fiscal officer) are both running unopposed to keep their seats.

Elected officials can expect to continue the effort of providing services to residents without in-

creasing costs. This is a big challenge given the greatly reduced revenue of recent years as a result of state reductions. The township's efforts to seek alternative ways of increasing revenue, such as JEDZ, continue to be a focus.

Symmes Township

One of the three seats for Board of Trustees will be up for a vote in November, the seat held by Trustee President Phil Beck.

The Fiscal Officer seat held by Carol Sims is also up this fall.

Beck and Sims are both running unopposed.

Symmes Township voters will consider a 1.5-mill safety services levy this November. If approved the levy would generate an estimated \$879,335 and cost homeowners about \$46.45 per \$100,000 valuation annually. The levy includes a 1-mill renewal of an expiring levy and an additional .5-mill to meet increasing costs.

Voters in Precinct F will also decide a local option for Sunday sales at Fresh Thyme Farmers Market.

Issues

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