

February 11, 2016

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 February 8, 2016 and as an announcement of activities in the coming weeks:

1. As a reminder, City Council is scheduled to meet in Work Session on Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
2. The annual Community Leadership Forum held last Saturday was a success! Thank you to all City Council members for their introductions and thank you to City Staff for preparing and delivering excellent presentations. Connie Gaylor and Matthew Vanderhorst are currently preparing a "thank you" email on behalf of City Council from City Council Member Gerri Harbison. This "thank you" will include a link to an online survey. We will share the survey results during an upcoming Government Affairs Committee of Council meeting. For future planning Faith Lynch has secured the Golder Conference Room at Bethesda North Hospital for next year's Community Leadership Forum on February 4, 2017. We are very appreciative of Bethesda North for their continued partnership with the City and for the use of their facility.
3. On Tuesday, Brian Riblet and Gary Heitkamp met with Gateway Partners, LLC and Strand Associates to begin discussing the scope of work needed to submit an Interchange Operation Study (IOS) for the GRA development site.
4. The assessed property valuation for the City for 2015, to be collected in 2016, increased slightly from \$516,228,830 to \$521,032,070. This represents an increase of .93%. It is important to recall that the triennial property reappraisal will occur in 2017, for 2018 property valuations.
5. On Wednesday afternoon, Lieutenant John Crowell attended a meeting held at Bethesda North called "Hamilton County Safe Communities Coalition meeting and Fatal Crash Review". The coalition is made up of Hamilton County agencies and stakeholders who work to review fatal crashes and implement measures to reduce the numbers of crashes. This particular meeting will be focusing efforts to reduce pedestrian injuries and fatalities.
6. The Landmarks Commission met on Wednesday night to consider an application for a new wall sign for The Ohio Plan located at 9380 Montgomery Road. The Commission also selected the Wooley-Kelsch House at 7967 Cooper Road as the 2016 Landmark Ornament. The members felt that this would be a good way to honor the Hattersley's for all of the improvements they have put into the home over the years. Staff also presented a brief slideshow on the City's trip to Montgomery, NY for General Montgomery Day in 2015.

7. Matthew Vanderhorst and Ray Kingsbury attended an Alliance for Innovation (AFI) Innovation Lab in Dublin, Ohio today. The discussion for this lab was about civic trust and engagement. The AFI Innovation Lab is a thought, solution, and experimentation workshop that brings together leaders at all levels of local government from across the country to share, collaborate, and exchange ideas about a hot topic challenge in local government.
8. Public works staff worked this week performing winter operations beginning Monday evening through Wednesday morning. Crews are currently cleaning up public works vehicles and addressing minor equipment repairs.
9. On Thursday, Jesse Bundy, Gary Heitkamp, and Brian Riblet met with Hamilton County and Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) officials to discuss the bridge deck replacement project on Pfeiffer Road. The project is currently programmed in ODOT fiscal year 2018 and staff is working with both entities to assure traffic access is maintained throughout the project.
10. Council Members Harbison and Suer, Meghan Hyden and I attended the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce lunch meeting at Twin Lakes today. The featured speakers for the meeting were Superintendent Forsthoeful and Treasurer Weber of the Sycamore Schools. Their presentation covered a variety of topics including the diverse demographics of the 5,323 students who attend the schools, innovative techniques in delivering enhanced education to these students via technology and curriculum design, and the recent news from the School Board regarding its plans to place a 6.5 mill operating level on the ballot, November 8, 2016. Approximately 31 Chamber members attended this informative meeting.
11. The next MCLA session is scheduled for Thursday, February 18 at Bethesda North Hospital in the Golder Conference Room. The session starts at 6:00 p.m. Unfortunately, there are no open slots available. Our scheduled session with Sycamore Community Schools on Tuesday, February 9 was cancelled due to snow, but has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 31 at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to attend this make-up session, please contact Faith Lynch.
12. Please find attached monthly department report from the police department for the month of January.
13. 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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February 1, 2016

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My name is Doug Anderson; I am the owner of Ice B' Gone Magic liquid in Cincinnati and Dayton. I have been in the liquid business for many years and have worked with over a hundred cities and contractors. I've had the privilege to work with cities that have never used any liquids to the cities that have been using some form of liquids for years. Every now and then I come across a city that is really put together from top to bottom, and that city is the City of Montgomery.

In less than one year, the City of Montgomery has put together a tank area and liquid program; that cities, counties, and even states strive to achieve. With the leadership from Brian Riblet, Gary Heitkamp and Terry Willenbrink to the guys in the field and in the garage, everyone has worked hard and fast to learn the new spray system equipment and product. They've learned how and when to use liquids and when not to use liquids.

The whole City of Montgomery team from the beginning has asked all the right questions, and would always retain suggestions and answers and then be able to not only execute the task, they would build on it. They saw opportunities to improve on the design of some of the equipment, which has resulted in easier use. We are now making those same changes at manufacturing level in our business as well.

Another thing that has really stood out is the quality of brine that the City of Montgomery is making. For a city that has only been making brine for a short time with simple measuring tools they are producing amazing quality brine. I pulled a random sample and tested it on our digital salinity meter and it tested right at 23.3%. That is 100% perfect and difficult to always execute.

I have been truly impressed with the speed and accuracy in which the City of Montgomery public works department has introduced a liquid program. They are fully utilizing their skills and abilities. The city has the ability to use straight Ice B' Gone liquid when needed, or to mix it into the brine they make on site at the percentage they find fit to make a hot brine mix. They have all the spray systems to treat their city roads correctly and efficiently. They always purchase a full 4500 gallon load of Ice B' Gone at once so they have the amount of product they need on hand to either use straight, or mix with brine. The city can even treat their own salt pile with Ice B' Gone liquid when needed and use treated salt if they want too. The City of Montgomery has fully set themselves up to take full advantage of the liquids. They continue to improve their public works department each season. We look forward to helping the city grow and continue to implement more changes.

Sincerely,
Doug Anderson

MEMO

TO: Wayne Davis
City Manager

FROM: Don Simpson
Chief of Police
Don Simpson

DATE: February 1, 2016

REFERENCE: January 2016 Council Report

1/1 Midnight officers responded to a residence on Montgomery Rd. for a reported domestic involving a husband and wife. The intoxicated couple were arguing over an affair that had occurred. Several doors were broken, holes in drywall, and broken glass was observed by officers. The incident is being investigated due to conflicting statements as to what occurred before officers arrived.

1/2 Midnight officers responded to Forestknolls for a reported domestic between a husband and wife. The wife struck the man on the back of the head with a metal cup and also kicked and punched his lower extremities. After the officers spoke with both parties it was determined that the wife was the primary aggressor and was arrested for domestic violence. She was then transported to the Hamilton County Justice Center and faces misdemeanor charges through Hamilton County Municipal Court.

1/3 Officer Alexis Guilkey stopped a motorist who garnered the attention of another driver for possibly driving under the influence. She noticed a violation after spotting the vehicle on Hopewell Rd. The driver was found to be eating and not under the influence of anything. The driver was warned and sent on his way.

1/4 A man passed away in his home on Shadowhill Way. Officers responded and conducted an investigation after Paramedics determined the man had been deceased for several hours. The Hamilton County Coroner's Office was notified and released the remains to a local funeral home. No foul play is suspected.

1/5 A resident filed a complaint about an incident involving her personal computer and a scam. A man with an accent called her and stated that there was an issue with her computer and that she should give him her

credit card number so that he could fix it. She didn't but typed something on her screen that allowed him to access her files and caused her system to crash. These common foreign scams are difficult to stop however we advise residents to hang up on callers that they do not recognize.

1/8 Officers responded to a total of eight auto accidents on this date.

1/10 Officer Tom Wagner spoke with a female at her residence on Terwilliger's Run Drive about a domestic situation between her and her husband. The two were arguing about caring for the children and he had left the house with the only car that had child seats. She was concerned she could not take the children to their appointments. Officer Wagner contacted the husband and asked him to return with the car seats for the safety of the children.

1/13 Officer Nick Nimeskern responded to Terwilliger's View Ct. for a burglary report. The homeowner stated his adult son had entered the house through a basement window and he was not welcome in the house. The son stated he was trying to get camping gear so he could stay warm while staying outside since he was homeless. The son was taken to the drop in center since the homeowner refused to prosecute.

1/14 Officers responded to seven auto accidents on this date.

1/15 Officer Paul Payne took a rape report from a 17 year old female student who alleged she had been forced to have sex in the school band room in September of 2015. The student was interviewed by specialists at the Mayerson Clinic who reported conflicting statements and other issues during the interview. The investigation continues.

1/16 Officer Greg Schill responded to Krogers for a theft report. A man had stolen two frozen pizzas and some cough medicine and fled from the store on foot. After watching the video of the offense Officer Schill identified the well-known suspect as a resident of Cinderella Drive. Officer Schill went to his residence and after a short discussion arrested the suspect and recovered the evidence.

1/17 Officer T.J. Shreve stopped a vehicle on Mitchell Farm Lane for a traffic violation. Upon approaching the vehicle Officer Shreve smelled the odor of burnt marijuana. A mason jar full of marijuana, a scale for weighing

and other assorted paraphernalia was found in the car. The juvenile stated he had smoked an hour earlier. Later during questioning the juvenile stated he wanted to eventually pursue pharmaceutical sales as a career. Brilliant!

1/18 Officer Dan Long responded to James Free Jewelers for an attempted theft. A man had written a check for \$16,554.00 in an attempt to purchase jewelry. The store would not accept the check since the funds were not verifiable. After further investigation it was discovered the man was a multi-state offender wanted for fraud in two states. He was later arrested.

1/19 Officer Nick Nimeskern took two separate reports from security of Bethesda Hospital for theft of pills from their controlled supply area. There are no suspects at this time.

1/21 Officer Paul Payne investigated a complaint involving a 15 year old female student who posted obscene material on Instagram. The student stated she had done so accidentally. After a lengthy investigation the student was not charged.

1/22 Officer Paul Payne investigated yet another sexting case where a female student exchanged nude pictures with male students at Sycamore and Moeller. School officials, parents and Officer Payne identified all students involved and handled the issue without criminal charges.

1/24 Sergeant Kevin Gruber responded to a fight in the lot of UDF on Montgomery Road. A male and female were intoxicated and arguing in the lot. Both claimed the other had started the fight. Each had their parents come and pick them up.

1/25 Officer Dan Long responded to Equity Diamond Brokers for a theft report. Two pieces of jewelry totaling \$18,000 were ordered over the internet and delivered C.O.D. to an Atlanta address. The cashier's checks given to the delivery man in Atlanta were fraudulent. Atlanta police were notified and are assisting.

1/26 Officer Nick Nimeskern responded to Bethesda Hospital for a theft of a purse report. The victim, a nurse, stated her purse was stolen from a locked cabinet while she was working. The suspect immediately used her

credit and debit cards on Mason Montgomery Road at two locations. Video was later obtained and the suspect was identified. An arrest is pending in the case.

1/28 Officer Bob Otte responded to Twin Lakes for an attempted theft report. The victim stated she had been called and told she had won a sweepstakes for \$1,500,000.00 and she needed to Western Union \$400.00 as a processing fee. Kroger employees stopped her and advised her it was a scam and to call the police. Officer Otte advised her of several potential scams and asked Life Safety at Twin Lakes to work with her on preventing these types of situations.

JANUARY 2016 MONTGOMERY POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

Det Pat Giblin	Craigslist Investigations	Hamilton PD
Sgt Kevin Gruber	Active Shooter Conference	Scarlet Oaks
Ofc Paul Payne	Active Shooter Conference	Scarlet Oaks
Ofc James Martin	Active Shooter Conference	Scarlet Oaks
Ofc Bob Otte	Glock Armorer School	OPOTA
Ofc James Martin	Self Aid/Buddy Care First Aid	Wright State University

Montgomery pushing forward with gateway redevelopment

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The city of Montgomery used the old dealership sites for parking during its Bastille Day celebration. The city is working to turn the area into a mixed-use development designed by Great Traditions. (Photo: Marika Lee/ The Community Press)

The city of Montgomery is working on turning the vacant lots at the southern entrance of the city into a mixed use development.

City Manager Wayne Davis said the city has broken its work plan into five sections.

“The first section is our outreach to stake holders. We met with various key decision makers throughout the county and state,” Davis said, saying the city has spoken with its state representatives about opportunities that exist for partnership for the Gateway Redevelopment Area with preferred developer Gateway Partners LLC.

After sorting through 13 proposals for developments at the old Ford and Chevy dealership sites, [the city chose Gateway Partners LLC](#), which is made up of Great Traditions, Brandicorp, Greiwe Group, North American Properties and Sibcy-Cline.

The plan is for a mixed use development with condos and town homes ranging in price from \$500,000 to \$1 million, office space with a parking structure and restaurant and retail space. The plan also has room for a boutique hotel or a park.

“A lot of work has not be done on site planning. There is a reason behind that and that is because we are not ready at this point and time to address those concerns. But we have a list of 13 different tasks that will carry us into November,” Davis said.

Davis said the project’s original target dates of construction starting in late 2016 or early 2017 is likely to be pushed back.

“We are clearly pushing down the path with some of the engineer meetings and the decisions that need to be made in terms of traffic analysis,” he added.

The city has been talking with the Ohio Department of Transportation and conducting traffic analysis for the intersection and site access.

The city of Montgomery used bond money to buy the old Ford and Chevy sites for a combined \$5.6 million. The city obtained a small piece of land from Hamilton County, making the site 11.6 acres. The old Chevy dealership was demolished in December 2014. The city received a Community Development Block Grant for the demolition of the Ford dealership, which happened during the summer.