

June 1, 2017

TO: City Manager, Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: All Department Heads
Connie Gaylor, Administrative Coordinator

SUBJECT: Thursday Update

The following information is provided to you as a summary of activities for the week of May 29, 2017 and as an announcement of activities in the coming weeks:

1. As a reminder, the Financial Planning and Planning, Zoning, and Landmarks Committees of City Council will hold their regularly scheduled meetings on Monday, June 5 at 4:30 and 5:30 p.m., respectively. The Law and Safety Committee cancelled their meeting for the month of June.
2. As a reminder, City Council is scheduled to meet in Business Session on Wednesday, June 7, at 7:00 p.m. Prior to the meeting, City Council is scheduled to hear Board and Commission Chair presentations from Larry Schwartz (Landmarks Commission) at 6:30 p.m., and Mike Harbison (Planning Commission) at 6:45 p.m.
3. The Pool had a successful opening weekend. The highest number of check-ins occurred on Memorial Day with 560. In total, 1,512 check-ins occurred from May 27 through May 31. 572 memberships have been sold to date, which is 29 more memberships as compared to 2016. The new Rec1 software has made creating membership ID cards at the pool for each member quicker, resulting in faster service. Members have also commented that they love the new front desk and the newly painted floors in the restrooms.
4. The Makos swim team began practice this week and the first session of swim lessons begins next week. The Big Rig Gig will be held at the pool next Thursday, June 8 from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. for pool members and guests.
5. On Wednesday, the fire department continued training for the Sycamore School staff by teaching first aid and CPR to the school's Medical Emergency Response Team (MERT). The MERT team are school staff members that are trained in handling medical emergencies until the arrival of our paramedics. Thanks to Ben Shapiro for being the instructor for this session.
6. Thursday morning, DeAnna Gross, attended session two of the Skill Builder "Leading with Emotional Intelligence" offered by the Cincinnati Association of Volunteer Administrators. DeAnna is grateful for the opportunity to better understand her emotions and the emotions of others (specifically our volunteers) to equip herself to relate better to her internal and external customers.
7. On Friday afternoon, Wayne Davis, Paul Wright, Ben Shapiro and Katie Smiddy will meet to review various fire levy scenarios. The group will be evaluating the comprehensive analysis of the fire department operating performance and modeled future demographic impacts. Various factors including funding, capital needs, personnel and comparative measures will be discussed

to ensure the City continues to provide Fire and EMS services to residents with sound financial practices.

8. Fire Department personnel will be conducting a First Aid/CPR certification class on Saturday at the Safety Center from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Thank you to staff for providing this valuable service to the community.
9. We are pleased to announce that Assistant Chief John Crowell and Sergeant Greg Vonden Benken will officially be sworn in their new roles as *Police Chief Crowell* and *Assistant Chief Vonden Benken* at the City Council Business Session on June 7. Please feel free to come and show your support to these officers as they begin the next phase of their careers.
10. As a reminder, a retirement reception will be held on Friday, June 9 in honor of Chief Simpson at the Montgomery Inn from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
11. Please find attached monthly reports for the police and fire departments for the month of May.
12. Please see the attached new articles that have ran since our last update.

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

C: Wayne Davis, City Manager
Department Heads
Terry Donnellon, Law Director

MEMO

TO: Wayne Davis
City Manager

FROM: Gregory Harris
Police Sergeant

DATE: June 1, 2017

REFERENCE: May Council Report

5/01 Police Clerk Mike Young received a call from a subject reporting that her friend was in the process of committing suicide but she did not know the exact address. Mike Young contacted SRO Paul Payne who located the student's address and immediately contacted the Blue Ash Police Department.

5/02 Officer Steve Hoy responded to Lake Forest Drive in Blue Ash for the report of unknown trouble at the Hyatt Regency. No Blue Ash units were available. Nothing located at the location.

5/03 Officer Steve Hoy responded to the 9300 block of Montgomery Road for trouble with a customer. The customer was gone upon arrival.

5/04 Sergeant Gregory Harris and Officer Gregory Schill responded for a vehicle that had rolled multiple times on I71 south at the 16.1 mile post. Subject was entrapped with multiple injuries. Montgomery Fire responded for the extrication and transport.

5/05 Sergeant Gregory Harris responded to the 7700 block of Pfeiffer Road for a two vehicle auto accident with injuries.

5/06 Officer Lauren Helgeson responded to the 9300 block of Montgomery Road for lock-out assistance. Upon arrival, the female subject was highly intoxicated with her car keys in her pocket. A sober ride was called for the subject.

5/07 Officer Steve Hoy responded for suspicious activity on the lot of a local business in the 5300 block of Cooper Road. Upon arrival, the

owner of the business was on scene preparing for the overnight frost.

- 5/08 Sergeant Kevin Gruber responded to assist Madeira with the installation of speed board signs on Camargo Road.
- 5/09 Third Shift officers conducted ten security checks during the overnight hours. All properties checked were secure.
- 5/10 Officer Scott Bierer responded to the 51.8 mile post on west IR 275 to assist Hamilton County Sheriff units with an auto accident.
- 5/11 Officer Steve Hoy assisted Blue Ash police units with a psychiatric emergency in the 7500 block of Stonehenge Drive.
- 5/12 Officer Steve Hoy responded to Bethesda North Hospital for a patient stealing gauze pads and syringes. Prosecution declined by medical staff. Subject removed from the property.
- 5/13 Officer Bob Otte responded to Gas Light Lane for an animal complaint. Upon arrival, dogs secured inside. Owner warned for dogs running at large.
- 5/14 Officer Martin Day responded to east IR 275 to south IR 71 to assist a tow truck with traffic (heavy conditions)
- 5/15 Officer Scott Bierer and Officer Bob Otte responded to the 33.5 mile post on east St Rt 126 for a single vehicle auto accident. Car located 100 feet off the roadway. Air Care transported the driver to University Hospital where he later died from his injuries.
- 5/16 Officer Kenneth Bertz and FTO Steve Hoy responded to the 9700 block of Montgomery Road for a lock-out assistance, child in the car while running. Entry gained and all ok.
- 5/17 Officer Scott Bierer responded for the reports of multiple open burns in the area of 33.5 mile post on ST RT 126. Memorials left at the

scene of the fatal auto accident. All ok. Extinguished by Montgomery Fire.

5/18 Officer Bob Otte and Sergeant Gregory Harris responded to the intersection of Pfeiffer Road and Southwind Drive for a subject that was hit by a vehicle while riding his bike.

5/19 SRO Paul Payne conducted four student intervention/parental contact meetings while at the high school. Summer release cannot come fast enough – it has been a long year.

5/20 Officer Lauren Helgeson conducted a traffic stop in the 10600 block of Montgomery Road. The driver was subsequently arrested for OVI offenses and transported to the police department for criminal processing.

5/21 Day shift officers Nick Nimeskern, Kenneth Bertz and FTO Steve Hoy conducted seven vacation checks during their watch. All properties were secure.

5/22 Third and Day shift officers made nine separate security checks throughout their shifts. All properties were secure.

5/23 Officer Kenneth Bertz with FTO Steve Hoy responded to the police department to see a complainant regarding a criminal damaging report from Shaker Town Court.

5/24 Officer Richard Riley and FTO Alex Janszen responded to the 9900 block of Montgomery Road to check on the well-being of a female subject that had been sitting at a picnic table for hours. All ok upon arrival.

5/25 SRO James Martin conducted an SRO advisory meeting with a student and his parents, along with school Staff members.

5/26 Officer Alexis Guilkey responded for a two vehicle auto accident on IR 275 west at the 49.7 mile post. Upon arrival, there were no injuries reported.

- 5/27 Officer Scott Bierer and Sergeant Michael Davenport responded to IR 71 south at the 14.3 mile post for a single vehicle auto accident with serious injuries. A motorcycle ran off the roadway and struck a traffic sign post. The occupants were both active members of the Iron Horseman Motorcycle club and less than cooperative with the medics and officers.
- 5/28 Officer Alexis Guilkey stopped a vehicle for a speeding violation on IR 71 north at the 15.8 mile post. The driver was cited for speeding; driving under suspensions and possession of marijuana.
- 5/29 Officer James Martin stopped a vehicle for a speeding violation in the 9300 block of Montgomery Road.
- 5/30 Officer Alex Janszen located a vehicle parked behind the Church of the Savior with a female crying in the driver's seat. Upon making contact with her, she advised that she was just upset and that everything was ok.
- 5/31 Officer Martin Day located a vehicle on the lot of Swaim park with a male subject sleeping inside. All was ok with the subject and he was sent on his way.

May 2017 MONTGOMERY POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

Officers Alex Janszen, Lauren Helgeson and Detective TJ Shreve attended a week long crime scene photography course at the Ohio Peace Officer's Training Academy as a prerequisite to Evidence Technician they will be attending in January of 2018.

**DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION
MONTHLY INSPECTION REPORT
May -2017**

<u>OCCUPANCY CLASS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>		
	Initial	Re-inspection	Total
RESIDENTIAL	1	2	3
PUBLIC BUILDINGS	3	1	4
HEALTH CARE FACILITIES	5	2	7
CHILD CARE FACILITIES	1	0	1
EDUCATIONAL BUILDINGS	0	3	3
CHURCHES	0	0	0
MERCANTILE	52	11	63
Sub Totals	62	19	81

Other Misc. Inspections:

- 4 Inspections with NIC
- 1 meeting ref; fire code occupancy postings at Good Shepherd

TOTAL INSPECTIONS → 86

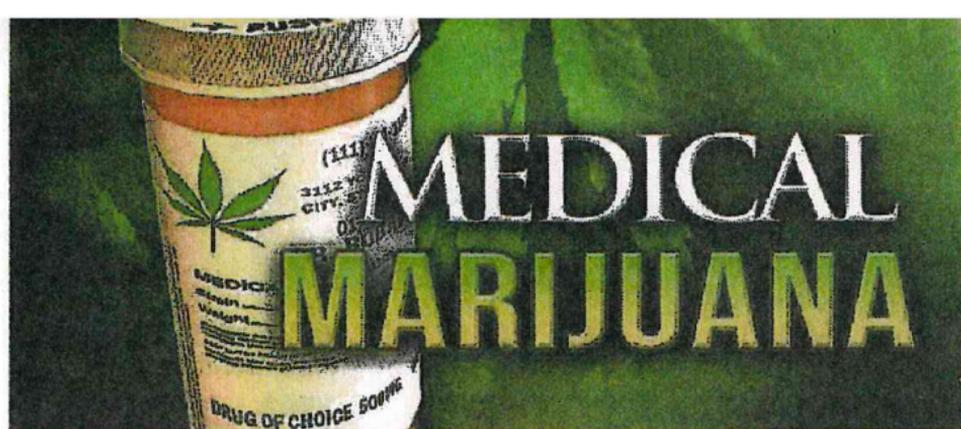
RESULTS OF INSPECTIONS

VIOLATIONS ISSUED _____	36
VIOLATIONS CORRECTED _____	49
TOTAL VIOLATIONS ISSUED IN 2017 _____	229
TOTAL VIOLATIONS CORRECTED IN 2017 _____	201
RECOMMENDATIONS ISSUED _____	03
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 _____	04
ALARM SYS. TESTS OBSERVED _____	00
FIRE DRILLS OBSERVED _____	00
TORNADO DRILLS OBSERVED _____	00
SYSTEMS TEST CERTIFICATES RECEIVED _____	07
PLAN REVIEWS MADE _____	06

PROGRAM INVOLVEMENT :

All City portable extinguishers yearly testing completed
Yearly Sprinkler service at Terwilligers Lodge + Safety Center completed.
Red Cross Residential Smoke Detector Installs.

**Lt. Mark S. Stagge
Fire Safety Inspector**



PROVIDED FILE PHOTO

Blue Ash Council is expected to vote May 25 on an ordinance prohibiting all aspects the medical marijuana business.

Blue Ash latest to ban medical marijuana sales

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A month after voting down a motion by Mayor Lee Czerwonka to ban medical marijuana, Blue Ash City Council reversed course Thursday night.

Council passed an ordinance prohibiting the cultivation, processing or retail dispensing of medical marijuana in Blue Ash. Councilmembers Rob Ryan and Stephanie Stoller opposed the motion. Both have said they prefer a moratorium instead of a ban.

The ordinance goes into effect 40 days after passage.

During its May 11 meeting, council voted 6-1 to have city administrators draft and present legislation prohibiting medical marijuana cultivation, processing and sale. That came after a 4-3 vote April 27 against Czerwonka's motion to ban the procedures.

Ryan has said Czerwonka is "fearmongering" by telling people medical marijuana cultivation, processing and sale will result in increased crime and drug use along with a decrease in property values.

"I would like to see a moratorium and actually look at the issues," he said.

In email responses to questions from The Enquirer, Councilman Marc Sirkin and Vice Mayor Tom Adamec said they supported a medical marijuana ban. They both supported the mayor's April motion.

Czerwonka said residents who reached out to council members and administrators

by phone and email following the April vote were not acting out of fear, but because of an article that appeared in *North-east Suburban Life* after the April meeting.

PJ Jhaveri, councilman for Ward 3, said in an earlier interview that he opposed the mayor's April motion because he didn't have enough information. In the month since the vote, he has researched the subject and as a result, he supported bringing an ordinance before council prohibiting medical marijuana.

Councilman Jack Buckman did not respond to an email request for comment by deadline.

In the days leading up to the May 11 meeting, council members and administrators received emails and phone calls from residents expressing disappointment with council's April action, Czerwonka said in an earlier interview.

The preference of the residents is they don't want marijuana cultivation and distribution in the city, he said.

"We're all sympathetic to medical marijuana. We understand the sympathy towards those who may need it," Czerwonka said. "The real discussion here is whether we want it sold and cultivated in the city and that's the focus right now."

Blue Ash joins a growing list of communities that have enacted bans, including Evendale, Fairfield, Indian Hill, Madeira, Montgomery, Mariemont, Sharonville and Springdale.

MONTGOMERY

City approves waiver for solar energy installation

Montgomery City Council voted to authorize a moratorium on the collection of building and zoning permit fees for solar installations within the city, with a cap of \$1,000, starting July 1 through the end of 2019.

The waiver of permit fees will provide an incentive to residents and businesses to adopt a more environmentally friendly source of power.

According to Montgomery's Community Development Director Tracy Roblero, "The city offered this incentive to the residents and businesses of Montgomery to improve their property and increase energy efficiency."

The city of Cincinnati and Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance have partnered to provide the Solarize Cincinnati program to all properties within Hamilton County. This program provides a free solar assessment, discounted rates, and financing for solar installations. The Solarize Cincinnati program, coupled with the city of Montgomery's incentive program and federal tax credits, makes the installation of solar power much more cost efficient and provides a benefit to the residents and businesses of the city of Montgomery.