

November 5, 2015

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Wayne S. Davis, City Manager *WSD*
Department Heads

SUBJECT: Thursday Update

The following information is provided to you as a summary of activities for the week of November 2, 2015 and as an announcement of activities in the coming weeks:

1. As a reminder, the Public Works Committee will meet on Friday, November 13 at 8:00 a.m. at City Hall. The Government Affairs and Parks and Recreation Committees of Council have cancelled their meetings for the month of November.
2. Chief Don Simpson received a thank you letter from Chief Paul Hartinger of the Blue Ash Police Department regarding assistance provided by Sergeant Kevin Gruber and Lieutenant John Crowell during an active shooter training scenario at the Procter and Gamble complex on October 24. The police department enjoys the opportunity to be part of a large scale exercise and working with our neighboring communities. Thanks to Kevin and John for their hard work!
3. School Resource Officer (SRO) Paul Payne was a guest speaker at a Rotary Club meeting held on October 27 where he spoke about the role of the SRO in the schools and the impact it has on students and families. On Friday, October 30, he was interviewed for a SRO story by Channel 10 News in Columbus. As you know, Paul is the President of the Ohio School Resource Officer Association. Please follow this link <http://bit.ly/1LG0Eu6> to view the full interview. Great job, Paul!
4. On Friday, October 30, recreation staff along with Sergeant Kevin Gruber and Officer T.J. Shreve accompanied 30 kids to Paintball Country for the annual School's Out Day trip. A great time was had by all and everyone returned home safely including some with paint stains on their clothing!
5. Please find an attached thank you letter sent to Paul Payne from the family of Amy Sanker, who as you will recall died in a tragic car accident this past August. Amy was a recent Sycamore High School graduate, and Paul spent many hours with the Sanker Family consoling them during this extremely difficult time as well as being great support to Sycamore High School students and staff. Paul, thank you for the compassion, class and leadership in everything that you do.
6. As a reminder, the community development department will be partnering with the Environmental Advisory Commission and the Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance to hold a Solar Workshop on Thursday, November 5 at 6:30 p.m. at Terwilliger Lodge.
7. City police and fire units were special guests at the annual Traverse/Croton/Trabant neighborhood association Halloween Parade. Attached are pictures and a nice thank you card

from residents Greg and Mary Lynn Cole. They tell us that the parents enjoy the positive interaction with Safety Center personnel as much as the kids! Great job to everyone involved!

8. Public works staff are in the process of shutting down all irrigation systems and fountains in the parks, medians, and City right-of-ways in advance of the upcoming winter season.
9. Income tax revenues for the month of October were \$684,500, which is an increase of 5.5% compared to collections of \$648,466 for October of 2014. Year-to-date revenues are up 4.9% over last year and exceed estimated revenues by 3.7%. The October Income Tax Variance Report is attached for reference.
10. The Kids Winter Coloring Contest and the Festival of Trees Contest both began on Monday, November 2. Entry forms for both contests are available on the City website. All entries from these contests will be on display and the best submissions will be awarded prizes at the Holiday in the Village event on December 5.
11. On Wednesday morning, Julie Prickett attended a TriHealth seminar covering the topics of positive psychology and the VIA Institute on Character inventory of character strengths. These concepts dovetail with our High Performance Organization (HPO) work culture as the VIA character strengths inventory is another tool for organizations to use to enhance workplace culture by identifying and building upon each employee's dominant character strengths.
12. Michelle Greis, Kelly Beach and Cindy Abner attended a House Bill 5 training seminar at the Sharonville Convention Center on Wednesday. The training was hosted by the Southwest Ohio Tax Administrators Association and focused on procedural implementations required as a result of the bill.
13. The Records Commission met on Wednesday to discuss records retention policies and updates. This Commission monitors document handling, storage, destruction and reporting to ensure that the State of Ohio Records Retention Laws are being followed. The Commission meets semi-annually to conduct its business, usually in May and November.
14. Crews from Strawser, Inc. are completing the annual crack sealing program this week. A total of (12) streets are being crack sealed as this is part of our overall preventative maintenance plan for our roadway infrastructure.
15. On Saturday, November 7 members of the Montgomery Woman's Club, Beautification and Tree Commission, and other volunteers will meet at the Annex Building at 9:30 a.m. to prepare all of the holiday decorations that will be put up throughout the Heritage District and other identified areas on Monday, November 9, weather permitting. Thanks to all of the dedicated volunteers who tackle this annual project to beautify our City for the holiday season!
16. Chief Don Simpson has provided information to staff regarding a website associated with the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition which offers help and information to people affected by the Heroin abuse epidemic. The site can be found at <http://www.injecthope.com/>. Thank you Don for sharing information that will help to educate us on this epidemic.
17. The community and information services department has compiled a monthly report to highlight the interaction our Facebook and Twitter pages have with other social media platforms. The focus of the attached report is to show the reach that the City's pages have beyond just those that follow the Twitter page (742) or the Facebook page (1,091). Should you have any questions, please contact Faith Lynch or Matthew Vanderhorst and they will be happy to answer your questions.

18. Faith Lynch reports that Sycamore Community Schools has issued their annual State of the District Address. This year it is being carried in a video format in order to reach more people with important information about Sycamore Community Schools. The address looks back at where Sycamore has been, where the district stands now and where they are going in the future. Please follow this link <https://youtu.be/6J3yRD3RvrA> to view the video.
19. The Neighborhood Leaders Forum scheduled for Thursday, November 12 currently has 25 reservations. Tracy Roblero will address future development in the city and Melissa Hays will present on property maintenance topics. The session will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Terwilliger Lodge. Please let Faith Lynch know if you would like to attend.
20. The Montgomery Ministerial Association will host their annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Montgomery Assembly of God, 7950 Pfeiffer Road. All are invited to participate.
21. Please find attached a letter from Mrs. Marion Mohr Wild the Village Historian for the Village of Montgomery, New York. Mrs. Wild also included a newspaper article featuring our visit to Montgomery and the General Montgomery Day festivities.
22. Please find attached monthly department reports from the fire and police departments for the month of October.
23. 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.

C: Connie Gaylor, Administrative Coordinator
Department Heads
Terry Donnellon, Law Director



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Paul W. Hartinger
Chief of Police

October 27, 2015

Chief Don Simpson
Montgomery Police Department
10150 Montgomery Rd.
Montgomery, Ohio 45242

Dear Chief Simpson,

I am writing to you to offer my sincere thanks to your officers for their participation and assistance in the active shooter exercise at the Procter & Gamble complex in Blue Ash on October 24th. The event was a resounding success in part because of their participation and expertise.

Lt. John Crowell and Sgt. Kevin Gruber joined us for the event and played key roles in various aspects of the event, including as response teams alongside other police and fire personnel. It is very important for agencies to cooperate in these exercises to prepare for the very worst case scenario. It gives our street officers and command supervisors practical experience in how to best respond to these chaotic events. This exercise brought together multiple agencies and disciplines and showed how well we could respond to and mitigate an active shooter threat.

I would also like to thank you for allowing the officers to join us and for taking an interest in inter-agency exercises like this one. It shows your commitment to the broader communities we serve. I appreciate it!

Sincerely,

Paul W. Hartinger
Chief of Police
Blue Ash Police Department



Dr. Mark Korchok
11867 Mason Montgomery Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45249-4712



Offices
I call.

I really enjoyed your
presentation at our Rotary Club
this week

Most importantly though, I
truly appreciate your advice
to our community and for
your efforts at Spencer H.S.

Thank you for your
friendship as well!

Dr. Mark



October 2015

Dear Officer Payne,
I thank you for helping us
love, honor and remember Amy
by supporting our family with
your prayers, kindness and
sympathy. It is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,
Lowell, Sammy,
Ben and Eric





TO montgomery Fire and Police
Department,

Thank you so much for
taking the time to start
our Halloween Parade.
The kids always enjoy
seeing your trucks and
cars and talking
with our hero men
and women.

We are also thankful for
the snickers bars you handed
out! Thank you for all
that you do that is often
unseen.

The Winds
Neighborhood

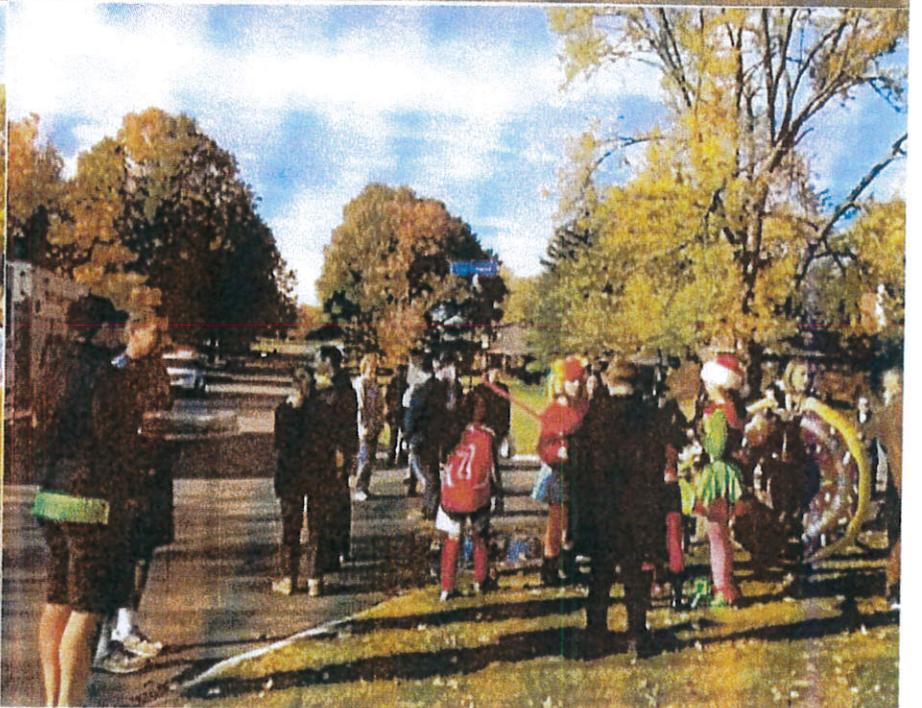
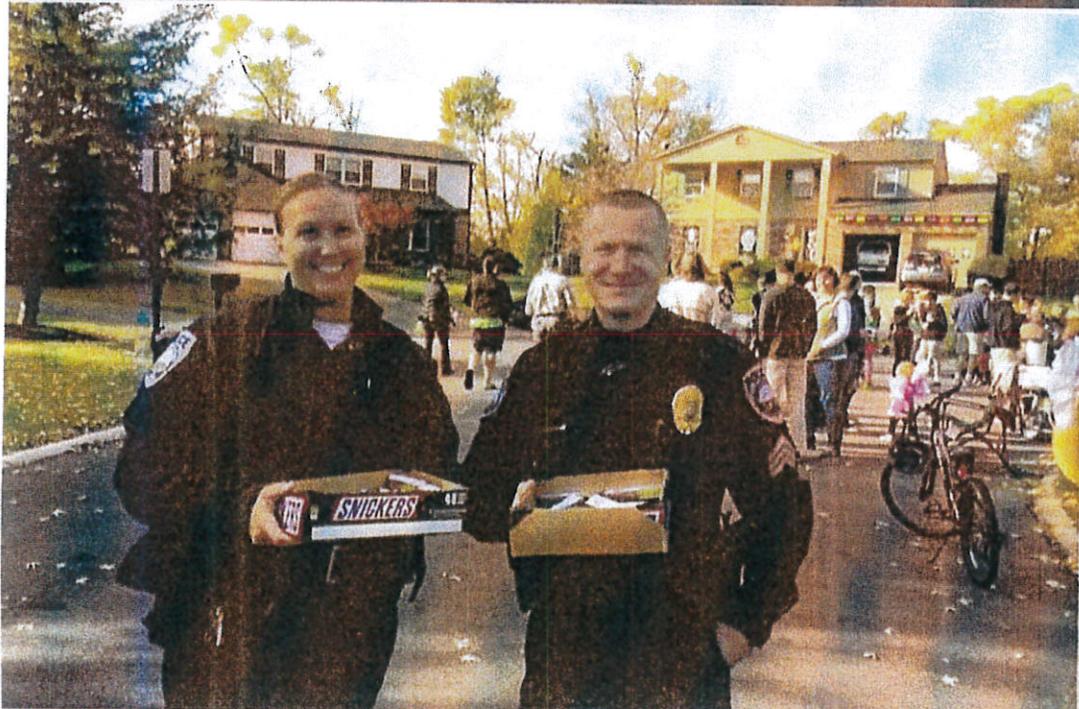
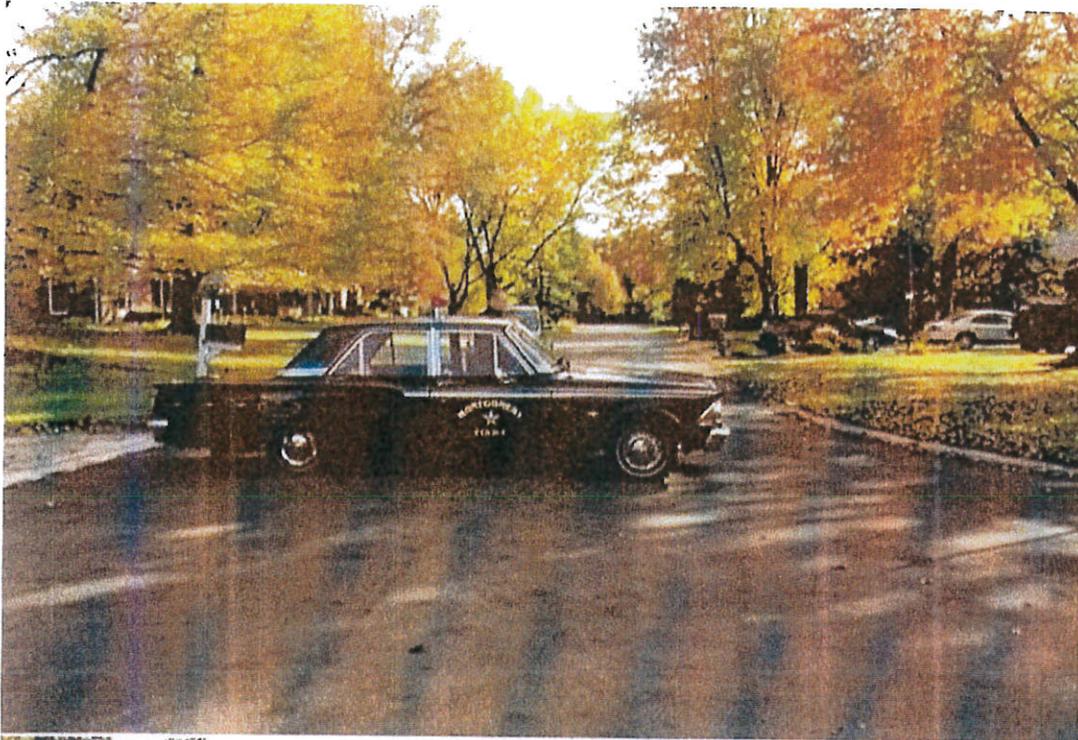
To: Paul Wright, Don Simpson, and the
Entire Montgomery Police, Fire and EMS:

On behalf of the Traverse / Croton / Trabant
neighborhood, we wanted to thank you so much
for giving of your time to attend and make our
Halloween parade so special. It's truly a treat
for our children (and us!) and you've helped create
some very special memories.

Thanks again!

Greg & Mary Lynn Cole - on behalf of our neighborhood







November 5, 2015

To: Wayne Davis, City Manager
From: Kelly J. Beach, Assistant Finance Director/Tax Commissioner
Subject: 2015 October Income Tax Variance Report

KJB

Month-to-Date

For the month of October 2015, the City's total income tax receipts were \$684,500, which is an increase of \$36,034 or 5.5% compared to the actual amount collected in October 2014.

	2015	2014	% Change
October Actual	\$684,500	\$648,466	5.5%
YTD	\$7,216,785	\$6,878,141	4.9%

Year-to-Date

Year-to-date actual income tax receipts show an increase of 4.9% over the year-to-date receipts received through October 2015 compared to the same period in 2014. In addition, year-to-date revenues exceeded estimated revenues by 3.6%.

	YTD Actual	YTD Estimate	% Change
2015	\$7,216,785	\$6,960,911	3.7%

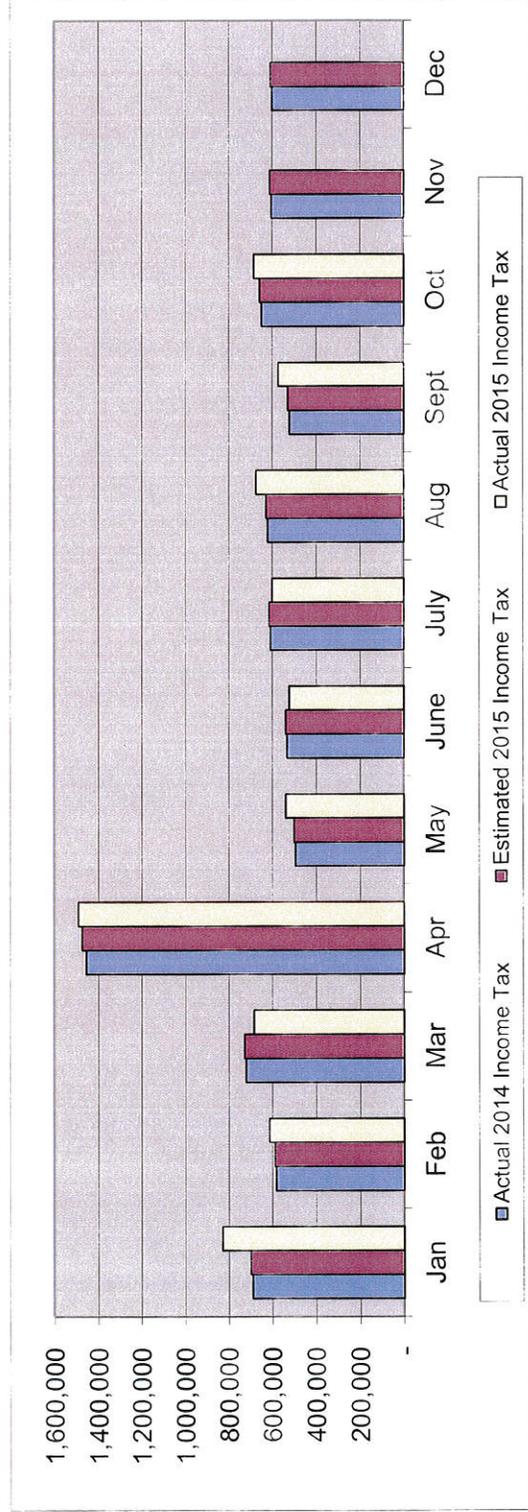
A breakdown by category for October 2015 is as follows:

- *Withholding*- October withholding collections were \$432,864, which is an increase of \$26,227, or 6.4%, when compared to October 2014 collections of \$406,637.
- *Business*- In October 2015, net profits from businesses located within or doing business within Montgomery were \$49,494. This is a decrease of \$1,318 or 2.5% compared to October 2014 collections of \$50,812.
- *Resident*- Revenues of \$202,143 were collected in October 2015 from residents living in Montgomery, which is an increase of \$11,126, or 5.8%, compared to October 2014 collections of \$197,017.

The following schedule breaks down collections by source and provides a graph comparing actual and estimated income tax revenues for 2014 and 2015. There is also an End-of-Month report attached showing the comparison between month-to-date and year-to-date.

**Schedule of Income Tax Collections by Source
Actual 2014 Compared to 2015 Estimate & Actual**

	Actual 2014			Actual 2015			Total	2015 Estimate	Estimate Variance	%	Actual Variance	%
	Business	Resident	Withholding	Business	Resident	Withholding						
Jan	30,088	98,434	561,961	23,513	107,848	697,917	829,278	698,792	130,486	18.67%	138,795	20.10%
Feb	19,555	35,972	526,121	23,144	35,600	554,901	613,645	588,647	24,998	4.25%	31,998	5.50%
Mar	65,548	93,913	560,970	32,625	59,799	591,955	684,379	729,101	(44,721)	-6.13%	(36,052)	-5.00%
Apr	162,578	871,032	423,547	200,522	809,884	483,267	1,493,674	1,474,691	18,983	1.29%	36,518	2.51%
May	12,931	27,158	456,056	4,704	46,282	489,079	540,065	502,115	37,950	7.56%	43,921	8.85%
June	57,580	70,483	406,036	53,215	45,207	425,373	523,795	(16,732)	(16,732)	-3.10%	(10,304)	-1.93%
July	39,265	98,569	469,139	43,778	119,709	436,938	600,425	614,277	(13,852)	-2.26%	(6,548)	-1.08%
Aug	19,420	93,554	507,208	11,565	65,336	597,442	674,343	627,646	46,697	7.44%	54,160	8.73%
Sept	53,690	64,101	404,766	72,931	95,947	403,803	572,681	528,846	43,834	8.29%	50,123	9.59%
Oct	50,812	191,017	406,637	49,494	202,143	432,864	684,500	656,270	28,230	4.30%	36,034	5.56%
Nov	9,662	53,034	406,512	-	-	-	-	610,466	608,623	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Dec	37,624	169,962	393,800	601,386	-	-	-	608,623	608,623	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Totals	558,753	1,867,230	5,656,752	8,082,734	515,492	5,113,537	7,216,785	8,150,000	255,874	3.68%	338,645	4.92%

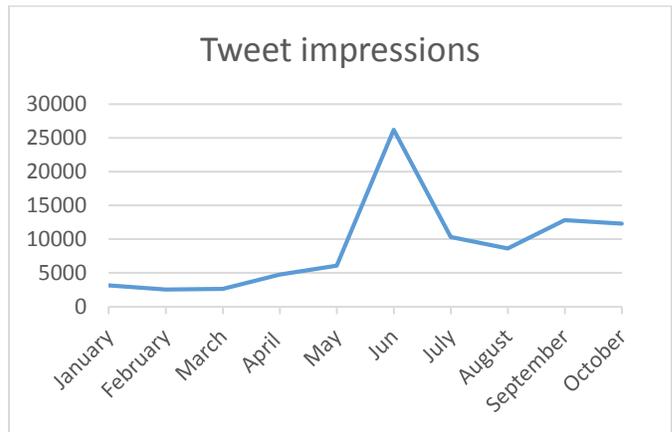
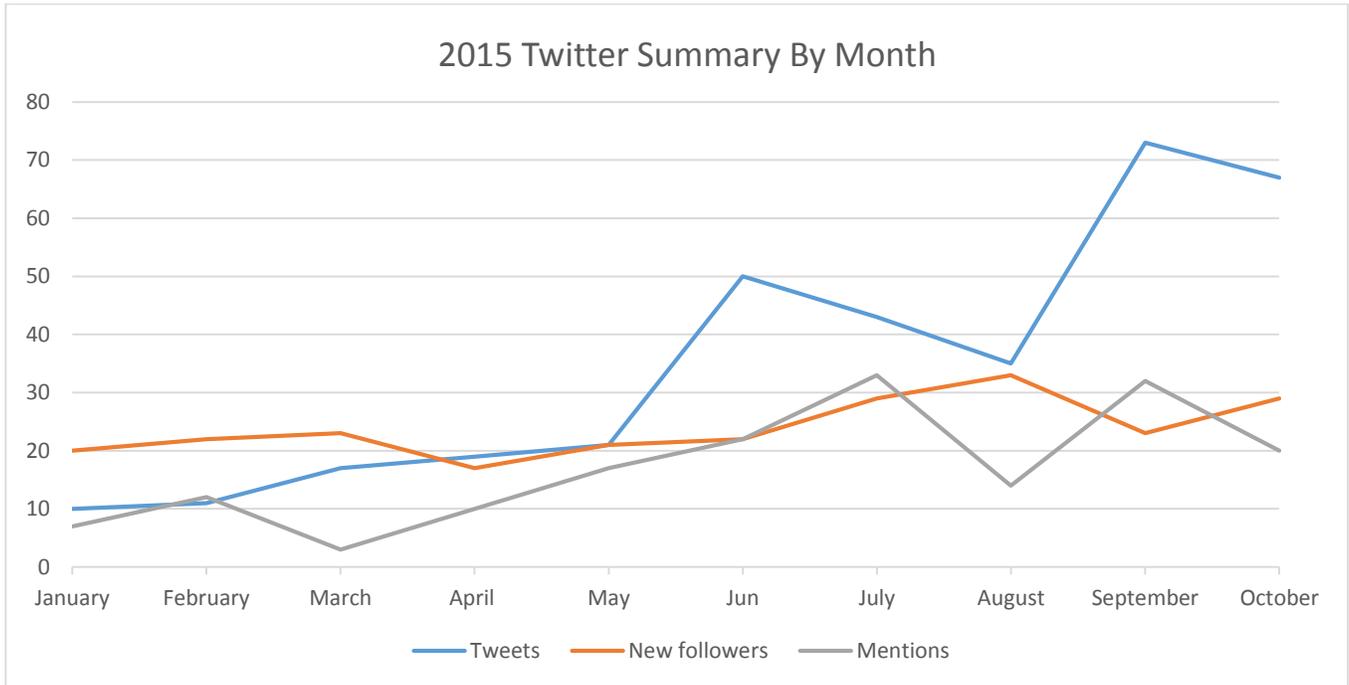


CITY OF MONTGOMERY
 END OF MONTH REPORT
 31 OCT 2015

	2013	2014	2015	2015 vs 2014	2015	2014	2015 vs 2014
	Month-to-date	Month-to-date	Month-to-date	Month percent	Year-to-date	Year-to-date	Year percent
September							
Business	58,039.08	53,690.32	72,931.34	35.8	465,998.25	460,654.99	1.1
Resident	54,096.22	64,101.49	95,946.78	49.6	1,385,613.38	1,453,216.37	-4.6
Withholding	450,391.01	404,765.95	403,802.50	-0.2	4,680,673.54	4,315,803.01	8.4
Non-resident							
TOTAL	562,526.31	522,557.76	572,680.62	9.5	6,532,285.17	6,229,674.37	4.8
October							
Business	56,969.76	50,811.99	49,493.62	-2.5	515,491.87	511,466.98	0.7
Resident	205,611.06	191,017.25	202,142.90	5.8	1,587,756.28	1,644,233.62	-3.4
Withholding	410,816.58	406,636.90	432,863.59	6.4	5,113,537.13	4,722,439.91	8.2
Non-resident							
TOTAL	673,397.40	648,466.14	684,500.11	5.5	7,216,785.28	6,878,140.51	4.9
November							
Business	13,197.32	9,662.33		-100.0	515,491.87	521,129.31	-1.0
Resident	62,612.47	53,033.62		-100.0	1,587,756.28	1,697,267.24	-6.4
Withholding	432,607.66	540,511.53		-100.0	5,113,537.13	5,262,951.44	-2.8
Non-resident							
TOTAL	508,417.45	603,207.48	0.00	-100.0	7,216,785.28	7,481,347.99	-3.5
December							
Business	43,175.51	37,623.56		-100.0	515,491.87	558,752.87	-7.7
Resident	146,122.99	169,962.24		-100.0	1,587,756.28	1,867,229.48	-14.9
Withholding	415,958.33	393,799.81		-100.0	5,113,537.13	5,656,751.25	-9.6
Non-resident							
TOTAL	605,256.83	601,385.61	0.00	-100.0	7,216,785.28	8,082,733.60	-10.7

Social Media Performance Measures
11/5/2015

Twitter



Twitter Analysis:

The spike in the number of Tweet impressions in June is the result of coverage of the funeral procession of Police Officer Sonny Kim travelling through Montgomery to the Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

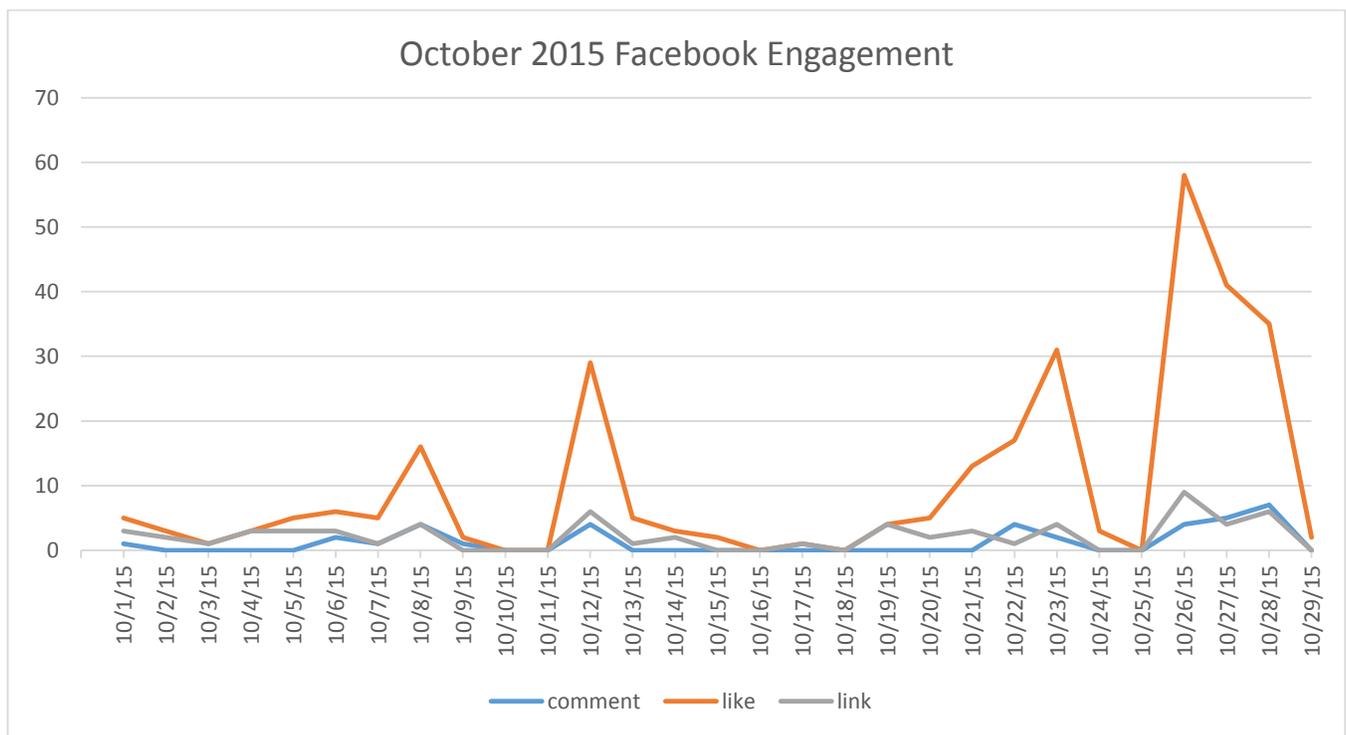
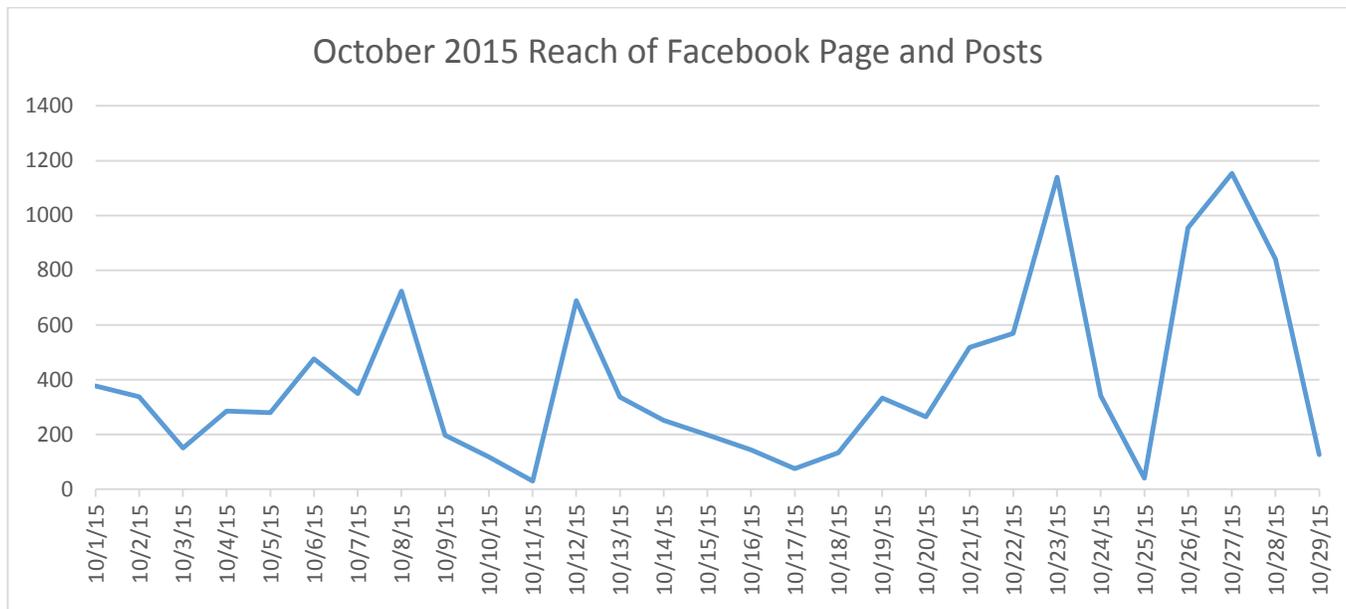
Twitter Definitions:

Profile visits: Number of users who visited our Twitter site.

Mentions: Any tweet that contains @montgomeryohio (our username)

Tweet Impressions: Total number of times that our tweet may appear in other user's Twitter feeds, both followers and their followers etc. through shares, mentions and retweets. Shows the reach of the City's brand.

Facebook



Facebook Analysis:

The spike in the number of likes on October 12 was due to a post about Document Destruction Day and another post about new police cruisers sporting a darker gray exterior color. The spike on October 23 represents two posts on donations for a holiday tree and Holiday in the Village. The spike on October 26 represents interaction with the Fall Foliage in Montgomery photo album.

Facebook Definitions:

OCTOBER 2015 POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

Sgt. Greg Harris	Great Lakes Leadership Conference FBI	Buffalo, NY
Ofc. Alex Janszen	Crisis Intervention Training	Sharonville, OH
Ofc. Lauren Helgeson	RCIC (Regional Crime Information Center) Training	Scarlet Oaks
Ofc Alexis Guilkey	RCIC (Regional Crime Information Center) Training	Scarlet Oaks
Police Clerk Mike Young	RAVEN 911/WEB EOC	The ROC/Cincinnati
Ofc. Tom Wagner	RAVEN 911	The ROC/Cincinnati

Received 11/2/15

Montgomery Village Museum

142 Clinton Street
Montgomery, NY 12549

October 10, 2015

"Hello" to all our Ohioan friends.

Firstly, my apology for my absence in hosting you at the museum on General Montgomery Day, due to my physical condition, which disappointed me immensely.

I had anticipated your visit for the past several years and then 2015 incapacitated, the year you could visit and my display was incomplete, having fallen that night!

Since then we are enjoying the many gifts in a huge basket. The theme this year was "Made in Montgomery" (N.Y.) and now I can add more of Ohio knowledge. The most beautiful pictorial throw-quilt of Ohio will be a background for our Elementary School's 4th grade tour theme next week; as we don our visors. The idea of Montgomery Inn's Sauce is being passed along to our restaurants and the two heavy bags will be very useful for our Ohio products and memorabilia! And, so, you see, how very grateful I and our docents are for your many kindnesses.

Let us continue our friendships of both ole' Montgomerys. Keep in touch,

Gratefully, *Marion M. Wild*

Marion Mohr Wild
Village Historian

General Montgomery Day: A tale of two cities and a little rain

By RACHEL COLEMAN

Although clouds threatened for most of the day, the rain held off until the afternoon on Saturday, allowing the crowds to enjoy the 26th annual General Montgomery Day in the village of Montgomery.

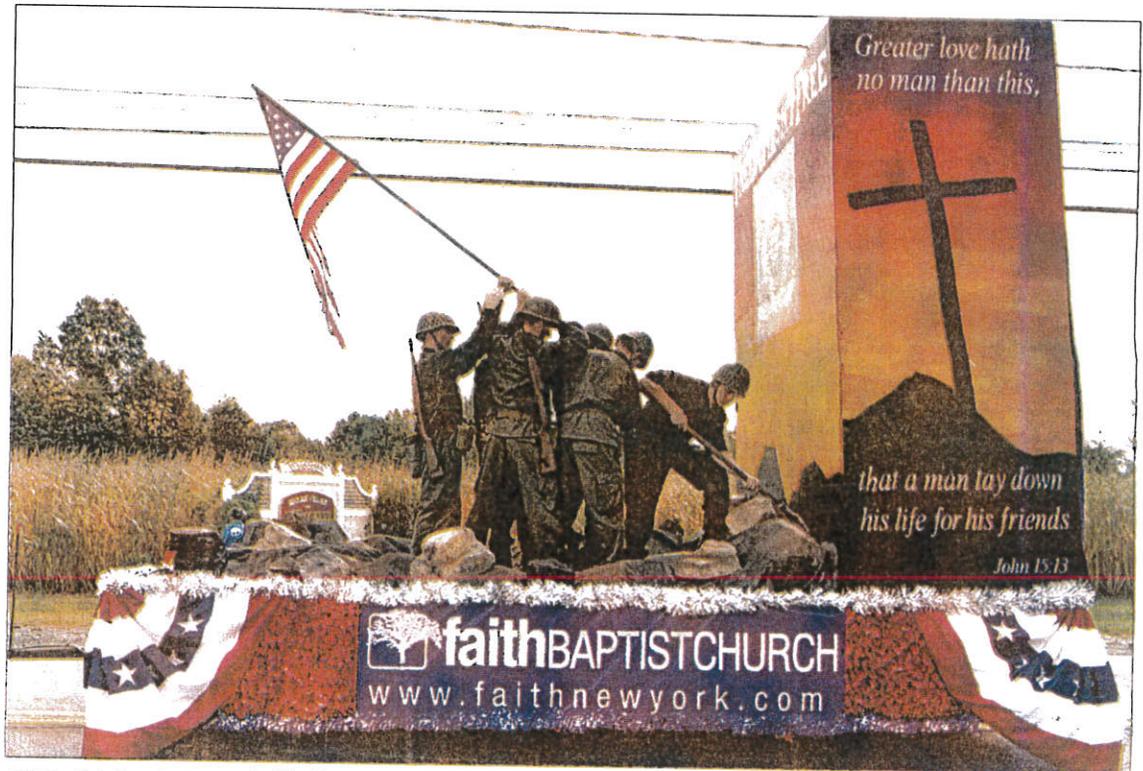
Scattered amongst the many visitors were a few that had driven hours across the country from the state of Ohio, including Chris Dobrozi, vice mayor of the City of Montgomery in Ohio.

"It all started here," said Dobrozi, indicating the village.

Dobrozi and City Manager Wayne Davis explained that their city was founded by former residents of the village. Six families set out on a new adventure in 1795, leaving the village and traveling west. They rode down the Ohio River to the mouth of the Little Miami River and then followed a tributary before finally settling at the junction of two Native American trails.

Montgomery, Ohio, was incorporated as a village in 1910 and it became a city in 1971 with 5,000 residents. Today they have around 10,200.

Davis said their city has a sister city in France—Neuilly-Plaisance—which is located less than eight miles from the center of Paris. They have gone to visit the city in the interests of cultural exchange and sharing of services, but Davis pointed out that they probably have more in



Faith Baptist Church was awarded the first place blue ribbon at the parade for their depiction of the iconic photograph which was used for the design of the Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima Memorial).



Valley Central cheerleaders show their spirit.

common with the village that gave rise to their city.

"We wanted to have a human connection," said Davis.

While enjoying looking around the village at structures so similar to landmarks

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The Boy Scout Troop 236 Marching Band play some rousing music as they make their way through the crowds

General Montgomery Day 2015

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in their own city, they were really struck by the festivities on Saturday.

"This was awesome," said Gerri Harbison, city council member and former mayor of the city of Montgomery, Ohio, explaining that they hold a great 4th of July parade back in their home city. "We're pretty proud of it, but I think this topped it."

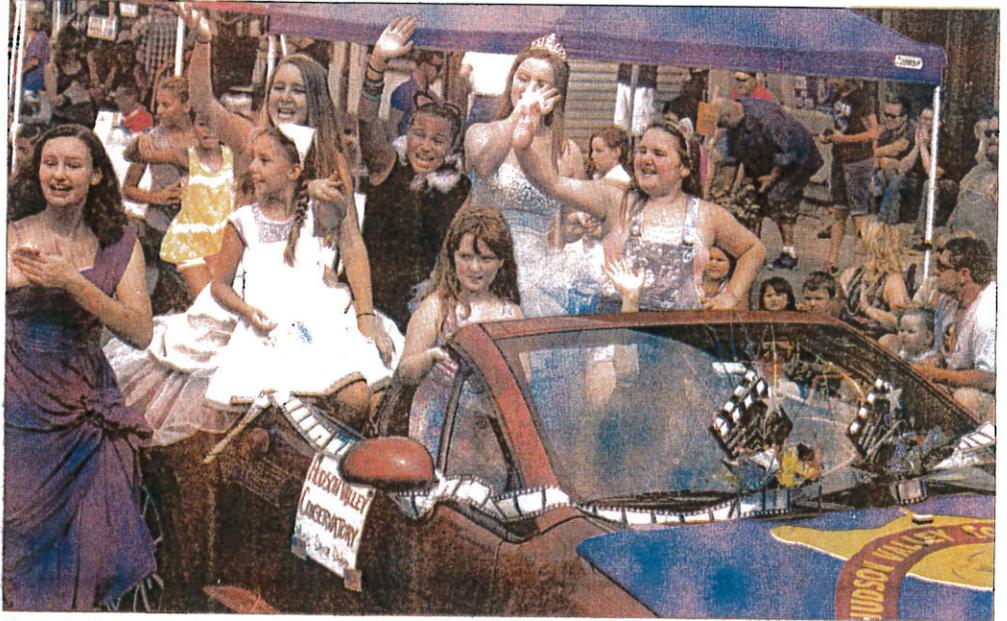
Dobrozsi called the village a "true hometown American town" and said that he was impressed by the level of volunteerism.

Not to be outdone on that front, Davis volunteered himself when village officials found themselves short-handed. Those that thought the D.A.R.E. lion looked a trifle odd with his lion head and human body might be interested to learn that it was Davis inside the costume during the parade.

City of Montgomery Police Lieutenant John Crowell was also enjoying his time in the village, calling it a great community and tight-knit, a place where people know each other's names.

"I would come back next year in a heartbeat," said Dobrozsi.

The evening's fireworks display had to be rescheduled to the following evening, but visitors were able to enjoy most of the day's planned events, from the 8k race in the morning to the parade, soap box derby, vendors, amusement park rides and many special performances.



The cast of the Hudson Valley Conservatory performance wave at the crowds during the parade.

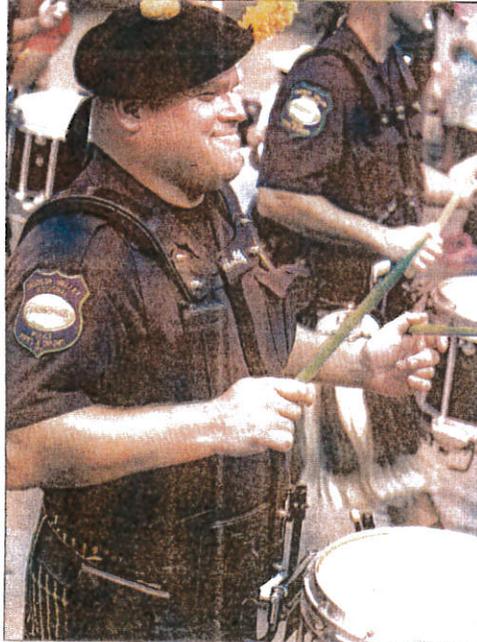
The day also saw the debut performance of the contemporary Christian group Souls A Fire, featuring local talents Emily Quarks, Jackie Leone, Don Riker and Donna Hall, all familiar faces at the New York School of Music in Walden.

Donna Hall, owner of NYSM, said it has been on their hearts for a while to form the group. They were inspired by the song "Souls on Fire" by Third Day, which they covered during their performance at General Montgomery Day.

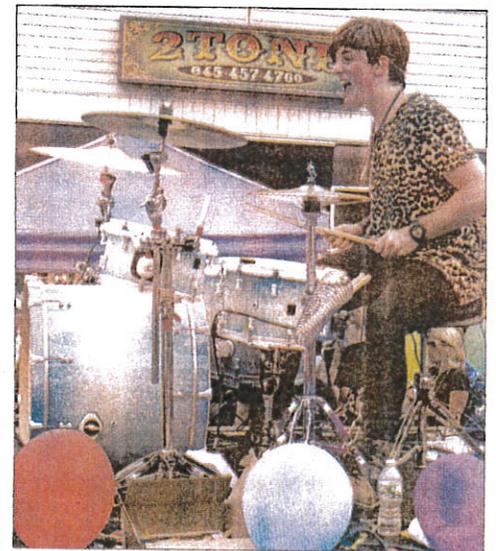
Those who caught their performance and want to see them again (or missed it and are now kicking themselves) can look to the NYSM's website to have information on where the group will perform next.



Dancers from the Hudson Valley Polonaise Society showed some fancy moves.



Dennis Barnett hits the drums for the Hudson Valley Regional Police Pipes & Drums.



The drummer for Six Stories Told gets the crowd fired up.



Walt Schneider.



Soap Box Derby contestants race down Charles Street.



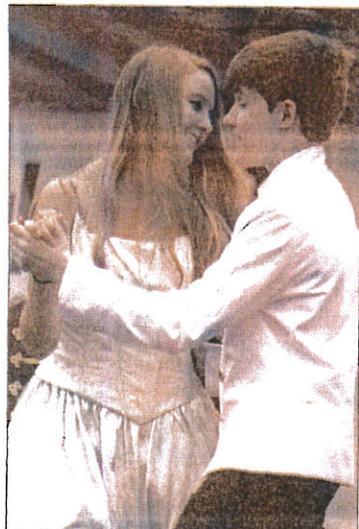
It was a good weekend for the Valley Central Viking, who cheered his team to victory on Friday.



The Coldenham Fife and Drum Corps march down Clinton Street.



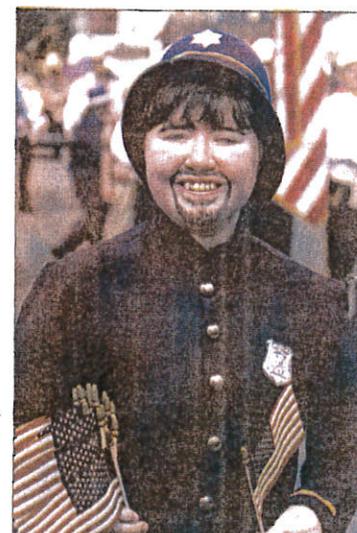
The Hudson Valley Conservatory perform Cinderella.



Cinderella and Prince Charming Dance on the stage.



Valley Central's Junior ROTC march in the parade.



Keystone Cops have been part of the festivities since the beginning.

**MONTGOMERY FIRE DEPT.
DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION
MONTHLY INSPECTION REPORT
October -2015**

<u>OCCUPANCY CLASS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>		
	Initial	Re-inspections	Total
RESIDENTIAL _____	1	0	1
PUBLIC BUILDINGS _____	4	1	5
HEALTH CARE FACILITIES _____	59	3	62
CHILD CARE FACILITIES _____	1	0	1
EDUCATIONAL BUILDINGS _____	0	3	3
CHURCHES _____	0	2	2
MERCANTILE _____	0	13	13
Sub Totals: _____	65	22	87

Other Misc. Inspections:

- 4 Inspections with NIC
- 2 Fire Alarm trouble follow ups

TOTAL INSPECTIONS → 93

RESULTS OF INSPECTIONS

VIOLATIONS ISSUED _____	41
VIOLATIONS CORRECTED _____	37
TOTAL VIOLATIONS ISSUED IN 2015 _____	442
TOTAL VIOLATIONS CORRECTED IN 2015 _____	409
RECOMMENDATIONS ISSUED _____	02
RECOMMENDATIONS CORRECTED _____	02
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 _____	01
ALARM SYS. TESTS OBSERVED _____	02
FIRE DRILLS OBSERVED _____	00
TORNADO DRILLS OBSERVED _____	00
SYSTEMS TEST CERTIFICATES RECEIVED _____	07
PLAN REVIEWS MADE _____	06

PROGRAM INVOLVEMENT :

Center Learn – Inspector trainings

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

MEMO

TO: Wayne Davis
City Manager

FROM: Greg Vonden Benken
Police Sergeant
Greg Vonden Benken

DATE: November 1, 2015

REFERENCE: October Council Report

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- 10/1 Officers met with two irate drivers that came into the Police Department to complain about each other and their driving habits. The incident occurred in Symmes Township on I71. One driver apparently cut the other driver off, however neither driver admitted any fault. Both were advised to drive carefully and not participate in "road rage" type activity.
- 10/2 Dayshift officers were called to the courtyard at Sycamore Jr High School for a student that was becoming aggressive towards staff. The autistic boy pulled a woman's hair causing her to stumble. He then refused to follow any command from staff members, which initiated the call to police. The boy's mother arrived and when she spoke to the boy, he began to cry. The mother took the boy home for the day to decompress. No charges were filed.
- 10/3 2nd shift officers responded to Krogers for a trouble run. A female stated that she had been "robbed" in front of the store after she was denied a credit card transaction at a register. She left before officers arrived to speak with her. At this time the case is unfounded due to unknown identity of victim. There are no 911 calls to corroborate that this incident occurred.
- 10/4 Officer Lauren Helgeson responded to Columbia Township for mutual aid. The Sheriff's Office called for assistance in searching a female that had been arrested in their jurisdiction. It is common practice for a female officer to search female prisoners.
- 10/5 School Resource Officer Paul Payne met with parents and a female student about a harassment issue at football homecoming. School officials are conducting follow up since no criminal behavior was suspected.
- 10/6 Officer Alexis Guilkey responded to a Pendery address for an identity theft. An unknown suspect opened a joint account with the victim's information and attempted a \$4000 transfer to another account. Transaction occurred in Philadelphia. Detective Pat Giblin followed up with victim to advise her of ID Theft reporting procedure through the Federal Trade Commission for follow up.

- 10/7 Officer TJ Shreve stopped a speeding vehicle on Montgomery Rd during the midnight shift. As he spoke with driver, he noticed an odor of alcohol and observed open beer bottles in the car. After failing several roadside sobriety tests, the driver was arrested for an OVI. He took a breath test at the police station and was tested at .159. OVI and a speeding charge were filed in Montgomery Mayor's Court.
- 10/8 Officers Shreve and Mulcahy stopped a vehicle traveling on I275 and found the driver to be wanted by Norwood PD. An officer from Norwood responded into Montgomery and took custody of the man.
- 10/9 Officer Paul Payne spoke with a victim who has sent several moneygrams to an address in Texas. She claims she was scammed out of several thousand dollars by the lure of getting a \$9000 grant. Once a moneygram transaction is conducted it is nearly impossible to recoup any money.
- 10/10 An intoxicated male was near a drinking establishment at closing time and asked about getting a bite of pizza. Another intoxicated male stated, "For a punch in the face!" he would be able to get a bite. The man agreed and was punched in the face willingly. After his jaw was broken he wished to pursue criminal charges but because he was a willing participant no charges will be filed. We are unsure if he was able to finish his meal.
- 10/11 Officer Lauren Helgeson was dispatched to investigate a suspicious vehicle on Twinkle Lane. Upon arrival she discovered a man asleep behind the wheel. When he awoke he told Officer Helgeson that he was traveling to Columbus from Covington, KY and needed to pull over to sleep. The officer noticed swords in the back seat, and the man told her about his recent adventures at a Renaissance Festival that he attended and the swords were part of his costume. The man was sent on his way after it was determined that he was not intoxicated.
- 10/12 An employee of a business on Cooper Rd reported missing a gym bag and its contents from the back seat of her car while it was parked in a lot. Approximately \$40-\$50 in merchandise was in the bag. Her purse was on the floorboard and was left untouched.
- 10/13 Dayshift units responded to a drug overdose on Montgomery Rd involving Benadryl. A woman was being treated at a Catholic service agency when she became irate at officers who were trying to help her. They determined that she needed medical attention but she refused and tried to leave. As she was walking past officers who attempted to stop her she slapped Officer Bob Otte across the face. Charges for assault are pending in Hamilton County Municipal Court. Defendant does not recall hitting the officer but offered her apologies.
- 10/14 Officers responded to 4 separate auto accidents on this date.

- 10/15 A victim on Huntersknoll reported that an unknown person removed his wedding band from his vehicle which was parked on the street but was unlocked at the time. An ongoing electronic search of the ring is being made by the Detective's office in an attempt to locate the property.
- 10/16 A burglary occurred at a business in the 9500 block of Montgomery Rd where \$200 in cash was taken from a drawer. A print was lifted near the scene of the offense and we are currently awaiting a "hit" through AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System).
- 10/17 Officer Alex Janszen stopped a vehicle for failing to stop at a red light and upon further investigation he detected an odor of alcohol. The driver failed to pass roadside sobriety tests and was arrested for OVI. The driver was taken to the police station and offered a breath test which he refused. He faces charges in Montgomery Mayor's Court.
- 10/18 Sgt Mike Davenport observed a male walking on the interstate. When he conducted a pat-down search he located an unopened bottle of Hennessy. The 20 year old man was charged with possession of alcohol and was given a ride off of the interstate.
- 10/19 A home on Monte was burglarized sometime during the morning hours. Unknown suspect pried open rear door and took several pieces of jewelry. Detectives are following up on the case and are attempting pawn shop searches based on description of jewelry from the homeowner but have not found any matches at this time.
- 10/20 Several midnight units responded mutual aid into Deer Park for a shooting. A perimeter was set up and the shooter was located in his home. The firearm was located a short distance away as well. A 20 year old was found deceased near Matson Ave.
- 10/21 A man on Ross called to report that his dog had been bitten by a larger dog that was not on a leash. Both parties met and worked out a compromise on the \$600 vet bill.
- 10/22 A woman came to the police department to fill out a report for telecommunications harassment. She took out a payday loan and failed to pay it back. The lender was calling her to collect the debt. An officer made contact with the lender and they said they would settle the case in small claims court.
- 10/23 Sgt Greg Harris was called to a neighbor dispute on Hartford Hill over a dog at large. The dog apparently approached people walking on the street.. A neighbor carries a taser to keep the dog at bay. Complainant unsure if he wishes to proceed with criminal complaint as officers did not observe the offense.
- 10/24 A driver was charged with obstruction of official business after he lied about a crash involving City signage near Weller Rd. The driver also faces several traffic charges as well. The driver had been drinking alcohol on the night of the crash but told investigators a different story to hide his crash. His insurance company was notified of the City damages.

- 10/25 A man reported that his Kroger Credit Card was full of bogus charges in the amount of \$1200. He had used the card online and was probably hacked at that time. He needed a report for the fraud department at his bank for reimbursement purposes. Unknown suspect at this time.
- 10/26 A man came to the police department and requested a menacing report from an incident at B-North. After taking a statement Officer Alex Janszen met with the City Prosecutor who determined that no offense took place therefore no charges are warranted. The case was closed.
- 10/27 A resident from Wimbledon requested a theft report after an unknown suspect removed approximately \$40 in loose change from his vehicle. The vehicle was parked in the driveway and was left unlocked. Residents in the area are being urged to lock their vehicles and to not leave valuables in plain sight. Suspect remains unknown.
- 10/28 Magazine solicitors were located near the Pfeiffer Rd area and one male was cited to Montgomery Mayor's Court for soliciting without a permit. The solicitor was taken to BP in Blue Ash where he was picked up by the parent company.
- 10/29 Officer Alex Janszen responded to an address on Huckleberry where a victim had \$180 stolen from their center console in their vehicle. The car was unlocked in the driveway. A neighbor believed that a video of the suspect may have existed but later found that the system may not have been working. The suspect remains unknown.
- 10/30 A \$100 counterfeit bill was passed at a pizza parlor on Montgomery Rd. Approximately, \$89 was given in change. A suspect has been developed through Crimestopper tips and the Detective's Office is following up.
- 10/31 A male was observed urinating in the public parking lot on Shelly Lane. He was cited for disorderly conduct through Montgomery Mayor's Court where he faces a fine for his conduct.

Montgomery has a new finance director

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The city of Montgomery has a new finance director.

Michelle Greis started as the Montgomery finance director Sept. 21.

"It has been good. It is a great group of people. Everybody here from the moment I came in

for my interview and met with the people at the front desk to the interviewers, everybody is very friendly and it is a great environment to be in," Greis said.

She previously was the finance director for the city of Middletown for three years. She also worked in auditing consulting for 12 years.



Greis

management experience to the city of Montgomery. The city of

"Michelle Greis is a valued addition to the finance department and senior management.

She brings many years of auditing and financial

Montgomery will greatly benefit from her careful management of our finances and from her overall stewardship," City Manager Wayne Davis said.

Greis is replacing Jim Hanson, who retired after six years with the city.

"I'm following someone who had been on the job for many years and had a lot of great ex-

perience and was very good at the job. That paved the way for me. Sure, I am going to come in and look at this and maybe see a way to do it differently but there are not going to be sweeping changes," Greis said.

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