

October 1, 2015

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Brian K. Riblet, Acting City Manager *BKR*
Department Heads

SUBJECT: Thursday Update

The following information is provided to you as a summary of activities for the week of September 28, 2015 and as an announcement of activities in the coming weeks:

1. As a reminder, City Council is scheduled to meet in Special Session on Tuesday, October 6 at 5:00 p.m. to conduct a review of the 2016 Operating and Capital Budget with Four Year Forecast and 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Program with staff.
2. As a reminder, City Council is scheduled to meet in Business Session on Wednesday, October 7 immediately following the Montgomery Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) meeting at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.
3. Last Thursday, Lieutenant Crowell, Sergeant Vonden Benken, and Patrol Officer Martin attended the annual OVI Task Force Awards Luncheon in Blue Ash. An award was presented to the City of Cincinnati for being the top agency in OVI enforcement who participated in the grant program. The 2016 grant was renewed for the City and pays the officer's salaries while working on the task force. This grant is made possible through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).
4. The fire department responded to a structure fire Sunday night on Grandon Ridge Circle. The fire was successfully extinguished with minimal structure and property damage. The fire was accidental in nature and there were no reports of injuries. A big thanks goes out to Madeira-Indian Hill, Blue Ash, and Deerfield Township for their assistance. A great job by all that were involved.
5. Matthew Vanderhorst reports that the City of Montgomery website received the Pinnacle Award for the City/County Small Population Group during the recent National Association of Government Web Professionals conference. The Pinnacle Award recognizes government websites that represent the best in their population groups. Websites are graded on eight sets of criteria. The criteria includes teamwork, content, organization, design, performance, flexibility, accessibility, standards and interactivity. This award reflects the creativity and dedication of the website task team. Members of the task team include Matthew Vanderhorst, Evelyn Dumont, Cindy Abner, Jim Stewart, Tom Wagner, Faith Lynch, and Patrick Morgan.
6. The Planning Commission met on Monday night to discuss an application from Camden Homes for the redevelopment of approximately 7.87 acres of property formerly used for the Montgomery Swim and Tennis Club at 9441 Orchard Club Drive. Camden Homes is proposing a Planned Development which would consist of 30 single family homes. Several residents attended the meeting to voice their concerns and the Planning Commission tabled the meeting

to allow the applicant to conduct a traffic study and to take the residents' concerns into account.

7. On Tuesday Justin Liming, Jim Stewart, and Gary Heitkamp attend the American Public Works Association (APWA) 2015 Snow and Ice Conference in Sharonville. There were several educational sessions as well as various vendors of winter supplies and equipment on hand at the event. Staff indicated there was much discussion on the use of alternative liquids and also came away feeling we are ahead of the curve with our winter operation procedures.
8. On Tuesday evening Council members Gerri Harbison, Ken Suer, Chris Dobrozsi, Craig Margolis along with staff members Tracy Roblero and Brian Riblet, attended the First Suburbs/Hamilton County Municipal League Membership meeting in Evendale. The topic of the evening focused on the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) operating agreement between Hamilton County and the City of Cincinnati which will expire in 2018. Hamilton County Commissioners are soliciting feedback from surrounding jurisdictions on the issue and will hold additional meetings in the upcoming months.
9. Tracy Roblero, John Grier and Beth Sullebarger met with the owner of the Country Arts building at 9383 Main Street on Wednesday. The owner is interested in potentially demolishing the building in order to construct a new retail building. The building is not a listed Landmark; however, it is designated as a contributing building to the Heritage District and is listed on the Montgomery Historical Preservation Association's watch list.
10. Matthew Vanderhorst, in partnership with the Sycamore Community Schools technology staff, has been working this week to complete the installation of a new telephone system for the City of Montgomery. New phones and cabling are installed. On Friday, Cincinnati Bell will move the phone lines from the Safety Center and City Hall to the Sycamore data center near Sycamore Junior High. The final cutover is scheduled for Friday evening. The new phone system will bring a significant upgrade to the organizations telecommunications capabilities. Through this partnership, the City will save \$6,400 per year compared to purchasing and maintaining its own system. Thank you to Matthew for forging the collaboration with the Sycamore on this shared services project.
11. Wayne Davis has been out this week attending the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) conference in Seattle, Washington and will return tomorrow. This is a great time for Wayne to seek opportunities for professional and personal renewal and networking. We wish him a safe trip back to work tomorrow.
12. The first Live at the Uni concert featuring two Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra members Steven Rosen and Stacey Wooley will be held on Monday, October 5 at the Universalist Church. The three part series continues with a concert on Monday, October 19, with Tom Steele performing. Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. Both of the October concerts are full with 130 people registered. The final concert will be held on Monday, November 2 with the Klezmer Project performing. Montgomery Inn is sponsoring the reception after each concert with a dedicated space on their second floor and free appetizers. Twin Lakes is the Presenting Sponsor and contributed \$1,200 for the series. Thanks to the Montgomery Arts Commission for their time in creating this top notch musical concert series for our community.
13. The City of Montgomery, along with over 100 other local government entities, was part of a recent transparency launch by the Treasurer of State, Josh Mandel, to share our expenditures on OhioCheckbook.com. The website depicts the City's expenditures from 2010 through 2014 and new data will be added annually. Analytics are also available to see the amount of traffic that flows to Montgomery's page.

14. Public works staff completed the third week of the Fall Brush Pick-up program this week as all residents who receive Wednesday Rumpke services were collected. There are two more weeks remaining including residents who receive Thursday and Friday services respectively from Rumpke.
15. We have reached the milestone of 25 applicants to the Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy (MCLA). While we have extended the deadline to October 9 for those who have a desire to apply, we wish to thank all in their efforts in recruitment for the MCLA Class of 2016.
16. Staff are preparing for the Harvest Moon event which takes place on Saturday, October 10 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Swaim Park. Staff are busy planning the event which includes gathering supplies, organizing vendors and recruiting volunteers for the City's second most highly attended event. New business, College Nannies, is sponsoring the Craft Tent. Due to the rainy weather this year, farms were unable to provide the usual small pumpkins for the event so staff have planned an alternative craft activity.
17. The community joins in a national day of service on Saturday, October 24 with the National Make a Difference Day. Organizations around the community with Connect Montgomery and others around the country have chosen this day to dedicate time and resources to service in their community. If you have an interest in volunteering this day at Matthew 25 Ministries with other community and City staff members, please contact Faith Lynch.
18. Invitations to the Neighborhood Leaders Forum for Thursday, November 12 have been mailed to all our MCLA graduates as well as our neighborhood contacts. Tracy Roblero will address future development and Melissa Hays will present on property maintenance. The session is from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Terwilliger Lodge. Please let Faith Lynch know if you would like to attend.
19. Please find attached monthly department reports from the police and fire departments for the month of September.
20. 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

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

OCCUPANCY CLASS	TOTALS		
	Initial	Re-inspections	Total
RESIDENTIAL _____	1	2	3
PUBLIC BUILDINGS _____	4	1	5
HEALTH CARE FACILITIES _____	10	3	13
CHILD CARE FACILITIES _____	2	0	2
EDUCATIONAL BUILDINGS _____	5	0	5
CHURCHES _____	3	1	4
MERCANTILE _____	35	27	62
Sub Totals:	59	34	93

Other Misc. Inspections:

- 3 Inspections with NIC
- 2 Fire Alarm trouble follow ups
- 1 Foster care Inspection

TOTAL INSPECTIONS → 99

RESULTS OF INSPECTIONS

VIOLATIONS ISSUED _____	38
VIOLATIONS CORRECTED _____	54
TOTAL VIOLATIONS ISSUED IN 2015 _____	401
TOTAL VIOLATIONS CORRECTED IN 2015 _____	368
RECOMMENDATIONS ISSUED _____	03
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 _____	11
PLAN REVIEWS MADE _____	5

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: **October 1, 2015**

REFERENCE: September Council Report

- 9/1 Near the 15.8 Milepost on North 71, Officer Lauren Helgeson noticed a vehicle swerving from lane to lane. When stopped the driver stated that she had not been drinking, but smelled of alcohol. After doing poorly on roadside field tests she was arrested and taken to Montgomery PD where she was offered a breath test. She refused and was charged with OVI. She believed that she was in Warren County but swears she didn't drink a drop of alcohol. A cab took her home from the Police Department.
- 9/2 Officers from various shifts responded to 4 auto accidents on this date.
- 9/3 Officer Nick Nimeskern located a vehicle that was reported to be driving recklessly on Pfeiffer Rd. Officer Nimeskern stopped the vehicle and as he approached the driver he smelled the scent of freshly smoked marijuana. The driver was hiding a small baggie of marijuana in the vehicle. He was cited for misdemeanor possession of drugs in Montgomery Mayor's Court.
- 9/4 Officer Alex Janszen stopped a swerving vehicle on Ronald Reagan Highway and while talking to the driver, he noticed open beers in the car. The driver agreed to roadside sobriety tests and was consequently arrested for OVI and marked lanes violations. He refused to take a breath test and was charged through Montgomery Mayor's Court.
- 9/5 Several vehicles near Kinglet Court were ransacked by an unknown suspect. Multiple items were taken including a dash cam. A Detective has been assigned to the case for follow up including a check of pawn shops in the Greater Cincinnati area.
- 9/6 An intoxicated driver was located in the Kroger's parking lot with an open beer between his legs. He tested a .105 on a breath test and was cited into Montgomery Mayor's Court for OVI and possession of an open beer.
- 9/7 Officer Bob Otte was called to a home on Huntersknoll for a report of dog feces dumped into the rear yard swimming pool. The person or animal responsible remains at large. Bob was afraid to see if it was a Baby Ruth bar!
- 9/8 A victim of identity theft reported missing approximately \$300 from a checking account at PNC Bank. An investigation determined the fraud occurred somewhere in Akron, Ohio. The victim is following up with the Federal Trade Commission.

- 9/9 Another victim of identity theft reported a bogus credit card opened in his name with a limit of \$9600 and a fake attempted IRS tax return that was denied earlier in the year. The victim again was urged to file a claim with the Federal Trade Commission to further the claim and gain additional protection such as credit monitoring.
- 9/10 An unknown suspect broke into a home on Heritage Lake Drive. Several pieces of jewelry were taken as well as some coins. Detectives processed the crime scene and are checking leads at area pawn shops. Administration at Twin Lakes is urging homeowners to set their house alarms when they leave their homes, even if it is only for a short period of time.
- 9/11 School Resource Officer Paul Payne taught ALICE (ALERT, LOCKDOWN, INFORM, COUNTER, EVACUATE) at Sycamore Jr High School. Officer Payne is one of three ALICE Instructors on staff at the Police Department and every employee in the district attends the training.
- 9/12 Sgt Mike Davenport located a man in the rear of a tavern urinating in the middle of the parking lot. When asked what he was doing, the man stated, "Talking to my dad on my cell phone." Sgt Davenport asked about the urine on the ground but the man had no idea where it originated from. He was cited for disorderly conduct through Montgomery Mayor's Court.
- 9/13 2nd Shift units were dispatched to the Corporate Montgomery Inn office on Main Street for a burglar alarm. The officers located a door that had been kicked in. A large K-9 responded from the Sheriff's Office and the handler determined the suspect was still inside. The suspect in fear of the K-9 complied with being arrested after he appeared from under a desk. The man is facing several felonies through Hamilton County Municipal Court. He stopped in the station several days later after being released from jail and apologized for his actions.
- 9/14 Officer Dan Long responded to Audi for a report of theft of wheels/tires. The wheels are valued at nearly \$5800. The unknown suspect jacked the vehicle up with bricks and removed the wheels from a vehicle that was parked in the rear of the business.
- 9/15 Officer Greg Schill responded to Pet People for a report of man who took an item from the shelf and tried to return the item for a cash refund. The man took the item while the clerk was in the back room. Several attempts to identify the man have not been successful, but employees will call if man returns to store.
- 9/16 Officer Alex Janszen stopped a vehicle on I71 in which the driver was wanted out of Warren County. When taking the suspect into custody, Officer Janszen found a marijuana pipe in the vehicle and a small amount of marijuana in her pocket. In addition to the Warren County charges, the suspect now faces charges in Hamilton County Municipal Court.

- 9/17 Officer David Mulcahy investigated a suspicious vehicle in the Safety Center Parking Lot. Two females were in the vehicle and one was observed urinating in the lot in view of the building security cameras. One of the females still had her pants unbuttoned and belt undone. She became irate and was taken into custody. Later she refused to provide identification to officers. The two sisters had been at a wine tasting event and on the way home felt the need to use the parking lot as a bathroom. Usually in this type of situation defendants are intoxicated and later apologize for their actions in court which she will have the opportunity to do. She was charged with obstruction and disorderly conduct through Mayor's Court.
- 9/18 School Resource Officer Paul Payne dealt with an autistic student at the high school that refused to unzip his coat from over his head in a classroom. The student was gently led out of the room and taken to a designated area by his aide to regain his composure so that he could complete his school day.
- 9/19 Several officers responded to a Westwind address for a drug overdose. The male subject overdosed on Heroin and was unresponsive in his bedroom. Paramedics administered Narcan, which helps a person regain consciousness and remediates the effects of opiates. As he came to, he became combative and upset that he was being treated. He was taken to the hospital for clearance and charged with possession of drug abuse instruments.
- 9/20 Officer Lauren Helgeson was called to a Zig Zag Rd address where a male consumed prescription medication followed up by too much alcohol. He refused transport via life squad but did allow his sister to take him to B North for further treatment.
- 9/21 Officer James Martin met a victim from Shadowhill Way in reference to a missing ring from the residence. The victim believes it went missing after a cleaning company was there. Detective Pat Giblin is following up with company for a list of possible suspects in the case. The ring is valued at approximately \$2000.
- 9/22 Detective Jim Lacalameto met with a resident from Buxton, that stated her credit card account was compromised sometime early in August. She believes it was through an online transaction, but was reimbursed by her bank. She is following up with the FTC and fraud investigators with her bank.
- 9/23 Sgt Greg Harris was called to an address in the Mayfair Apartments where a male claimed he was feeling suicidal. He was immediately taken into custody for a 72 hour mental health evaluation at Deaconess Hospital. He will be evaluated by a Psychiatrist to determine if further care and medication are needed.
- 9/24 Two separate residences were burglarized on this date, on Weller and Sterling Point. In both cases, windows or doors were broken out and entry was made. One alarm system deterred the burglar but in the other case, several pieces of jewelry were taken. In a two day period, 9 burglaries were recorded in Evendale, Montgomery, Sycamore Township, Indian Hill and West Chester. A team of Detectives from the affected jurisdictions has surmised that the Felony Lane Gang from Florida may be responsible for the crimes. Several leads have been developed and Detectives are checking pawn shops and a rental car company in Florida.

- 9/25 Officer Greg Schill was called to Ohio National for a suspicious person. Their security located a man walking around their property. Officer Schill identified the man who stated he was lost and was taken back to the Red Roof Inn in Blue Ash where he was staying.
- 9/26 While patrolling the public parking lot on Shelly Lane, Officer Alexis Guilkey observed a man carrying two bottles of beer in his hands. He was given a citation for possessing an open container of alcohol in public and sent on his way.
- 9/27 2nd shift officers responded to an Elbrecht drive residence for a reported burglary in progress. The homeowner heard the doorbell ring and then possibly someone attempting to gain entry through a window. She now believes it was her ex-boyfriend and does not wish follow up. Officers thoroughly checked the residence and advised her to contact the police department should she decide to pursue the case.
- 9/28 2nd shift officers responded to I71 for a multi car accident, which resulted in several vehicles being towed from the scene. EMS was called to the scene for treatment of injuries. Officer Payne determined that the at-fault driver made an illegal lane change causing the rush-hour crash. Charges are pending in Mayor's Court.
- 9/29 Kroger's management called for extra patrol of their dock area in rear of store. Unknown suspects are removing wood pallets without their permission. Wood pallets can be recycled and sometimes carry a \$10-\$20 deposit, which make them an attractive item to steal.
- 9/30 Officer Alexis Guilkey and Officer Bob Otte responded to a Montgomery Rd crash near Ronald Reagan Highway where a juvenile who had his license for 4 days, rear ended another vehicle causing damage as well as back injuries to the other driver. The juvenile is facing multiple traffic charges in Hamilton County Municipal Court.
- 9/30 A male victim reported that he was robbed of \$650 cash from his wallet, at gunpoint, near medical offices on Montgomery Rd. He stated that he was visiting a patient at B North and crossed Montgomery Rd to take a smoking break when another male walked up to him and demanded his wallet. The victim has named a suspect. Detectives are following up on this lead at this time to determine exactly what transpired.

SEPTEMBER 2015 POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

Officer TJ Shreve	Downed Officer Rescue	OPOTA
Officer Alexis Guilkey	RCIC Module	Scarlet Oaks
Officer Lauren Helgeson	Female Enforcers	Butler Tech
Officer Alexis Guilkey	Female Enforcers	Butler Tech
Officer Nick Nimeskern	OC/Chemical Agent Instructor	OPOTA
Detective Pat Giblin	RAVEN 911	The ROC
Officer James Martin	RAVEN 911	The ROC
Officer Alex Janszen	RCIC Module	Scarlet Oaks
Officer TJ Shreve	Firearms Instructor	OPOTA

Dear Wayne, Todd, Chris, Lynda,
Ken, Serri, Craig & Ann,

Thanks for the gift certificate.
Don't worry it will be promptly
used as a "source for a party".

Thank you all for your
great support. As I said
you're a great Council &
City Manager to work for.

I wish you & the City
great success.

Best Wishes
Jim

To All City of Montgomery
Employees,

Thank you so much
for the great "Farewell
Party" and the many
gifts.

My memories working
@ the City will not be
forgotten. I enjoyed
all the folks that made
"going to work" a pleasant
& positive experience.

Best Wishes
Jim

MONTGOMERY NAMES JULY 4 PARADE WINNERS

City of Montgomery thanks parade participants

The City of Montgomery would like to thank all of the parade participants and volunteers who made the annual Independence Day Parade such as success. Montgomery is truly a special community, with thousands of residents and visitors who came out to enjoy the parade and cheered with enthusiasm and patriotism. Rough estimates indicate that 7,000 people lined the parade route.

The following award recipients were honored after the annual Montgomery Independence Day Parade for their enthusiasm and patriotic spirit. These winning parade entries received certificates and ribbons thanking them for their participation in the parade.

- Matrix All Stars won the Best Patriotic Spirit ribbon for bravely and enthusiastically performing backflips on the hot asphalt.
- Best Float ribbon was awarded to the Montgomery Arts Commission and the Sycamore High School Choral Program for entertaining the waiting crowds with patriotic songs.
- Best Overall ribbon was given to Montgomery Square Shopping Plaza for their festive and patriotic float that incorporated all the businesses located at the plaza.

Thanks also go to those who served in the capacity of parade judges: community volunteers Ron Keeling and John Nolan, and Jim Mayer, executive director of Twin Lakes Senior Living. A special thank you to parade announcers Greg Leader and Nancy Nolan.

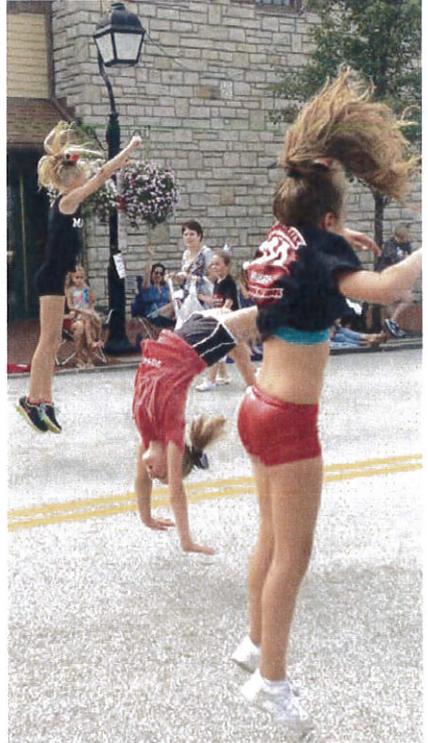
Plan next year to be a part of Montgomery's July 4, 2016 celebration, a day filled with patriotism, community pride and memories that will last a lifetime.



Arts Commission and Sycamore Choral program float



Montgomery Square Shopping Plaza Best Overall Float 2015 July 4 Parade



Matrix All Star backflips

"TWINNING" OF TWO CITIES CELEBRATES 26 YEARS WITH BASTILLE DAY EVENT

Story and photos by Cathy Hollander



Montgomery residents, Hayden with his mom, Sonny Carlsen

People from the City of Montgomery as well as those from around the Greater Cincinnati Area flocked to Downtown Montgomery on Saturday, July 18 to celebrate Bastille Day. The event was established in 1989 to honor Montgomery's relationship with Neuilly-Plaisance, a suburb of Paris, France. This year marks the 26th anniversary of the twinning of the two cities, which offers an opportunity for everyone in both communities to make new international friends.

The City of Montgomery and the Sister Cities Commission work hard to organize and coordinate annual Bastille Day celebrations. One of the reasons that the Sister City Commission chose to celebrate Bastille Day was because it links two historical holidays celebrating freedom in the French and the American communities that happen within two weeks of each other. After the Fourth of July comes Bastille Day. The French helped the United States in their quest for independence.

Money raised from the event funds the exchanges between friends in Neuilly-Plaisance and the residents of the City of Montgomery. Over the years, there have been cultural exchanges with artists from Neuilly-Plaisance visiting to share their

work, educational exchanges with students from Greene Intermediate School traveling to France to visit, as well as economic and government exchanges. The two cities send delegations back and forth for social exchanges.

"Bastille Day is a party for the people of Montgomery," said Marcallene Shockey, chair of the Sister Cities Commission and the Bastille Day event. "It's sponsored by the City of Montgomery and the Sister Cities Commission does all the planning. As soon as the last one's over, we start looking for bands for next year. Other planning starts in February. We take care of the restaurants, set up the wine booth and man it as well as the ticket booth for beer and wine."

A committee of volunteers encourages the ongoing relationship with Neuilly-Plaisance. The Sister Cities Commission and other volunteers for the event were active in the ticket and wine booths on July 18. They could be seen up and down the downtown district of Montgomery Road helping out. The sale of alcohol at the event is used to host friends who visit from Neuilly-Plaisance every three to five years.

"One member of the Sister Cities that helps with planning is Jody Ballah," said Shockey. "She is unable to attend the function because she teaches a study abroad program for UC Blue Ash every summer. Please note it takes the whole committee to do this festival. Each member is a vital part of the planning and executing of the festival."

This year's celebration began with a kids' theater camp and music from the Sycamore Community Band. There were activities to entertain children of all ages such as Bemmes magic show, a race of waiters from area restaurants carrying trays of glasses, and the Cool Critters Animal Show. Twice during the day, Frank Davis offered a tour of historic Montgomery homes starting from the Universalist church.

Planning for great music was a huge success. The Faux Frenchmen played, and later in the evening the Mistics took the North Stage. Blessid Union of Souls entertained on the main stage. Montgomery Res-

ident Jack Wild put together the restaurants that lined Montgomery Road. Montgomery restaurants Cinque, Montgomery Inn, Stone Creek and Saxby had an opportunity to share their food with the community. There was pizza from local Montgomery restaurants, Delicio, Rudino's and Pomodori,

Restaurants from the surrounding areas also provided tasty bites from Mediterranean to French cuisine and there were sweets from Buskens. In addition to wine, there was a nice selection domestic and craft beers. The Bastille Day Celebration was a great way for people to get out and socialize, see their neighbors, and sample what Montgomery has to offer.



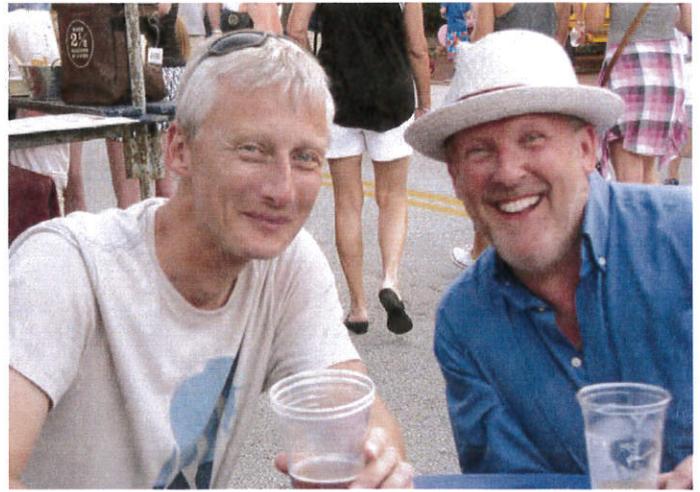
Amy Emery of the Sister Cities Commission



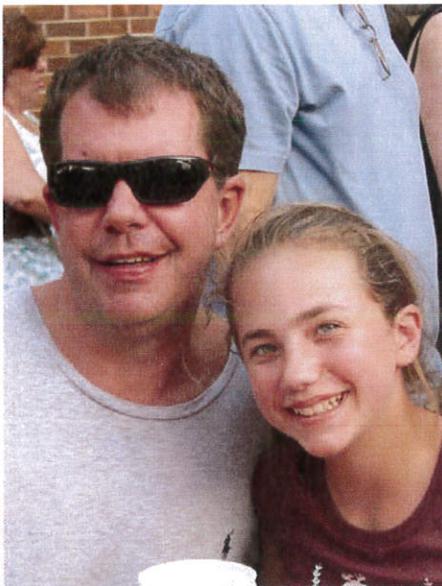
Dina Schmid with the Sister Cities Commission



Grandparents Phil Carlsen, Sherry Burnside and Sally Carlsen with grandchildren Bella Wood, and Alex and Ella Olson



Montgomery Resident Anthony Clerc with visitor John Sinnonns



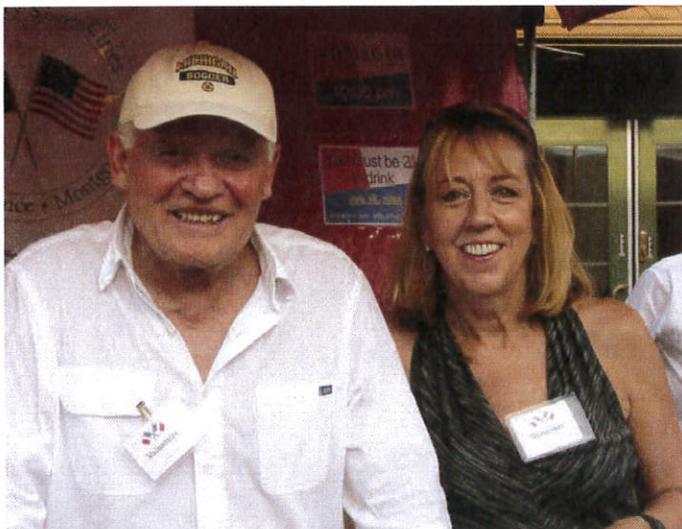
The McHughs of Montgomery enjoy the festival.



Connie Gaylor, clerk of council for the City of Montgomery, working in the information booth



Marcallene Shockey, chair of the Sister Cities Commission, built a model of the Eiffel Tower for Bastille Day



Volunteers Cori and Nick Rothenbach



Matthew Vanderhorst, staff liaison with the Sister Cities Commission, and Julie Machon, event and recreational coordinator who assists Sister Cities Commission

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The Mistics

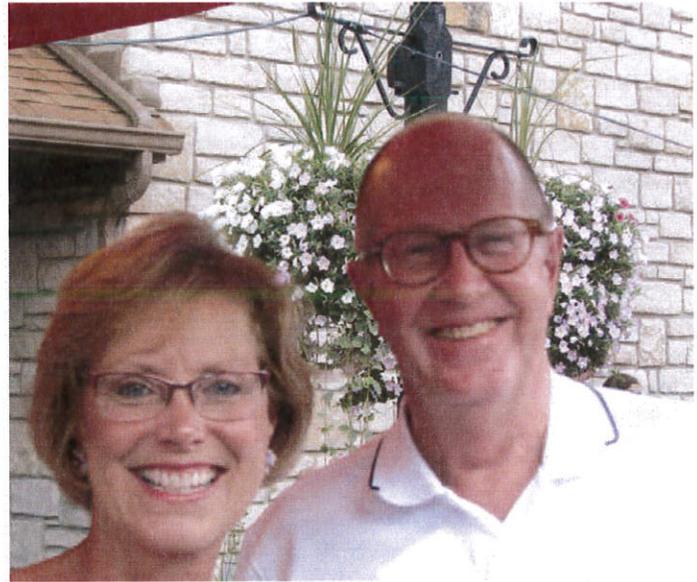
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iser for Blue Ash/Montgomery Rotary



Rotary Club of Blue Ash booth, Dave Hershberger, Hugh McKinnon and Greg Kling



Brian Emery pours wine for Piesha Frazier



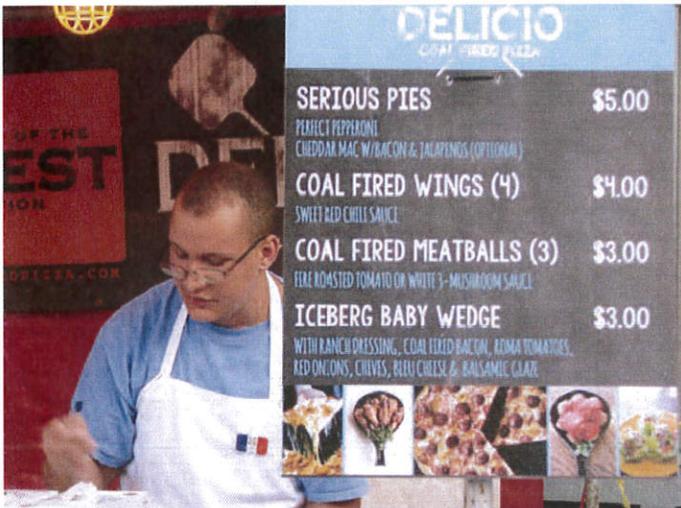
Volunteers Sally Alfpaugh and Mike Finn



Montgomery City Manager Wayne Davis



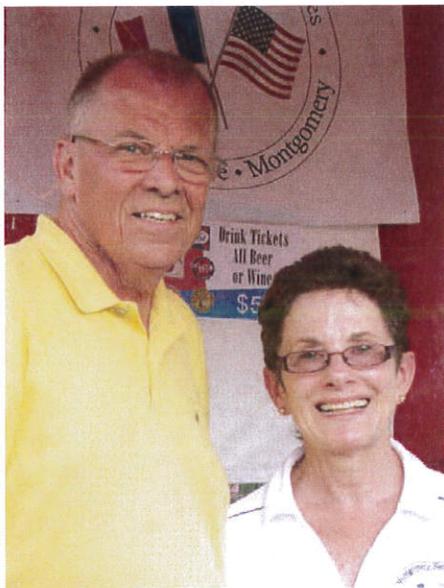
Blessid Union of Souls



Cameron Ware works at the Delicio booth.



Pomodori and other pizza parlors brought their ovens for the festival.



Volunteers Kathy and Tom Lonneman



Bastille Day

What is Bastille Day?
 Bastille Day is the French national holiday which commemorates the anniversary of the storming of the Bastille on July 14, 1789. In France, it is called "La Fete Nationale" ("National Holiday") and each year on July 14, France celebrates with parades, festivals, patriotic events and fireworks. Similar to America's Independence Day, Bastille Day commemorates the beginning of the French Revolution in 1789.

Why we celebrate!
 Every year, the City of Montgomery and the Sister Cities Commission hosts the Bastille Day Celebration in downtown Montgomery to celebrate our relationship of cultural understanding and cooperation with the City of Neuilly-Plaisance, France. Located in historic downtown Montgomery, the day long celebration has a wide variety of events and festivities, with some French flair added throughout. The Bastille Day Celebration continues to fund the cultural exchanges between friends in Neuilly-Plaisance and the City of Montgomery.

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