

April 20, 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 April 17, 2017 and as an announcement of activities in the coming weeks:

1. On Monday morning Brian Riblet, Megan Hube and Matt Davis from DSD Advisors and Wayne Davis met with Hamilton County Engineer Ted Hubbard to provide a brief update on the status of the Gateway Redevelopment Area (GRA) project. The meeting was also used as an opportunity to discuss Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District (TID) Funds which we will plan to apply for with an application for funding to be submitted to the County by May 1. We appreciate the support of Engineer Hubbard and his staff and we are hopeful that we will be successful with our application for the GRA. Wayne will be attending the TID Meeting on Monday, April 24, at the County Administration Building at 1:00 p.m.
2. The Planning Commission meeting was cancelled on Monday night after the applicant, Camargo Cadillac, requested to table their application for a reconsideration of the of the application for an extension of the approval to allow for the expansion of a conditional use for the construction of a body shop addition. The application will be considered by the Planning Commission at their meeting on Monday, May 1.
3. Public Works staff continued the second round of the Spring Brush Pick-Up Program this week as residents who receive Tuesday Rumpke services were collected. This popular service will continue for the next three weeks for residents with Wednesday through Friday Rumpke services respectively.
4. Tuesday afternoon Katie, Wayne and Terry Donnellon along with Brenda Wehmer, Brian Seedhouse and Jack Gusweiler met with several members of the Gateway partners team to review a follow-up proposal from the City for the financing of the Gateway Redevelopment Area (GRA). The meeting included a comprehensive review of the Gateway Partners proforma and will result in a follow-up meeting with Gateway Partners in the next week.
5. Matthew Vanderhorst and Gary Heitkamp are currently attending the Transforming Local Government Conference in Tulsa, OK where the City is being honored, with an "Outstanding Achievement in Local Government Innovation Award" for the Public Works recent Storm Water Improvement Project including a 5,000-gallon rain harvesting system. In addition to the award, both Matthew and Gary will attend multiple innovative and creative sessions on delivering services in the government sector. The conference will conclude on Friday, April 21.

6. Mayor Dobrozsi, Council Member Harbison and Wayne Davis met with their counterparts from Symmes Township (Kim Lapensee is their new Administrator), Sycamore Township, Sycamore School District and the City of Blue Ash in a meeting hosted by the City at City Hall. This quarterly Community Roundtable meeting touched on various lobbying efforts by all the entities in attendance; challenges encountered with hiring processes for police, fire and school administration employees; and upcoming levy plans for the jurisdictions of several members of the group. The City of Blue Ash also noted that their observation tower at Summit Park would be capped off this weekend. The next meeting of the group is scheduled to be hosted by Symmes Township on August 3.
7. The City received a very nice response from Health Commissioner Tim Ingram regarding a letter sent from the City to Tim and the Board of Health congratulating them on their recent accreditation and thanking them for service to our community. Commissioner Ingram was so impressed with the letter that he shared it with the Board and felt compelled to reach out to us with his appreciation. This item is included to highlight the importance of a timely and well written letter. Thankfully, some things never go out of style.
8. Mayor Dobrozsi and Wayne Davis met today with John Stroia, President of the Hamilton Safe Company, in a business calling meeting. This is the first time that we have met with representatives from Hamilton Safe, and John shared that they are quite happy with being in Montgomery, they appreciate the importance of a sign code (they will be submitting changes to their sign), they have approximately 37 employees in Montgomery (a total of approximately 260 between Montgomery, Mason, Amelia and Batavia) and they will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year. This meeting is a continuation of our outreach to businesses in the community to let them know that we appreciate their business in the community and to let them know that we are accessible to provide support to their operations. John was interested in MCLA, City special events, the Chamber of Commerce and the potential in getting a corporate membership to join the Green Diamond.
9. Tonight, Council Member Harbison, Wayne Davis and Julie Prickett will attend the Cincinnati Public School's Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony for Benny Miles at Paul Brown Stadium. We are all honored to be able to be a part of the ceremony and our hunch is that Benny will be the star of tonight's ceremony.
10. Brian Riblet will attend the American Public Works Association (APWA) North American Snow Conference in Des Moines, Iowa from Sunday, April 24 through Tuesday, April 26 where he will accept the "Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Award" on behalf of the City. Brian will also be providing a presentation on our winter operations during Monday's educational sessions.
11. The Montgomery Police Department in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will be hosting a Prescription Take-Back Day on Saturday April 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Montgomery Safety Center, 10150 Montgomery Road. This event aims to provide a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the public about the potential for abuse of medications.
12. Please see the attached email from Sycamore High School Nurse, Susan Murphy in recognition of Patrol officer Greg Schill and the entire police department for the services they provide to the community. We are proud of Greg and all the officers who provide support and show compassion to those who live and travel throughout the City.
13. Please see the attached news articles that have run 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

From: Susan Murphy [mailto:murphys@sycamoreschools.org]
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 9:38 AM
To: Don Simpson <dsimpson@ci.montgomery.oh.us>
Subject: Officer Greg Schill

Dear Chief Simpson,

First and foremost I would like to thank you and your officers for all of the support they provide for our school district each and every day. I have had the privilege of working with several of your officers (including Officer Paul Payne) during my 16 years as the school nurse at Sycamore High School and on several committees throughout the district and their caring and professional demeanor is wonderful to see and experience.

I live in Blue Ash and worked at Bethesda Hospital/TriHealth for almost 25 years so I have been in attendance at many activities in the city of Montgomery and have had the support of Montgomery Police for safety and other reasons during my 35 years of living in the area.

Tuesday evening, April 18, my husband and I were driving to Bethesda North to visit a friend and were pulling in the driveway behind an older woman in a car with an obvious left front flat tire. As we were discussing how she would need help as she had a handicap tag hanging in her car, Montgomery Police Officer Greg Schill pulled up behind her car after she parked. I recognized officer Schill from the times he has served at Sycamore High School and spoke with him briefly as he was getting ready to change a tire for the woman.

I know many police officers perform this type of public service while on their daily patrols, but feel they probably do not get much recognition for some of these types of activities. I want to say "thank you" to Officer Schill and all of the officers and employees under your command who provide community service, education, and secure the safety of citizens every day. As a nurse for 41 years I know the dedication that is required for a public service job that requires the employee (and their families) to "give up" part of their lives including working rotating shifts, weekends, holidays, double shifts, and performing duties that are "not in the job description".

Sincerely,

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District Nurse Coordinator
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"You can't educate a child who isn't healthy and you can't keep a child healthy who isn't educated."

Dr. M. Joycelyn Elders

Road repairs, sidewalks coming to Montgomery

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Montgomery is spending more than \$800,000 on road repairs this year.

Montgomery City Council approved \$760,000 for its road surfacing program for 2.8 centerline miles of roads throughout the city. The work will be completed by John R. Jurgensen Co.

Main Street, Cornell Road, Mitchel Farm Lane, Shakerdale Road and Deerfield Road from Hartford Hill Lane to the west corporation limit are being resurfaced.

The work is slated to begin in late May and be completed in mid-August.

Council also approved the 2017 onyx mastic surface project, which will be done for \$76,116 by Strawser Construction.

"This product is another tool for us to add another maintenance item to put on top (of) our roadways. It is a very, very thin layer of crack sealing. Then we put a very thin layer of sealant over that. It is a preventive measure to keep the water from penetrating the top of the pavement. It adds about five to seven years of life (expectancy) to our resurfacing program," said Public Works Director Brian Riblet.

The surface treatment will cover Monte Drive, Coopermeadow Lane, Cooperwood Lane, Bordeaux Court, Bobwhite Court, Toddtee Lane, Wimbledon Court, Winthrop Lane, Brattle Lane, Mosshill Lane, Stockbridge Lane, Yorkway Lane and Hartford Hill Lane.

Mayor Chris Dobroszi said the process is helping to keep the city on a 17-year resurfacing cycle.

Council also approved a contract for sidewalks to be built on Montgomery Road from Weller Road to the entrance of Bethesda North Hospital. An Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) grant is paying for 80 percent of the project.

"This will enhance the walkability of the community. This is a premiere community as far as access and walkability," Councilman Craig Margolis said.

MONTGOMERY

National Prescription Drug Take Back event

The Montgomery Police Department, partnering with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, will conduct a Prescription Drug Take Back Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at the Montgomery Safety Center parking lot, 10150 Montgomery Road.

This is a free service. Tablets, capsules and all other solid dosage forms will be collected. Intravenous solutions, injectables and syringes will not be accepted.

The public can dispose of these same medications every day in a secure disposal unit located within the Montgomery Safety Center lobby. Intravenous solutions, injectables and syringes are not accepted.

Montgomery awarded for Gateway Redevelopment Area planning

The city of Montgomery was awarded a Frank A. Ferris

Planning Award from the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission for the Gateway Redevelopment Area master plan.

The Gateway Redevelopment Area was the former site of the old Ford and Chevrolet dealerships. The 21.5-acre site is being turned into a mixed-use development with commercial space, condos, restaurants, retail and a boutique hotel by Gateway Partners, LLC.

"The city of Montgomery is honored to be recognized by our planning colleagues for the efforts we have undertaken to take this formerly blighted car dealership site and turn it into a legacy project that the entire region can admire," said Community Development Director Tracy Roblero.