

August 31, 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 August 28, 2017 and as an announcement of activities in the coming weeks:

1. As a reminder, the Law and Safety and Financial Planning Committees will meet on Tuesday, September 5 at 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. respectively. The Planning, Zoning and Landmarks Committee of City Council has cancelled their meeting for the month of September.
2. As a reminder, the City Council Business Session is scheduled for September 6 at 7:00 p.m.
3. As a reminder, the Parks and Recreation and Government Affairs Committees will meet on Monday, September 11 at 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. respectively. The Public Works Committee has cancelled their meeting for the month of September.
4. The Environmental Advisory Commission sponsored a Catch Basin Labeling Event this past Saturday, August 26. This was the third phase of the city-wide project that began in 2016. Approximately 35 volunteers, Hamilton County and City staff members, met at 9:00 a.m. at Swaim Park. The event began with a presentation by Adam Lehmann of the Hamilton County Water and Soil Conservation explaining storm water runoff and various pollution sources, and why it is important for us to bring awareness to the public by labeling the catch basins. The focus was on the completion of the southern half of the City including the Heritage District. With this event, we labeled over 220 catch basins and have substantially completed the labeling of all curb type catch basins on all the City's streets. Thank you to everyone who participated throughout all the events. The City is the first in Hamilton County to complete a project of this kind.
5. Officer Bob Otte and his wife Angie became grandparents last week. Robert Brayden Otte was born on Thursday at 6:52 a.m. and weighed in at 7 pounds and 11 ounces. Congratulations to the Otte family!
6. Ja'net Crawford returned on Monday after attending the Leading Educating and Developing (LEAD) training hosted by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia. This week-long conference focuses on leadership development and the functions of the High Performance Organization model that is our work culture here at the City. Ja'net conveyed that she thoroughly enjoyed the training and met some wonderful new people during the week.
7. Officer Alexis Guilkey graduated from the Institute of Police Technology and Management (IPTM) Traffic Crash Reconstruction course last week. This course is an intensive study of time/distance calculations and impact speed calculations that is used to investigate automobile crashes. Alexis scored a 95% on her final examination and we are very proud of her efforts and representation of our city.

8. Gary Heitkamp attended the Ohio Floodplain Management Conference in Columbus on August 23 and 24. The conference provided education on FEMA regulatory floodplain requirements and flood mitigation topics. The conference also helped Gary earn the necessary continuing education credits to maintain his Certified Floodplain Managers license.
9. On Monday, Brian Riblet met with officials from Sycamore Township to review and discuss a potential partnership to install a concrete sidewalk on Kennedy Lane. This idea has been discussed at recent Public Works Committee meetings as the City has received requests to once again visit this idea that has been identified and investigated on prior occasions, however, the jurisdictional boundaries have always created a challenge in accomplishing. The meeting was very positive and staff will share more details as they become available.
10. On Tuesday, Julie Prickett attended a Center for Local Government training entitled "Medical Marijuana and the Workplace". The presenter was Alex Ewing of Frost Brown Todd LLC who provided a good overview of the new State law regarding medical marijuana.
11. On Wednesday, Dan Miller, Nick Miller, Sarah Fink and Julie Machon attended a presentation given by Penchura, a playground equipment supplier, held at Summit Park in Blue Ash. Topics discussed included trends and innovative concepts that can be applied to play space design.
12. Brian Riblet and Tracy Roblero met with representatives from the Village of Indian Hill on Wednesday morning to bring them up to speed on the planned roundabout at the intersection of Montgomery Road and Cross County Ronald Reagan Highway. The group also discussed the proposed concept plan for the Gateway Redevelopment Area.
13. The Public Works building additions are really beginning to take shape. The masonry work and siding of the office and garage bay additions are almost complete. Interior work, including plumbing, electrical, and HVAC, continue, and they are planning on adding drywall next week.



14. The Ross Avenue Sidewalk and Storm Drainage project construction is going smoothly. Loveland Excavating and Paving began on the south end of the project and will be working their way north. Approximately a quarter of the curb and sidewalk has been installed, along with modifications to manholes and catch basins.
15. Katie Smiddy met with Craig Blair from MVRMA this afternoon for the City's annual Claims Audit. Craig will review the City's Loss Experience that will be included in the Premium Calculation Formula (PCF) for 2018. Questions regarding current claims or other MVRMA issues were also discussed at this meeting.

16. The City of Montgomery Arts Commission will debut Shakespeare's classic "Romeo and Juliet" in Montgomery Park on Sunday, September 3 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The cast features six actors from Cincinnati Shakespeare Company's Resident Ensemble. Admission is free and there is no ticket or reservation required. Arriving early is recommended for best seating and lawn chairs and blankets are suggested. For questions regarding inclement weather, please visit the City's website at montgomeryohio.org or contact Julie Machon.
17. Dogfest and K-9 Kerplunk will be held on Labor Day, the last day of the pool season, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Montgomery Community Pool. The cost to participate is free for pool members, and \$3 per dog for nonmembers. Pet People and Puppywood Pet Resort are the main sponsors for the event. Vendors on site will include Brew Haus Dog Treats, Kayla Posh Pets, Cincinnati Hills Animal Clinic, Professional Pet Nanny and Meals on Wheels for Pets. Participants that bring a nonperishable pet food item to donate to Meals on Wheels for Pets will be entered into a drawing. An animal communicator (Kimberly Billings) and a face painter (A New Face by Nikki) will be on site (She will only be painting humans!). Thank you in advance to Melanie Osborn and City Council member Gerri Harbison for judging the on-stage contests. Thanks to the Dogfest Team for all the hard work in planning the event. This elite team includes Cindy Abner, Sharon Savitt, Sarah Fink, Tony Brothers, Mark Stagge, Paul Payne and Julie Machon.
18. Jesse Bundy received a nice thank you (see attached) from a resident on Mitchell Farm regarding the repair of their sprinkler system that was damaged during the resurfacing of their street. We don't often hear positive feedback when it comes to the resurfacing process, so great job Red Dawg in resolving this issue for this resident!
19. Officer Kenney Bertz received a thank you letter (see attached) from a citizen commending him for his assistance when she ran out of gas in her car. Great job Kenney!
20. Officer Paul Payne received a letter of appreciation for instructing at the Ohio School Resource Officer Association (OSROA) Basic Training on August 10 at the Columbus, Ohio Police Academy. Paul's willingness to share his expertise in these areas is always greatly appreciated.
21. Please find attached the August monthly report from the Fire Department.
22. Please see news articles that have been published since our last update.
23. Labor Day is this coming Monday and it is hard to believe the summer is coming to a close. Enjoy your long weekend, the start of college football (*Roll Tide*), and be safe. Happy Labor Day all!

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

C: Brian Riblet, Interim City Manager
Department Heads
Terry Donnellon, Law Director

-----Original Message-----

From: Cybil Sisk [mailto:cybil2002@hotmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 9:18 AM

To: Jesse Bundy <jbundy@ci.montgomery.oh.us>

Subject: Thank you

Hi Mr. Bundy,

I want to say a sincere thanks for the timely payment and following through on the repairs for our sprinkler system on Mitchell Farm Lane. Too often these days, the follow up does not happen, is late, or requires many contacts. Thankfully, I did this was not at all the case in our situation and I am grateful. I was also very happy that we were allowed to use the company that installed our system to repair it properly. Thank you for your cooperation; it is important to us to keep our property and city beautiful!

Thanks,

Cybil Sisk

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August 25, 2017

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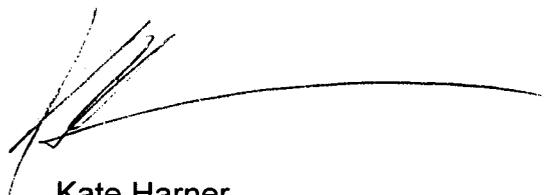
Last Friday evening, August 18, I had car trouble on I-275 and was rescued by your Officer Kenney Bertz. He was incredibly professional and efficient, and didn't make me feel like an idiot for "running out of gas." I cannot tell you how much I appreciated his help.

I have recently inherited a 25-year-old TransAm show car, which turned out to have about 2 gallons of crud which had accumulated in the bottom of the tank over the years. Even though the gas gauge showed something, there was very little gas left for the engine. The car would idle forward, but would not take power.

Your officer Bertz correctly assessed the situation, and helped me get enough new gas into the tank to get home. Today, my mechanic siphoned out the tank and changed the fuel filter. I have been instructed to run a can of "Sea Foam" through with each of the next two tanks of gas.

I cannot adequately express my appreciation to Officer Bertz for his quick and efficient response to my dilemma. He saved me the expense of a very expensive tow truck.

Regards,



Kate Harner
IRS 00074995-EA



August 24, 2017

SRO Paul Payne
Montgomery Police Dept.
10150 Montgomery Rd.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45242

Dear Paul,

Thank you so much for instructing at the SRO Basic Training, on August 10, 2017 at the Columbus Police Training Academy. The sessions you and Steve presented on *School Safety Issues & Community Policing*, *Crisis Management Plans*, *Crime Prevention through Environmental Design*, *ALICE* and the School Survey were all beneficial and well received by our group.

We appreciate you participating in the the last part of basic even though I'm sure you were tired and recovering from some jet lag.

Wishing you a very safe and successful school year and I look forward to seeing you in October!

Sincerely,

Eileen Kramer
OSROA
Membership Programs Director

**MONTGOMERY FIRE DEPT.
DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION
MONTHLY INSPECTION REPORT
August -2017**

<u>OCCUPANCY CLASS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>		
	Initial	Re-inspection	Total
RESIDENTIAL	0	0	0
PUBLIC BUILDINGS	2	2	4
HEALTH CARE FACILITIES	2	2	4
CHILD CARE FACILITIES	1	0	1
EDUCATIONAL BUILDINGS	0	0	0
CHURCHES	0	0	0
MERCANTILE	46	15	61
Sub Totals	51	19	70

Other Misc. Inspections:

- 1 Inspection with NIC
- 2 Insp. follow ups from Fire calls

TOTAL INSPECTIONS → 73

RESULTS OF INSPECTIONS

VIOLATIONS ISSUED _____	52
VIOLATIONS CORRECTED _____	41
TOTAL VIOLATIONS ISSUED IN 2017 _____	368
TOTAL VIOLATIONS CORRECTED IN 2017 _____	326
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 _____	01
SPRINKLER SYS. TESTS OBSERVED _____	00
ALARM SYS. TESTS OBSERVED _____	00
FIRE DRILLS OBSERVED _____	00
TORNADO DRILLS OBSERVED _____	00
SYSTEMS TEST CERTIFICATES RECEIVED _____	09
PLAN REVIEWS MADE _____	05

PROGRAM INVOLVEMENT:

Red Cross Residential Smoke Detector Installs.

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

Historic bike ride to sister city is much more

[Kelly McBride](#), kmcbride@enquirer.com Published 10:48 a.m. ET Aug. 24, 2017 | Updated 10:56 a.m. ET Aug. 24, 2017



Mike Cappel will cycle 750 miles from Montgomery, Ohio, to Montgomery, New York. His 10-day effort begins Aug. 30.

A lifetime of cycling has prepared City Councilman Mike Cappel for a 750-mile ride to Montgomery's sister city in New York, but the trip is gaining ground as he raises awareness of three programs that are important to the city.

"I can't ever remember not biking," Cappel said. "Even as a little kid I rode my bike everywhere in our neighborhood. In fact, on Aug. 9, 1969, I was riding my bike when a tornado struck our neighborhood, but the next summer I was back on a brand new bike."

Over the past year, he's been training for the trek, riding up to 136 miles in a single day and 214 miles over a weekend this summer.

Cappel leaves Aug. 30, departing from Montgomery, Ohio, and plans to reach Montgomery, New York, on Sept. 7.

He will arrive in time for the 27th annual General Montgomery Day in New York on Sept. 10 with a parade, 8K race, soapbox derby and street fair to celebrate.

Residents of Montgomery, New York, traveled west in the late 1700s as the Northwest Territory opened. Settlers settled in Sycamore Creek and moved about a mile south to build their homes and open businesses, and to build churches and schools. The city of Montgomery, Ohio, was established and the two communities remain sister cities.

While Cappel will be pedaling solo, his wife, Anne, will join him in Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, for a few miles and will make supply drops along the way. Once he gets to Montgomery, New York, several city officials will join him for the festivities.

When he told a few friends of his plans, they wanted to know how to contribute. Cappel pointed to three programs that are important to Montgomery: WeThrive, Environmental Advisory Commission and the Sister Cities Commission. He's hoping to draw more attention to them.

WeThrive focuses on healthy living. Cappel wants people to realize that if he can ride 750 miles to New York, others can cycle locally to stores, park, churches and other locations.

The Environmental Advisory Commission works to develop practical ways in which residents, the city and its commissions can be environmentally conscious in the way they use resources.

Cappel and his wife are supporters of the Sister Cities Commission and its programs, including Bastille Day and exchanges with the City's French Sister City, Neuilly-Plaisance, as well as strengthening rapport with domestic Sister City Montgomery, New York.

To those who want to contribute, Cappel suggests donations to the Friends of Madison County Parks and Trails for its close-the-gap campaign that will create a mile of a bike trail that will connect Cincinnati and Columbus.

"Completion of this segment gives everyone the ability to be more active and will make Montgomery, Ohio, and Montgomery, New York, a few steps closer. Donations can be made on line at <http://www.fmcpt.com>.

Montgomery chooses firm to lead search for city manager

[Kelly McBride](#), kmcbride@enquirer.com Published 6:19 p.m. ET Aug. 29, 2017 | Updated 6:19 p.m. ET Aug. 29, 2017



Brian Riblet is Montgomery's interim city manager. Montgomery has begun its search for a new city manager by hiring a consulting firm to lead the process.

Management Partners, which specializes in government services, was selected over two others that also focused on public sector executive recruiting, according to a news release.

Montgomery City Manager Wayne Davis, who had held his position since 2012, resigned effective Aug. 20 to take a similar position with the city of Centerville, Ohio. Public Works Director Brian Riblet has taken over as interim city manager until a city manager is hired.

"The city of Montgomery is a quality, high-performing local government organization with dynamic employees and I am honored to have been chosen to lead my peers during this transitional time," Riblet said of his interim duties. "Residents and business professionals can be assured that Montgomery will continue to offer superior services during this period."

Management Partners has worked with Montgomery on performance measurement training, and to update the city's strategic plans since 2005.

"Management Partners is very familiar with the city of Montgomery, its work culture, and the community, having assisted the city on numerous strategic planning processes," Mayor Chris Dobrozsi said.

The firm's first task will be to establish a process and timeline. The city set a goal to finalize the selection process in January 2018. Details about the cost of services provided by the consulting firm were not disclosed, but city officials said it was not expected to exceed \$20,000.