

June 29, 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 June 26, 2017 and as an announcement of activities in the coming weeks:

1. As a reminder, the Law and Safety, Financial Planning, and Planning, Zoning and Landmarks Committees have cancelled their meetings for the month of July.
2. As a reminder, City Council is scheduled to meet in Business Session on Wednesday, July 5, immediately following a Public Hearing scheduled for 6:45 p.m. to consider the recommendation from Planning Commission to approve an equivalency for Twin Lakes at 10130 Montgomery Road.
3. As a reminder, at 6:30 p.m., a Montgomery Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) meeting is scheduled to consider an application for a Certificate of Approval to allow for the repair of shutters and replacement hardware for the Wooley-Kelsch House at 7967 Cooper Road.
4. The fire department received a grant from the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) as part of their Safety Intervention Grant Program. Grant funding will assist with the purchase of a power cot and load system for the new ambulance. The project total is \$43,784.16 with the BWC grant covering \$32,838.12. The City's obligation is \$10,946.04. The ambulance cot is designed to lessen the possibility of back injuries while loading and unloading patients onto the cot and into the ambulance. Thanks goes to Lieutenant Tom Wolf for his work on the grant application as well as facilitating the BWC safety and injury audit of the fire department.
5. On Tuesday, Matthew Vanderhorst and Julie Prickett interviewed three college students interested in an internship with the City. The intern would primarily focus on research work related to the Strategic Plan. It is anticipated that the assignment would begin in mid-July and end in late August.
6. On Tuesday, Wayne Davis, Terry Donnellon and Katie Smiddy met with several members of the Gateway partners team to review a follow-up proposal from the development team 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 next Tuesday.
7. The Board of Zoning Appeals met on Tuesday evening to consider a variance request to allow for a driveway at 9778 Ross Avenue to be located 2.3 feet off the side property line where a 5-foot setback is required. After hearing testimony from staff, the applicant and adjacent property owners, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted unanimously to approve the variance request.

8. On Wednesday morning, the finance staff had a conference call with CBIZ Valuation to discuss fixed assets and inventory service needs. The staff spoke with Dirk Young and focused on providing customizable inventory and updating solutions for capital assets. The group also discussed financial and property insurance reporting that can be established to insure values and prepare reports that can be utilized for insurance and proof of loss and that meet the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 and 35.
9. On Thursday morning Wayne, Katie, Ben and Paul met to review various fire Levey scenarios. The group evaluated the comprehensive analysis the fire department operating performance and modeled future demographic impacts. Various factors including funding, capital needs, personnel and comparative measures were discussed to ensure the City continues to provide Fire and EMS services to residents with sound financial practices.
10. Tracy Roblero, Terry Donnellon and Melissa Hays met on Thursday morning to review a model sign code created by Miami Valley Risk Management Association, the City's insurance carrier, and to discuss potential text amendments to the sign code. This model code and potential text amendments take into consideration the United States' Supreme Court's decision in regards to signage in Reed v. Town of Gilbert, Arizona in 2015. The case has caused jurisdictions across the country to re-evaluate sign codes specifically in regards to temporary signs. Staff hopes to bring a recommendation forward to Planning Commission for consideration in August.
11. This is a final reminder to all fulltime employees to complete the EasyApps online process by noon, June 30. The EasyApps process is used to acquire quotes from multiple insurance carriers for our group insurance coverages. If you need assistance, please contact a member of the HealthCare Benefits Committee (James Martin, Patrick Morgan, Julie Prickett, Mike Rogers, Katie Smiddy, and Sharon Savitt) or Anne Paulus at HORAN (513-587-2738). Thank you to those employees who have already completed the EasyApps process.
9. The July 3 Concert in Montgomery Park will take place from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., with the Blue Ash Montgomery Symphony Orchestra performing patriotic and popular Broadway show theme songs. Sponsorship in the amount of \$9,500 was raised for this event. The Blue Ash Montgomery Rotary, the Symphony Guild and the Parks and Recreation Commission will also be on site selling food and drinks.
10. The Independence Day parade and festival will take place next Tuesday. The parade will commence at 10:00 a.m. on Cooper Road, at the Junior High School. The festival will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Montgomery Park with games, food and music along the path in the park. The All-Star game between little league Sycamore Baseball Association teams will take place on the ball diamond at noon. New this year is a watermelon seed spitting contest held at noon on the basketball court.
11. DeAnna Gross reports the July 3 concert and Independence Day celebrations have 30 volunteers, five Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members, and four partner volunteers from the Church of the Saviour lending a hand this year. These 39 volunteers will help with the concert, parade and festival. In addition, several Church of the Saviour members plan to clean up after the Parade. All of these volunteers contribute to a perfect celebration of our Independence Day whatever the weather.
12. Please see the attached thank you from a participant of the ever popular and successful, Safety Village program. Thank you to Officer Bob Otte for his oversight of this program and for making it a great experience for the kids who attended.

13. Paul Payne presented the City and the Hamilton County Police Association with a Certificate of Appreciation (see attached) in recognition of their support of the Ohio School Resource Officer's Annual Conference. Paul just completed his presidency and we in turn want to thank Paul for his involvement not only in the Sycamore Schools but also for leading and guiding other SRO officers across the State.
14. Have a safe and happy Independence Day. Thank you to all of you who work to ensure the safety and enjoyment of this holiday for others, your service is very much appreciated.

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

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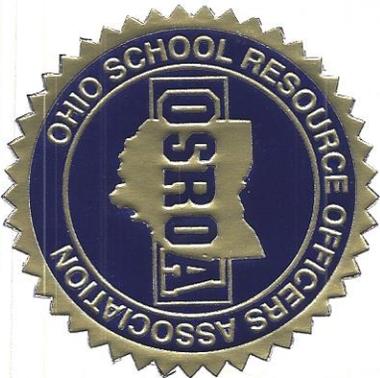
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WEEK #1

SAFETY Village

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Dear Montgomery
Police,

FOR EVERYTHING



Thank you for
helping out at
our camp this

year!
Thomas
Stigler

