

October 12, 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 October 9, 2017 and as an announcement of activities in the coming weeks:

1. As a reminder, City Council is scheduled to meet in Work Session at 7:00 p.m. on October 18.
2. Officer Alex Janszen was married this past Saturday. Katie is a dispatcher with the City of Deer Park Police Department. We wish Alex and Katie the best, congratulations and many happy years!
3. A bit of history for you, Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over a lantern in her barn which started the Great Chicago Fire 146 years ago this week. In recognition of that great tragedy, this week has been known as Fire Prevention Week in the USA since 1925. The Fire Department spent the week at Montgomery Elementary teaching the students the different aspects of fire prevention. Lt. Stagge headed up the programs and displays which the kids thoroughly enjoy. Thanks, Mark for doing such a great job in educating the students.
4. On Monday, Brian Riblet, Terry Donnellon and Tom Donnellon met with Hamilton County officials to review proposed final documents regarding the purchase of land from Hamilton County associated with the GRA and Roundabout. It is anticipated that a final closing date will be scheduled within the next several weeks.
5. Public Works staff completed the annual Fall Brush Pick-Up Program this week. Staff made 230 stops collecting 140 cubic yards of brush while utilizing 204 labor hours to complete this popular program.
6. Current constructions projects across the City continue to progress although the rain has slowed things down. The Jolain Drive Storm Drainage project is approximately 65% complete. The Ross Avenue Sidewalk and Storm Drainage project is approximately 80% complete with the southern half of the project completely restored and sodded.
7. Chief Crowell attended the Scarlet Oaks Police Academy Advisory Board meeting on Wednesday where they discussed curriculum requirements, class size and instructor ratio, future academy classes for 2018 and lead cleanup issues for the academy shooting range.
8. On Wednesday, the Public Works Officials of Southwest Ohio (PWOSO) held their annual Snow Plow Rodeo. This annual event tests the skills of snow plow operators and helps local agencies prepare for the upcoming winter season. This year a mini-excavator completion was included for the first time as part of the competition. Dan Miller, Scott Schulte and Tony Brothers represented Montgomery very well. Thank you to Matthew Vanderhorst for attending the event and obtaining video footage to put together a video commemorating the event.

9. Staff is busy preparing for the Harvest Moon event which takes place on Saturday, October 14 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Swaim Park. A group of 26 adult and teen volunteers are scheduled to help out at the festival with crafts, old-fashioned games and s'mores by the fire. The American Heritage Girls Troop #25 packaged the s'mores kits to be sold at the event. Pit-to-Plate is back this year, serving pulled chicken and pork barbeque and Funnel Vision food truck will be selling gourmet funnel cakes. Participants can also enjoy the popular Sweet Maize kettle corn. The Wilder-Swaim House will be open for guests to enjoy this historic treasure. Members of the Montgomery Historic Preservation Association will be available to guide visitors through the house.

10. The Montgomery Park Explorer program launched Oct. 10 and is free to the community. It was created to encourage children to get out and explore Montgomery's parks. The Montgomery Park Explorer Program is open to children, ages 2 to 12. The program includes age appropriate workbooks. Throughout these workbooks, parents will find a variety of activities that will engage children in learning about local Montgomery parks in a fun and active way. Workbooks are available at the city's website or hard copies are available at City Hall. Participants can turn in the completed workbooks anytime at the Montgomery City Hall.

11. Tracy Roblero gave an interview this week highlighting the new Lanterns and Landmark's Tour and Reception. Great job Tracy in promoting not only the Tour but also the mission of the Landmarks Committee in highlighting the historic homes and landmarks within the city. You can follow this [link](#) to view the article online or see it attached.

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

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Walking tour highlights variety of Montgomery landmarks

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(Photo: The Enquirer/Forrest Sellers)

An upcoming walking tour will offer participants a look into the past.

Montgomery will have a Lanterns and Landmarks Historic Tour and Reception from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28. The tour will start at the Universalist Church, 9471 Montgomery Road.

"We hope to raise awareness of our historic buildings and foster an appreciation for historic preservation," said Montgomery Community Development Director Tracy Roblero, who is leading the tour.



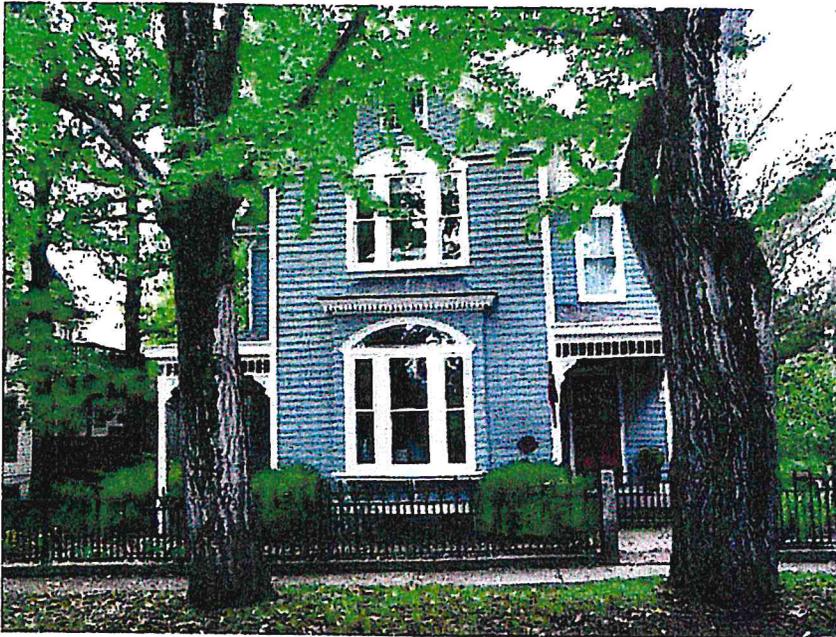
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The Universalist Church will be among the landmarks featured during a historic tour of Montgomery on Oct. 28. (Photo: The Enquirer/Forrest Sellers)

Roblero is no stranger to Montgomery history. She has previously led walking tours of the city during its annual Bastille Day event in July.

However, this is the first time the city has hosted the Lanterns and Landmarks Historic Tour.

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The Cameron-Feintheil House on Cooper Road will be featured in Montgomery's Lanterns and Landmarks Historic Tour on Oct. 28. (Photo: The Enquirer/Forrest Sellers)

It's an event the Montgomery Landmarks Committee had been considering for a while, Roblero said. However, a suggestion to hold a cemetery tour this year served as a catalyst.

While the cemetery tour was somewhat of a challenge to put together at this stage, Roblero said the historic tour was a good alternative.

"What we hear from people is they are unfamiliar with a lot of our history," said Faith Lynch, communications and engagement coordinator for Montgomery. "We want to foster an appreciation for Montgomery's history."

The tour is expected to feature 19 landmarks ranging from the Universalist Church, where the tour will begin, to homes such as the Cameron-Feintheil House on Cooper Road.

All of the landmarks are within about a half mile and located in the Montgomery business district.

Following the tour, appetizers and beverages will be provided at the Universalist Church.

Tickets are \$20 for Montgomery residents and \$25 for nonresidents. The tour is geared for ages 21 and older.

Reservations are required and can be made online at www.montgomeryohio.org (<https://www.montgomeryohio.org/>) or by calling 513-891-2424. The deadline for reservations is Monday, Oct. 23.

Proceeds raised from the ticket sales will go to the city's Historic Building Operations Fund, which helps preserve historic buildings in the area.