

August 11, 2016

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 8, 2016 and as an announcement of activities in the coming weeks:

1. Wayne Davis, Brian Riblet and Tracy Roblero met with a potential tenant for the Gateway Redevelopment Area and representatives from Gateway Partners on Monday morning. The user is interested in owning one of the office buildings in Phase I of the development and wanted to understand the City's vision for the project.
2. Wayne Davis and Katie Smiddy have completed budget reviews with all departments and the finance department is now working on modifications and updates to the City's 2017 Operating and Capital Budgets. The Budget will be initially shared with the Financial Planning Committee of City Council on September 6, presented to the full Council at the Business Session on September 7 and presented in its entirety to City Council on September 14.
3. On Tuesday, staff concluded the first of two sessions of media training conducted by Faith Lynch and Mallory Bonbright, the public information officer for Sycamore Community Schools. The first series of trainings allowed management staff the opportunity to map out a media message pertaining to a hypothetical scenario and then utilize those message points for an on camera interview. The interviewees will then be given the opportunity to study the raw footage. The second media training will be held at the October 6 Managers Forum and will provide an update to staff on the current City media relations policy, communications policy and social media policy. Finally, Faith and Mallory will wrap up the session with a discussion on the interviews, what worked well and where we can improve. We are very fortunate to have a strong working partnership with our colleagues at Sycamore Community Schools and are grateful for Mallory's assistance.
4. The police department hosted the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce luncheon today at the Safety Center. Police department staff gave a presentation on department operations and provided training with the use of the firearms simulation training unit. Thanks to all involved to make this a very informative and interactive session.
5. Officer Alex Janszen begins his training today as the newest member of the Hamilton County Police Association Honor Guard. Congratulations Alex, we appreciate your service in the Honor Guard and for representing the City well!
6. The 2016 Bituminous "Black Mat" Project is substantially complete as crews from Strawser, Inc. applied the asphalt surface treatment material this past Friday. Final thermoplastic pavement markings are anticipated being complete by the end of next week at which point staff will proceed with final inspections and project closeout.

7. Crews from Barrett Paving Materials continue working on the 2016 Street Resurfacing Program as crews are currently working on the catch basin repairs and replacements as well as concrete curb removal and replacement. As a reminder, this years' program has a completion date of October 21, 2016 which is later than in previous years.
8. Ja'net Crawford will soon assume the role as the President of the Ohio Association of Mayor's Court Clerks. Janet Crawford was currently serving as the Vice President; her new appointment will begin in September of this year. Great job Ja'net!
9. Six former Montgomery Mayors have been invited to participate in a roundtable discussion on Thursday, August 18 from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the City Hall Council Chambers. They will have an opportunity to reflect on their years at the gavel. The discussion will be facilitated by Ray Kingsbury and recorded for broadcast on the City's website by Waycross Communications. Participating Mayors include Ken Suer, Gerri Harbison, Todd Steinbrink, Gary Blomberg, Ivan Silverman and Richard Tuten. We are fortunate that these former Mayors are able to make time in their busy schedules to help us record this engaging piece of Montgomery history.
10. Public Works staff will be conducting an "Open House" next Thursday, August 18 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at City Hall for residents on Ross Avenue. The meeting is intended to review the current plans and receive feedback for a project on Ross Avenue that include: minor road widening, concrete curbing and a 5' wide concrete sidewalk on the east side of the road, and storm drainage improvements. Staff also has plans to apply for grant funding in September to subsidize the overall project cost.
11. Please find the attached Montgomery, New York quarterly newsletter. The Village of Montgomery in New York is our National Sister City and will be celebrating General Montgomery Day on September 11. Members of City Council and staff are making plans to travel to New York to participate in the parade and to continue strengthening our relationship with the Village of Montgomery.
12. 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: Wayne Davis, City Manager
Mayor and City Council Members
Department Heads
Terry Donnellon, Law Director



Mayor's Message.....

I'd like to congratulate Randy "Rags" Rosenberg for being named this year's Grand Marshal for General Montgomery Day. Randy has meant a great deal to the Montgomery Community and has given of himself in many regards. He is a veteran, volunteer fireman, businessman, friend and someone who helps others when they need it. Please join me in congratulating him on this prestigious and well-deserved honor.

Congratulations to Ella Notarianni upon celebrating her 101st birthday a few months ago. This is a huge event in Montgomery, and we would like to wish her all the best!

Thank you also to Randy Wilbur for getting many donations of furniture, filing cabinets, office supplies, etc. from Novartis of Rockland County, a company that recently went out of



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business. The furniture and supplies are either new or in mint condition and will definitely come in handy for the Clerk's

office and at the D.P.W. This is quite thoughtful of Randy and is very much appreciated.

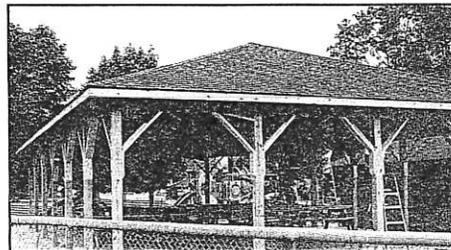
Thank you very much to Ed and Marc Devitt for purchasing and donating the use of a beautiful and expensive piano for the Grand Montgomery Chamber Music Series. The previous piano, donated for use by Howard and Judith Garrett, was reaching the end of its usefulness of more than twenty years. Thank you to the Devitts for their high degree of benevolence.

Regretfully Marion Galea passed away in mid-June. She was a lovely lady who lived at Patchet Crossing, and she would have turned 96 in August. Marion was an active member of her senior complex and will be missed a great deal. Our condolences go out to her family.

New pavilion & tables at Veteran's Memorial Park

Thanks to Dennis Matthews for constructing the new pavilion at Veteran's Memorial Park. The building came out fantastic, and is being used extensively by the Summer Rec program. It can also be used for family picnics, the Taste of Montgomery and other events.

Thanks also to the Village DPW crew for their superb help in building the pavilion. Lighting in the ceiling will be installed in the next few months.



A special thanks goes out to Frank Polera Jr. for constructing six picnic tables to be used under the pavilion.

His craftsmanship is exemplary, these beautiful picnic tables will be

used for years to come. They can also be used by Montgomery Little League, for General Montgomery Day, etc.

Village of Montgomery

2016 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



**EVERY THURSDAY, 6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.
DOWNTOWN MONTGOMERY**

July 7

River's Edge Band
True Country Dance Band

July 28

The Differents
Acoustic Classic Rock

August 18

Hurley Mountain Band
60's-70's & Beyond

July 14

Midnight Image
Classic Rock N' Roll

August 4

New York Swing Exchange
Jazz Orchestra

August 25

Dr. Papi & The Jazz
Patients
Jazz Orchestra

July 21

The Jon Bates Band
Classic R&B, Soul & Dance

August 11

Robonic
Reggae

September 1

The Connected
60's-70's & Classic Rock

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General Montgomery Day

Schedule of Events for September 10th, 2016

7:30am - 10:00am

Breakfast - St. Mary's Hall

Contact: *Bob Beranger*..... 692-2393

8:00am - 9:30am

General Montgomery Day 8K Race

Veteran's Memorial Park

Late Registration 6:30-7:30am

Contact: *Casey McDonald*..... 457-5000

9:00am - 7:00pm

Craft/Antique Vendors

Contact: *Kevin Conero* 224-5486
Sophia Romano 457-9661 x201

Business/Civic Vendors

Contact: *Tina Murphy* 239-7192
Sean Murphy 239-7192

Food Vendors

Contact: *David Griffith*..... 457-9661 x201

10:30am (lineup at 9:30am)

Parade Begins, including floats

Contact: *Stacy*..... 457-9661 ext 217

Following Parade - Speeches & Presentations
on Reviewing Stand

12:00pm-9:30pm

**JOHNSTONS TOYOTA & SUBARU presents
Montgomery's Line Art in the Park 2016**

Live Music, Theatre & Dance

with performances by local artists

THE HUDSON VALLEY CONSERVATORY and
NEW YORK SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Contact: *Margo Luft O'Connell*. 914-213-1422

12:00pm - 5:00pm

First Presbyterian Church Lawn (Wallkill Ave. side of church)

Lemonade Stand Noon to 4:00pm

Walking Tacos..... Noon to 5:00pm

1:00pm

Soapbox Derby - Charles Street Hill

Pre-Registration Required

Contact: *Kathleen Florio*..... 457-4114

Special Events

AMUSEMENT RIDES FOR CHILDREN

Veteran's Memorial Park

All Day!

FOXTAIL FARMS PONY RIDES & PETTING ZOO

Face Painting

Presbyterian Church Lawn (Wallkill Ave)

All Day

STORY TELLING

2 shows

1:00 & 2:30pm

Clinton Street Village Hall Lawn

ROBERT ROGERS PUPPET COMPANY

2 Shows:

1:45pm - 3:15pm

Clinton Street Village Hall Lawn

MACARONI THE CLOWN

4:30pm

Clinton Street Village Hall Lawn

1:00pm - 4:00pm

Display at the Montgomery Village Museum

"Hammer n Nails, Motor n Bricks Slate Roofs n Rain Spouts" and other historical displays of interest

Contact: *Marion Wild* 457-5135

1:00pm - 9:00pm

Bands — Country & Music from 50's to Today

4 Gun Ridge 1:00pm-4:00pm

Midnight Image..... 5:00pm-9:30pm

Stage by Clinton Street Shops.

Contact: *Steve Brescia*..... 457-4492

1:00pm - 9:30pm

JOHNSTONS TOYOTA & SUBARU

present **Gazebo Musical Showcase 2016**

Live Music performance by local artists

at the Municipal Lot Gazebo Stage

Contact: *Margo Luft O'Connell*. 914-213-1422

1:45pm - 3:15pm

Karate Demonstrations

Intersection Union & Clinton Streets

Sang Moo Sa Kickboxing 1:45pm - 2:30pm

Sang Moo Sa Karate 2:45pm - 3:15pm

Contact: *Lisa*..... 800-1905

3:00pm

Trophies & Prizes

Clinton Street Reviewing Stand

4:30pm

Horse Crapshoot Raffle

Intersection Union & Clinton Streets

Contact: *John Tracy*..... 457-3601

Janet Leonard..... 457-8115

8:30pm

Fireworks - Veteran's Memorial Park

Contact: *Pat Imbriani*..... 457-3065

Sponsors to follow

Notice to all Village residents - There will be no yard sales or reserved parking on General Montgomery Day.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR SPONSORS!

For General Information Contact: Pat Imbriani at 457-3065 or Village Hall at 457-9661 ext. 201

www.MontgomeryDay.com

Village mourns the passing of Barry Whitney

The Village mourns the passing of Barry Whitney. He was the first Chief of Police of the Village of Montgomery and was such an accomplished man. His charisma, drive, welcoming demeanor, professionalism and ability to keep the Village safe will long be remembered in Montgomery.

Barry served in various capacities in the police dept. including: Officer-in-Charge, Captain and Chief. He was also retired from the NY State Parks Police at Bear Mountain, Vice President of Storm King Engine Co., past manager at Goshen Historic Track.

A beautiful memorial was conducted at the Village Senior Center on June 4th with Rev. James VanHouten officiating, Art Fitzgerald playing bagpipes, Randy Rosenberg and Jack Smith with a two-gun salute and a slide show which was an absolutely beautiful, tear-jerking event.

Barry leaves behind his six beautiful daughters, fifteen grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and a whole lot of memories. His memory and accomplishments will long be remembered in our humble Village.



Historian's Corner Marion Wild, Village Historian

September 2016, again brings plans to bring happiness and excitement to our usual quiet hometown. Again our stupendous parade will pass large applauding crowds lining our historic streets with music our forbearers would have admired. The museum's door will then open wide at 1:00 pm, inviting long friendships, some traveling afar to

view artifacts of ladies handmade talents, our factory's wool, babies leather shoes found within rafters, even our Senex Insecticide, all "Made in Montgomery." Boy Scouts will welcome all to relax in our adjoining garden before returning downtown to participate in activities the Committee has prepared.



Museum Hours
March - December
Saturday's 1 to 4 pm
and by appointment, call 457-5135.

Inspection and installation of infant and child car seats by Village Police

Village of Montgomery Police Officer Katiria Narain recently completed the Child Passenger Technician Certification Course which was given by the Orange County Traffic Safety Program.

Officer Narain will be available to

assist residents with inspection and installation of infant and child car seats. Anyone interested in scheduling an appointment to have a child seat inspected or installed, please contact Officer Narain at 845-457-3935 or knarain@villageofmontgomery.org.

Village Directory

- Village Clerk's Office..... 457-9661
- Dept. of Public Works..... 457-5321
- Building Inspector 457-9621
- Montgomery Library 457-5616
- Animal Control 457-3666
- Humane Society 778-5115
- Senior Center..... 457-9367
- Food Pantry 457-9673
- Dial-a-Bus 457-2622
- Village Court 457-9037
- Police/Fire/Emergency/Ambulance
 DIAL 911



For village events information, visit
www.villageofmontgomery.org/events

Weeding through the marijuana implications

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The passage of an Ohio House bill to legalize medical marijuana has started the clock for municipalities that want to regulate those sales.

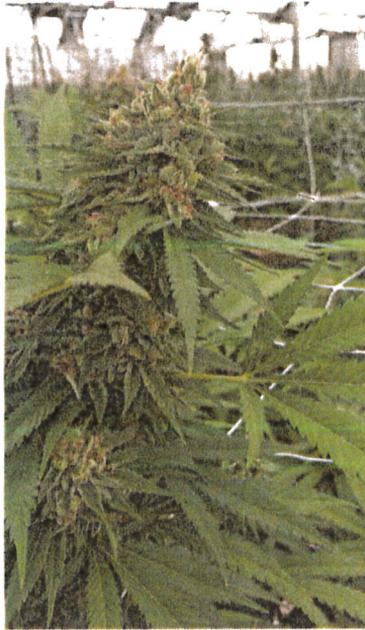
Although the rules for growing and dispensing the drug are still being developed, local municipalities may need to examine their zoning laws to see if medical marijuana can be sold there.

House Bill 523 was signed June 8, with an effective date of Sept. 6, though details about how medical marijuana would be licensed, cultivated and dispensed are still being worked out. It established a Medical Marijuana Control Commission, which will administer the Medical Marijuana Control Program.

The program will allow patients, with a physician's recommendation, to use medical marijuana for a qualifying medical condition. The patient, any caregivers and the physician must be registered through the program. Personal use of medical marijuana is not allowed, and it can't be smoked or used in any combustible way. It will be available through oils, tinctures, plant materials, edibles and patches. The program also specifies that it can't be made or sold in a way that's attractive to children.

The zoning of dispensaries has been left up to local municipalities, but none can be located within 1,000 feet of a school, church, public library, public park or public playground. Those regulations also apply to cultivators, processors and laboratories.

While marijuana is classified as a schedule 1 controlled substance, medical marijuana has been classified as a schedule 2.



TREVOR HUGHES/USA TODAY

Legislation in Congress would let Veterans Affairs doctors recommend marijuana to patients. A greenhouse filled with medical marijuana growing in Denver.

This means it has no currently acceptable medical use or safety process, and has a high risk of abuse.

Any zoning laws in place at the time the law becomes effective could allow or prohibit dispensaries from being established locally. Changes require a public hearing, which means communities will have a 30-day wait until council members can vote, so current laws would prevail if no action is taken before Sept. 6. Though changes could be made after that, municipalities will be restricted to any current laws if a dispensary is not prohibited and a retailer opens one after the September activation date.

A look at how local communities and others plan to address the issue:

WATCH ONLINE



Hamilton County Prosecutor Joe Deters discusses medical marijuana: <http://cin.ci/2a5VyNs>.

Montgomery

Montgomery City Manager Wayne Davis said the city is reviewing the regulations, but is expecting more to come from the state level.

"The city's role, reserved in the bill, is to determine whether or where the dispensaries may be located within our city under our zoning code. City staff and the law director are reviewing our options and working cooperatively with other communities to address this new use," Davis said.

He added with the additional restrictions from

the state about the distance from schools, churches and public parks, Montgomery might be excluded from having a dispensaries.

"We will stay updated on the state regulations as we study the issue internally to be able to make a recommendation to the planning commission and city council," Davis said.

Montgomery swears in new police officer

The Montgomery Police Department swore in Scott Bierer as a new patrol officer on Aug. 3.

Bierer is a Hamilton native, who attended Eastern Kentucky University and earned a degree in Environmental Science. He worked for the Hamilton County Health District for six years before becoming an Ohio Highway Patrolman, where he worked for 16 years.

"We are very happy that he came here and we are happy to have him," said Montgomery Police Chief Don Simpson.

Bierer and his wife, Jennifer, have three sons. Simpson said Bierer has an interest in Civil War history and does Civil War reenactment.

The Montgomery Police Department has two vacancies it is working to fill.

Live at the Uni! Concert series returns this fall

Enjoy well loved music as never before when Live at the Uni! returns to the Universalist Church for its seventh season this fall. This year's presenting sponsor is Twin Lakes Senior Living Community.

The exhilarating vocals and breathtaking harmonies of the No Promises Vocal Band, Cincinnati's professional a cappella male octet, will thrill audiences on Oct. 10 with a program of jazz, Motown, classical and adult contemporary hits.

Critically hailed as world-class musicians of the highest caliber and master interpreters of the classical, jazz and American songbook repertoire, Frank Proto and Tim Berens join the series on Monday, Oct. 24, presenting virtuosic duets for string bass and guitar in original arrangements.

The season ends with a bang when international jazz vocalist Mandy Gaines rocks the house on Monday, Nov. 7, with an hour of refreshing, soulful, powerful and exciting interpretations of jazz, pop, R&B and soul classics.

Each concert begins at 7 p.m. and lasts for about an hour. Universalist Church is located at 9471 Montgomery Road. Each concert evening continues across the street at Montgomery Inn where participants can express their appreciation to these artists and meet with fellow music lovers at a reception featuring complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

The City and the Montgomery Arts Commission are pleased to once again offer these concerts to the public without charge. Goodwill donations by cash or check are collected at the door to help defray expenses. Online or phone reservations for these concerts are highly recommended and will be available until all seats are filled. Registration is now open online at montgomeryohio.org.

Faith Lynch, City of Montgomery