

December 1, 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 November 28, 2016 and as an announcement of activities in the coming weeks:

1. As a reminder, the Financial Planning Committee of Council will meet on Monday, December 5 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall. The Law and Safety and Planning, Zoning and Landmarks Committees have cancelled their meetings for December.
2. As a reminder, City Council is scheduled to meet in Business Session on Wednesday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m.
3. As a follow up to an email sent to City Council Members by Wayne Davis, Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA) Board and Metro are conducting a meeting on Monday, December 5 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the Madeira Municipal Building located at 7141 Miami Avenue. The focus of this meeting is to discuss the future of public transit in the Greater Cincinnati area. Council Members Cappel and Margolis, as well as Wayne, plan to attend. No reservations are required to attend this meeting. Please let Connie know if you have any questions.
4. On Monday, members of the HealthCare Benefits Committee (James Martin, Julie Prickett, Mike Rogers and Katie Smiddy) met with Julie Tople (HORAN) to review the 2016 group insurance vendor selection and open enrollment processes. Areas for improvement and minor issues yet to be resolved were identified. In addition, the HCBC discussed very preliminary plans for work to be done in 2017.
5. On Tuesday morning, Katie Smiddy, Terry Donnellon and Wayne Davis met with Underwriters Brian Seedhouse and Jack Gusweiler from 5th/3rd, and Bond Counsel, Brenda Wehmer, from Dinsmore, to generate financial projections for the Gateway Redevelopment Area (GRA). This was the first opportunity for the City's team to generate financials based on a single site development plan, that also included a schedule for project phasing. This is only an initial look at the project with more research and analysis necessary before the team gets together again with representatives of Gateway Partners. In other GRA news, Terry has continued his work with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regarding the beacon located within the exit ramp of Ronald Reagan Highway. It appears from communications Terry has received that there are some clear cut process steps for the City to follow with regards to the removal/transfer of the beacon and that the FAA is prepared to work with the City at the appropriate time to achieve the desired outcome.
6. On Wednesday morning, Assistant Fire Chief Ben Shapiro accepted a Certificate of Appreciation from the American Red Cross presented to the fire department for exceptional

work with our smoke alarm installation program. While the Red Cross supplies the smoke detectors to the communities, they rely on the area fire departments to promote the program and install the devices. To date, our fire department has installed 155 smoke detectors in homes throughout the City of Montgomery. The communities recognized for the exceptional work were Colerain Township, Goshen Township and the City of Montgomery.



7. Faith Lynch attended a Crisis Communications training sponsored by the Center for Local Government and presented by The Communications Counsel, Inc. today. The training was held at the Blue Ash North Fire Station and covered best practices and effective communication strategies to assist in crafting crisis communication plans.
8. On Thursday, Brian Riblet, Gary Heitkamp and Jesse Bundy met with representatives from Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) to discuss a proposed water main and fire hydrant(s) replacement project for 2017 to include Brandywine Lane, Indianwoods Drive, Merrick Lane, Turtlecreek Lane and a portion of Weller Road. Staff will provide more details as they become available.
9. Council Member Craig Margolis, Matthew Vanderhorst and Tom Wolf will attend the WeThrive Community Recognition Event this evening at the Evendale Recreation Center. The City is being recognized for our second year of participation in the program and for completing the required action plan implementation steps for the year. Some of the accomplishments are as follows: adding healthy food options at the Pool Concessions, adding Chair Yoga and Kids Fitness/Yoga, the creation of a Senior Health Resource Guide that is available at the Safety Center and City Hall and the many Home Safety checks and smoke detector installations performed by Assistant Fire Chief, Ben Shapiro. These accomplishments help us to continue to improve the wellness and safety of those within our community. Thank you to all the WeThrive team members for supporting our partnership with the Hamilton County Public Health Department and for your commitment to WeThrive! Team members are: Matthew Vanderhorst, Ja'net Crawford, Sarah Fink, Ben Shapiro, Tom Wolf, John Crowell, Julee Nies, Justin Liming, Council Member Lynda Roesch, and residents Shahla Mehdizadeh, and Phil Schwartz.
10. Terry Willenbrink and Brian Riblet worked this week to compile and input all required documents for our 2016 Tree City USA award and 2016 Tree City USA Growth award. Both applications have been submitted to the Tree City/Arbor Day Foundation for review. If successful, this would mark the 21st and 18th year respectively for these awards

11. Crews from Barrett Paving Materials are completing the final thermoplastic pavement markings and raised pavement markers this week. This work will conclude the 2016 Street Resurfacing Program and staff will work towards final project closeout.
12. Each year AAA recognizes area communities for their efforts in traffic safety. Last night at the annual awards night, AAA presented the Police department with the Platinum award for Community Traffic Safety. It is their highest award for traffic safety. The City's work on enhancing safety through the use of digital speed boards, high visibility crosswalk equipment, enforcement efforts, modernization of the traffic signals along Montgomery Road and education efforts through our annual Safety Village program and within Sycamore schools were factors in us receiving the award.



13. Attached you will find a photo page of the MCLA Class of 2017 participants. The first session will be held at Montgomery Inn, starting at 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2017. If you plan to attend this or any of the other sessions, please contact Faith Lynch. A schedule has been attached for your reference.
14. Income tax revenues for the month of November were \$513,240 which is a decrease of 22.4% compared to collections of \$661,699 for November of 2015. The variance is attributable to the difference in the withholding payment due dates per the changes mandated by House Bill 5. In 2017, we will likely see more leveling out of the numbers. Even with the decrease of November collections, overall for the year, we are slightly above our target by 3.3%. The November Income Tax Variance Report is attached for reference.
15. Holiday in the Village is this Saturday, December 3, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m., and will commence with the tree lighting ceremony on Neuilly-Plaisance Plaza at 5:00 p.m. Carolers from the Montgomery Community Church will once again be at the tree lighting as well as the winners of the coloring contest. The Universalist Church will turn into the North Pole Workshop where kids can visit Santa, create a craft with Mrs. Claus and enjoy free refreshments. A horse-drawn wagon will take people around the downtown at ten-minute intervals between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. The Jolly Trolley will take passengers between the Universalist Church, Twin Lakes, Bethesda North and Ohio National Financial Services where each location will feature a fun holiday activity and a display of Festival of Trees Contest entries. Thank you to all staff members who work behind the scenes and during the event to provide a festive atmosphere for the community, one which for many has become an annual family tradition. We hope you can join us!
16. The Pancake Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 10 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., at Terwilliger Lodge. Breakfast is \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 for a family for all-

you-can-eat pancakes. Santa will be on hand and attendees are encouraged to bring a canned good to donate to the FreeStore FoodBank. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Holiday Family Fund.

17. Please find attached November monthly reports from the fire and police departments.
18. Attached please find a thank you letter received from Meadowbrook Care Center to their “friends” and community partners. Meadowbrook Care Center was voted as a “Top Workplace” in Cincinnati, which reflects on the care that they show to their residents. We are fortunate to have facilities and businesses like Meadowbrook Care Center in the City.
19. 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

MCLA CLASS OF 2017



**Wendy
Anderson**



Stacey Bie



Caleb Davis



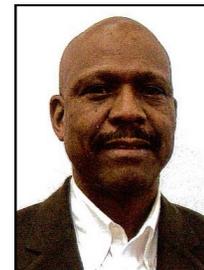
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Gregory Forté



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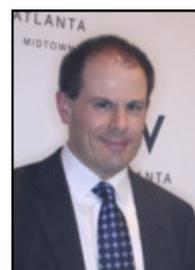
**Stephanie
Janssen**



Thomas Kelly



**Shari
Kolnicki**



**Brian
Laughlin**



Susie Lewis



Susan Mann



Robert Miller



**Benjamin
Mirtes**



Carolyn Moore



Wanda Paisner



Larry Pinsky



Ted Reilly



Mike Rundle



**Livia
Santschi**



**Michelle
Sidi**



Brad Soper



Doug Taylor



**Phyllis
Tenholtz**



Shalini Urankar



Carolyn Voss



Stuart Zanger

Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy 2017 Schedule

Class Title	Location	Date	Time
We Are Montgomery	Montgomery Inn	January 12, 2017	5:45 p.m.
Zen and the Art of Citizenship	Twin Lakes of Montgomery	January 19, 2017	6:00 p.m.
Montgomery, Our Town, USA	Montgomery City Hall	January 26, 2017	5:45 p.m.
Dreams, Aspirations & Taxes...Is the Price Right?	Ohio National Financial Services	February 2, 2017	5:45 p.m.
Sycamore Community Schools and the 21 st Century Learner	Sycamore Junior High School	February 7, 2017	6:00 p.m.
Healthcare: Montgomery's Signature Industry	Bethesda North Hospital	February 16, 2017	6:00 p.m.
Innovative Solutions in Public Works, Recreation and Parks	Public Works Building	February 23, 2017	5:45 p.m.
Homeland Safety and Security in Your Own Backyard	Montgomery Safety Center	March 2, 2017	5:45 p.m.
History and Development...The Art of Co-Existence	Fellowship Baptist Church	March 11, 2017	8:00 a.m.
Service and Volunteerism: A New Call to Action! & Academy Graduation	Three Chimneys Clubhouse at the Vintage Club	March 16, 2017	5:45 p.m.
Snow Dates			
• Tuesday, January 24, 2017			
• Thursday, February 9, 2017			
• Tuesday, February 28, 2017			
• Thursday, March 23, 2017			

The fee of \$99 helps to offset the costs associated with meals at all the sessions, materials and shows us you value your commitment to the program.

December 1, 2016

To: Wayne Davis, City Manager

From: Katie Smiddy, Finance Director

Subject: 2016 November Income Tax Variance Report

Year to Date

For the month of November, 2016, the City's total income tax receipts were \$513,240, which is a decrease of \$148,459 or 22.4% compared to the actual amount collected in November 2015 of \$661,699. The variance is attributable to the difference in the withholding payment due dates per the changes mandated by House Bill 5. In 2017, we will likely see more leveling out of the numbers. Even with the decrease of November collections, overall for the year, we are slightly above our target by 3.3%.

	2016	2015	% Change
November Actual	\$513,240	661,699	22.4%
	YTD		%
2016	YTD Actual	Estimate	Change
	\$8,141,857	\$7,686,149	5.9%

A breakdown by category for November, 2016 is as follows:

- *Withholding*- November withholding collections were \$465,732 or a decrease of \$106,221 or 18.6% when compared to November 2015 collections of \$571,953.
- *Business*- In November 2016, net profits from businesses located within or doing business within Montgomery were \$7,528. This is a decrease of \$14,491 or 66.5% compared to November, 2015 collections of \$22,469.
- *Resident*- Revenues of \$39,979 were collected in November, 2016 from residents living in Montgomery, which is a decrease of \$27,298 or 40.5% compared to November, 2015 collections of \$67,277.

The following schedule breaks down collections by source and provides a graph comparing actual and estimated income tax revenues for 2015 and 2016. There is also an End of Month report attached showing the comparison between month-to-date and year-to-date.

**MONTGOMERY FIRE DEPT.
DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION
MONTHLY INSPECTION REPORT
November -2016**

<u>OCCUPANCY CLASS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>		
	Initial	Re-inspection	Total
RESIDENTIAL	0	0	0
PUBLIC BUILDINGS	1	5	6
HEALTH CARE FACILITIES	16	21	37
CHILD CARE FACILITIES	0	0	0
EDUCATIONAL BUILDINGS	0	0	0
CHURCHES	0	0	0
MERCANTILE	18	3	21
Sub Totals	35	29	64

Other Misc. Inspections:

- 3 Inspections with NIC

TOTAL INSPECTIONS → 67

RESULTS OF INSPECTIONS

VIOLATIONS ISSUED _____	36
VIOLATIONS CORRECTED _____	35
TOTAL VIOLATIONS ISSUED IN 2016 _____	454
TOTAL VIOLATIONS CORRECTED IN 2016 _____	446
RECOMMENDATIONS ISSUED _____	02
RECOMMENDATIONS CORRECTED _____	01
COMPLAINTS ANSWERED _____	00
REFERRALS MADE TO OTHERS _____	00
PERMITS ISSUED _____	00
PERMITS WITHHELD _____	00
APPLIANCES RED TAGGED _____	01
CITATIONS ISSUED _____	00
WARNING TAGS ISSUED _____	00
SUPPLY SYSTEMS INSTALLED _____	00
SPRINKLER SYS. TESTS OBSERVED _____	00
ALARM SYS. TESTS OBSERVED _____	00
FIRE DRILLS OBSERVED _____	00
TORNADO DRILLS OBSERVED _____	00
SYSTEMS TEST CERTIFICATES RECEIVED _____	05
PLAN REVIEWS MADE _____	09

PROGRAM INVOLVEMENT:

Center Learn – Fire pre-plan training
Fire Extinguisher trainings for Surgery Centers

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

MEMO

TO: Wayne Davis
City Manager

FROM: Gregory Harris
Police Sergeant

DATE: December 1, 2016

REFERENCE: November 2016 Council Report

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- 11/1 Assistant Chief John Crowell responded for a multi-vehicle auto accident, with injuries, to Interstate 71 at the 15.3 mile post. None of the injuries were life-threatening.
- 11/2 Sergeant Kevin Gruber was dispatched to investigate for a loud humming sound in the area of Monro Auto Repair. Kevin located carpet cleaners across the street at Twin Lakes, with truck mounted cleaning systems. Mystery solved.
- 11/3 Officer Lauren Helgeson conducted eleven business security checks throughout the overnight hours, keeping a watchful eye on the happenings of our business district. These checks are a regular occurrence for our third shift personnel – great job!
- 11/4 Officer Alex Janszen responded for a female subject laying in the grassy area next to Montgomery Road in the 9700 block. The subject advised she could not walk because “of her swollen ankles”. The subject was transported to BNorth by Medic 73.
- 11/5 Officer Martin Day and Sergeant Gregory Vonden Benken responded to BNorth ER for an RN that was assaulted by a patient. The patient threw a bedpan at the nurse while she was typing at the computer. The bedpan struck the nurse in the face, causing minor redness and some bruising. The bedpan contained the suspect’s blood and saliva. The suspect is still a patient at BNorth and will be transported to CJC upon her release for the assault.
- 11/6 Officer Scott Bierer responded with Montgomery Fire for a construction trailer that was engulfed with flames, while parked on

Trail Lane. The owner also showed up onscene and stated that he left rags soaked with polyurethane inside the closed trailer.

- 11/7 Officer Steve Hoy responded for a domestic disturbance on Londonridge Court. Upon arrival, the complainant was upset that the 'police' responded. After explaining to them how we respond for calls of service, they advised Officer Hoy that no further response was needed.
- 11/8 Montgomery Units were busy responding to five separate auto accidents throughout the day...no need to wonder why insurance rates are so high.
- 11/9 Officer Martin Day responded to Bethesda North Hospital to assist security staff with a patient refusing to leave the property. Subject was escorted from the premises without any further incident.
- 11/10 Officer James Martin assisted Montgomery Fire personnel with several subjects trapped in a non-working elevator at Bethesda North Hospital. All subjects were freed without injury.
- 11/11 Officer James Martin responded to Stonehenge Drive for the report of the complainant's leaf blower being removed from his garage. The incident was forwarded to our detectives for follow-up.
- 11/12 Officer Gregory Schill responded for a pedestrian struck in the crosswalk in the 9400 block of Montgomery Road. The subject was transported to Bethesda North Hospital by Medic 73.
- 11/13 Sergeant Gregory Vonden Benken responded for an ACDA auto accident on Interstate 71. Upon arrival and contact with one of the operators, the subject was arrested for OVI at the scene and then transported and released from the Montgomery Police Department.
- 11/14 Officer Alex Janszen responded to locate three suspicious subjects in the area of Trailwind Drive. Officer Alex Janszen located all three going door to door in the neighborhood. The subjects were from the Citizen Action Committee.

- 11/15 Officer Alex Janszen responded for two persons seen in the area of Trailwind Drive and Baywind Drive with flashlights going to houses. Upon arrival and contact, the subjects were again with the Citizen Action Committee.
- 11/16 Sergeant Michael Davenport responded under a mutual aid request from the Blue Ash Police Department for traffic assistance on westbound ST RT 126 in Plainfield Road.
- 11/17 Officer James Martin responded for an auto accident with injuries on Interstate 71 at the 17.4 mile post. The injured driver was transported to University Hospital. The other driver was cited and released from the scene for Failure to Maintain Control.
- 11/18 Officer Alexis Guilkey and Sergeant Michael Davenport responded to Indianwoods Drive to assist the caller with being attacked by another subject. The detail was updated that the subject attacking the other suffers from mental disorders. The subject was transported to University Hospital for evaluation. No charges will be filed for the assault.
- 11/19 Officer Alex Janszen responded to assist Bethesda North security staff with a subject refusing to leave the property. The subject was GOA. Officer Alex Janszen was then flagged down in the lot of the police department by the subject that security staff called upon. He was escorted back to the hospital to pick up his son after treatment without incident.
- 11/20 Officer TJ Shreve responded to assist HCSO units with a squad run to Montgomery Towne Tavern, 10813 Montgomery Road. Officer Shreve assisted in keeping the large crowd away from medical personnel while assisting the highly intoxicated, passed out patron.
- 11/21 Sergeant Michael Davenport responded to assist Bethesda North security staff with a subject that they may have to trespass from the property. Upon arrival, the situation was calm and Sergeant Davenport was given a disregard.

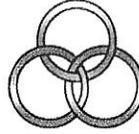
- 11/22 Officer Scott Bierer responded to the 14.5 mile post on north Interstate 71 for a three vehicle auto accident with injury.
- 11/23 Officer Alexis Guilkey responded for the report of a multiple vehicle auto accident on Cooper Road. Upon arrival, only two vehicles were involved with no injuries. (ACDA)
- 11/24 Officer James Martin, along with Sergeant Gregory Harris responded for a multiple vehicle auto accident on Interstate 71 south at Interstate 275 and then responded for a single vehicle crash (van on its side with entrapment) on the ramp from eastbound Interstate 275 to Interstate 71 south. Lots of folks focused on the turkey day festivities rather than their driving.
- 11/25 Officer Alexis Guilkey responded to assist HCSO units with multiple intrusion alarms in the 10800 block of Montgomery Road.
- 11/26 Officer Alex Janszen responded to the 10300 block of Montgomery Road for a domestic disturbance. All ok on scene, verbal only. Male subject arrested for marijuana possession and released from the scene.
- 11/27 Officers Martin Day and Scott Bierer each had separate drug offense violations during their shifts. Each of the parties were cited and released from the scene without further incident.
- 11/28 Officer Nicolas Nimeskern transported a student to Children's Hospital for a psychological evaluation from the Montgomery Elementary School. The student was being very disruptive and becoming increasingly agitated.
- 11/29 Second shift units Martin Day, Scott Bierer and Sergeant Gregory VondenBenken responded for an assault in progress in the 7900 block of Zig Zag Road. Dispute over misconduct (alleged) with a female. Charges/Investigation ongoing.

11/30 Officer Robert Otte responded to 9275 Montgomery Road for the odor of natural gas in the area....unable to locate same. All ok, detail unfounded.

November 2016 MONTGOMERY POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

Officers Hoy, Guilkey, Day and Nimeskern received training and certification on the Intoxilyzer 5000 through the Ohio Department of Health.

Assistant Chief John Crowell attended 'Living with Wildlife' training in Columbus, Ohio.



MEADOWBROOK

CARE CENTER

Dear Friend of Meadowbrook Care Center,

We have a "Theme of the Month" program at Meadowbrook and November is always the last of our five core goals: "Be Thankful".

In reflecting on this goal, it occurred to us to reach out to our friends and partners and personally thank them for their part in our mission, and our success in living out that mission of service.

Because of your support, we have maintained a 5 Star Rating with CMS. This is not an easy accomplishment and directly reflects the quality of our partnerships over the years. What factors into calculating a 5 Star status, literally encompasses so many facets of both care and services, that we can honestly say YOU helped us get there.

Meadowbrook was voted a "Top Workplace" in the Cincinnati area, by our own associates, as awarded by the Cincinnati Enquirer for our SEVENTH year in a row! We are so proud of that. Again, keeping our associates satisfied with their work takes a coordinated effort between us, our many friends and our community.

A new honor for us this year was being nominated as a finalist in the "Best of the North" competition of products and services. We hosted a booth at the Savannah Center in Mason on October 27th. It was great fun and saw so many friends of Meadowbrook Care Center.

We feel blessed: blessed to have these accomplishments, blessed to have you and your organization on our team, and blessed to be able to continue to serve those in need for over 38 years. Please know we are also here to serve you. Our management team, who has been together for 15 years now, are available at anytime to support you any way we can.

Thank you, again, for your part in our ministry of service to "Mind, Body and Spirit".

Sincerely,

Kathryn Hall Brown

Rapid Fired Pizza hosting fundraiser days

Marika Lee, mlee1@communitypress.com 3:31 p.m. EST November 23, 2016



(Photo: Provided)

Montgomery newest pizza place is pairing pizza making and local celebrities to raise money for charity.

"We decided that we wanted to get involved with the community as much as we could so my general manager and I decided what would be really fun would be to have a celebrity pizza maker," said Mark Woodring, owner of Rapid Fired Pizza. The restaurant opened at 9889 Montgomery Road in September.

Woodring said the idea is to pick a local celebrity and have them come in and make pizzas. The proceeds would then be donated to a charity the celebrity chooses.

"We also thought being in Montgomery that it would only be proper to ask the mayor to be the first celebrity to come in and make some pizzas," Woodring said.

Mayor Chris Dobrozsi agreed and took part in Rapid Fired Pizza's first fundraiser day Nov. 9.

"Their willingness to give back and to open their doors to members of the community speaks volumes about their corporate sense of community," Dobrozsi said.

He picked A Kid Again for his charity and \$500 was raised throughout the day. He said he attended A Kid Again event recently and was drawn to the organization's mission of providing adventures to children with life threatening illnesses and their families.

"An added benefit is that the A Kid Again offices are located in Montgomery and I am happy to be able to make a contribution to a Montgomery operation and a fantastic cause," Dobrozsi said.

He said he enjoyed his time working at the restaurant and the appreciated the patience of the customers and other employees.

"It really worked out great. The mayor was a lot of fun and we had a lot of fun," Woodring said.

He added he plans to have a fundraiser each month. He said nothing is set in stone yet but he has been speaking with the Sycamore Community Schools about possibly getting team captains or the superintendent.

"Possibly some Reds, maybe Nick Lachey. We are trying to have to have some fun with it since it's fun and all the money goes to charity," Woodring said.

Want to know more about what is happening in Montgomery? Follow Marika Lee on Twitter: [@ReporterMarika](https://twitter.com/ReporterMarika) (<https://twitter.com/ReporterMarika>)

Read or Share this story: <http://cin.ci/2fZDI16>

Montgomery to host Holiday in the Village event

MONTGOMERY

There is something for everyone during Montgomery's annual Holiday in the Village event. Holiday in the Village festivities start at 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3.

Join other Montgomery residents at the North Pole (downtown Montgomery at the Neully-Plaisance Fountain Plaza) to kick off the festivities.

» At 5 p.m., the winners of Montgomery's Winter Coloring Contest will be announced and Santa will give away prizes. Santa will also announce the lucky winner who will light the Montgomery Christmas tree. Then, the winners will ride with Santa in a carriage to the Universalist Church and Santa's North Pole Workshop.

» After the lighting, attendees are invited to stroll down Shelly Lane and visit the North Pole Workshop.

At the North Pole Workshop (Universalist Church), revelers will be able to enjoy many holiday offerings. They can:

» Visit Santa

» Join Mrs. Claus and create a winter craft, and

» Enjoy free horse drawn wagon rides that leave from the church and travel through downtown.

All North Pole festivities conclude at 7:30 p.m.

The Ohio National Financial Services campus turns into Victorian Holiday Village for the evening. This holiday offering is available through 8:30 p.m. Check out facebook.com/ohionational for all the details.

» Explore Ohio National Financial Services' glittering Victorian Holiday Village decorated for the holidays. Enjoy the miniature-sized Ohio National Financial Services post office, St. Nick's workshop and other Victorian-inspired houses.

» Free photos with St. Nick (one per family) and free cocoa, cookies and more.

» All guests are asked to bring a non-perishable food item (no glass containers) to be donated to the Freestore Foodbank. No pets, please.

The second floor of Bethesda North Hospital becomes a Winter Wonderland for the evening. Don't miss the fun, winter-themed activities, music and entertainers. The Winter Wonderland and entertainment concludes at 7:30 p.m. and includes:

» Holiday model train displays, and
» Enjoy refreshments and a free gift for the children.

Twin Lakes Senior Living Community hosts the Snowman Station from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with:

» Holiday music for all ages

» Snowman crafts for kids

» Cookies and punch

The "Santa Shuttles" Complimentary Holiday Shuttles runs all evening.

» Runs between all four festive activities.

» Begins running at 5 p.m. from Twin Lakes and Bethesda North Hospital.

» At 8 p.m. we will stop all pick-ups of new passengers at all stops.

» Please refrain from bringing food or drink on the shuttle.

» Look for the "Wooden Snowman" shuttle stop signs.

Holiday Contests Displays:

Enjoy seeing the creative decorated trees from the Festival of Trees contest and be sure to vote for your favorite tree. Trees are displayed at all four locations.

Join us for these festivities and share the spirit of the holiday season. For more information, visit montgomeryohio.org or call 513-891-2424.

Faith Lynch, City of Montgomery

Montgomery to host 12 Days Of Christmas

Celebrate the 12 Days of Christmas in Montgomery, Dec. 1-12, with classic holiday activities and events each day.

Come see Santa at American Savings Bank and at Aglamesis Bro's as well as during the City's events. Don't

miss the many delightful holiday shopping and dining specials sponsored by local Montgomery businesses.

Signature events include the City of Montgomery Holiday in the Village event on Dec. 3 and Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 10 as well as the Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert on Dec. 4.

For a complete listing of all the holiday activities, please visit montgomeryohio.org.

Those participating in the "12 Days of Christmas" include: Aglamesis Bro's, American Savings Bank, Blue Ash/Montgomery Symphony Orchestra, Brooklyn Pizza and Pasta, Cincinnati School of Music, Elements Massage, Frame House Gallery & Kathy's Korner Gift Shop, Sanctuary DermaSpa and Salon, TriHealth Fitness and Health Pavilion, Vintage Marketplace and Woodhouse Day Spa.

The 12 Days of Christmas in Montgomery is sponsored by the Montgomery Ohio Chamber of Commerce and the City of Montgomery. For more information, contact Julie Machon at Montgomery City Hall at 513-891-2424.

Faith Lynch, City of Montgomery



MONTGOMERY

Haaser wins Montgomery holiday card contest

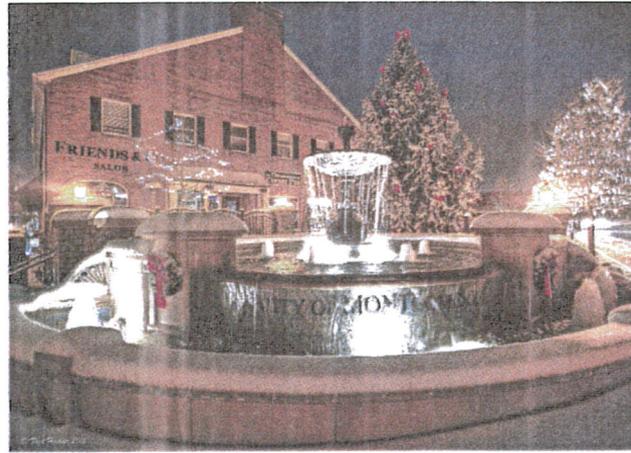
Each year, the Montgomery City Council members and staff send out holiday cards to those who have served or enhanced the community of Montgomery during the past year.

Last year, Montgomery City Council asked the Arts Commission to coordinate an art contest, to generate some new choices for the card's front panel.

An original photograph by Montgomery resident Fred Haaser was selected for the 2016 holiday card. Haaser recently retired from GE Aviation after 34 years

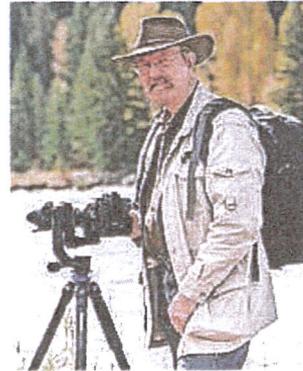
managing three engine programs. He is the event coordinator for the Ohio Valley Camera Club and is pursuing photographing all 59 US national parks with 11 completed, including the Volcano National Park in Hawaii this past November.

Haaser's art was chosen from a field of over a dozen entries. It depicts the Neuilly-Plaisance fountain in downtown Montgomery during the holidays. He will receive recognition as the artist on the cards, as well as a Montgomery-themed gift basket.



PHOTOS PROVIDED

The winning holiday card depicts the Neuilly-Plaisance fountain in downtown Montgomery during the holidays.



Montgomery resident Fred Haaser photographed the winning 2016 Montgomery holiday card submission.