

December 15, 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 December 12, 2016 and as an announcement of activities in the coming weeks:

1. As a reminder, City Council is scheduled to meet in Work Session on Wednesday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m., prior to the Work Session, the Montgomery Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) will meet at 5:45 p.m. to discuss the Historic Landmark Grant; at 6:00 p.m., there will be a Special Meeting of City Council to discuss matters of personnel; and at 6:45 p.m., there will be a Public Hearing to consider a request for the expansion of a conditional use permit for Montgomery Presbyterian Church at 9994 Zig Zag Road to expand the enrollment from 45 to 60 students in Skyward Academy.
2. On Wednesday, Council member Gerri Harbison, Wayne Davis and Faith Lynch joined Council member Craig Margolis in presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Kathleen Whitton. Ms. Whitton is retiring from Bethesda North Hospital and TriHealth on January 7, 2017 after serving as the Executive Assistant to CEO Barb Boyne. Ms. Whitton was essential in assisting the City of Montgomery with Bethesda's Montgomery Citizens Leadership Academy session each year. Her attention to detail provided a wonderful learning opportunity to the participants and subsequently was evaluated as one of the highest rated sessions each year. She was truly touched by the kindness that was extended to her by the City of Montgomery. We wish her well in her retirement.



3. Chief Don Simpson will be stepping down from the Hamilton County Police Association Executive Board after ten years of faithful service. Don will be leaving from his current position as First Vice President in January 2017. As Don steps down, we are proud to announce that Sergeant Greg VondenBenken will begin as Member at Large with the Executive Board in January 2017. We are thankful to Don for his commitment and service to the Board and proud that Greg is now representing the City in this capacity.
4. The Police Department's vintage police car, a 1962 Ford Fairlane, has been approved by the Government Affairs Committee to be donated to the Greater Cincinnati Historical Society and maintained and placed on display at the Cincinnati Police Museum. For those who are new, this car was donated to the Police Department by Bob Williams Ford in 1995 as a gift for the City's Bicentennial Celebration and has been a public relations tool for the last 21 years. The vehicle was originally declared surplus to be sold as a parts car. We are thrilled that it will remain intact for visitors of the Police Museum to enjoy.



5. Tracy Roblero, Paul Wright, Don Simpson, Brian Riblet and Gary Heitkamp met with representatives from Twin Lakes and their engineer and architect, to discuss a proposed development north of Schoolhouse Lane on Montgomery Road. Twin Lakes hopes to submit for a conditional use permit and general development site plan approval next week in order to be on the Planning Commission agenda on January 9, 2017.
6. The Landmarks Commission met on Wednesday evening to consider an application for a new projecting sign for Automated Systems Engineering in the James Ayers building at 9423 Montgomery Road. After hearing the presentation and discussion, the Commission voted to approve the sign as submitted. The Commission also discussed the design for the Morgan's Raid plaque at Neuilly-Plaisance Plaza, received an update on the Montgomery Inn storage building at 9411 Main Street and discussed penalties for the demolition of a Landmark building.
7. The City received a credit of \$3,321 towards its 2017 workers' compensation premium for participation in the Bureau of Workers' Compensation Safety Council Program. Thanks to John Crowell, Gary Heitkamp, Julie Prickett, Ben Shapiro, Terry Willenbrink and Paul Wright who have taken turns attending the monthly Safety Council meetings during the past 12 months which resulted in this premium credit.

8. The Public Works Officials of Southwest Ohio (PWOSO) held their December meeting in Montgomery at Terwilliger Lodge today. Brian Riblet provided a presentation on the Gateway Redevelopment Area (GRA) including the specifics of the roundabout project. There were approximately 50 people in attendance representing 18 various jurisdictions.
9. Earlier today, Assistant Finance Director/Tax Commissioner Tonyia Burnett submitted her resignation. We wish Tonyia well as she pursues other endeavors.
10. On Friday afternoon, Wayne, Tracy and Brian will meet at the request of Pallavi Gorrepati and Greg Miller, to gain some understanding of her business, Car Rx, located at 5017 Cooper Road. This turned out to be a business calling "in reverse", as she reached out to the City asking what they could do to be involved in the community. We mentioned several opportunities including the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce, an article in the Montgomery Bulletin, as well as opportunities for sponsorship or volunteerism with special events or other City activities and the Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy. We also asked that they consider competing for City business regarding the maintenance of City vehicles, primarily with tire and equipment maintenance and replacement.
11. 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

# Combs resigning from Montgomery council

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Montgomery City Councilwoman Ann Combs is resigning effective Jan. 4

Combs was sworn in Dec. 4, 2013, and her term expires Dec. 6, 2017. Combs and her husband, Mark, are moving from Montgomery to Symmes Township.

"An opportunity was presented that we felt was perfect for our desires and potential future needs in housing that we could not find in Montgomery. Our new home is more proximate to our children and grandchildren," Combs said.

Combs is also the chair of the Law and Safety Committee and worked on the city's five-year strategic plan.

"Ann and Mark have served our city well over their years on city council and as neighbors in The Winds. We have been extremely fortunate to have their leadership and contributions," Mayor Chris Dobroszi said in a news

release from the city.

Combs has lived in Montgomery for more than 30 years and her children attended the Sycamore Community Schools.

"I have truly enjoyed the opportunity to serve the citizens of the city of Montgomery. It has been a unique pleasure to work with the other members of city council and the fantastic staff of the city. Montgomery is a wonderful place to live," Combs said.

Council will appoint someone to the vacant seat. Interested residents will be able to apply until Tuesday, Jan. 10. Applications should include a letter stating their reason for wanting to be on city council, a list of current or prior community service experience and a resume. Applicants must have been Montgomery residents for at least a year prior to taking office.

Letters should be submitted to Mayor Chris Dobroszi and Montgomery City Council, Attn: City Council Vacancy, 10101 Montgomery Road, Montgomery, OH 45242.

# Montgomery gives grant to addiction services agency

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A local addiction treatment center is one step closer to its expansion thanks to a one-time grant from the city of Montgomery.

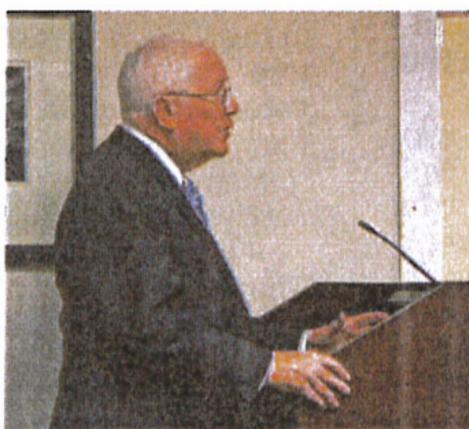
"This is a very important project and I am glad the city of Montgomery is able to contribute to this effort. Everyone is well aware the heroin crisis is a huge problem and its effects, not only some of the communities you hear about all the time, but every community," City Councilman Ken Suer said.

Council voted unanimously to give a \$12,500 grant to the Center for Addiction Treatment, or CAT, in Cincinnati to support its expansion efforts. It is the only non-hospital detox center in a 180-mile radius. CAT hopes to triple the size of its facility, which will cost \$5.7 million.

CAT board member and Montgomery resident Ken Schneider came to the city in October asking if there was a possibility for a donation or grant to help treat drug addiction in the area.

"We turned to Montgomery for leadership and hopefully many others will follow. This is a brain disease, not a moral issue and we have to heal it with medication and treatment," Schneider said.

The city pulled money from the general fund, public health and wellness account and the law enforcement fund for the grant. Councilman Craig Margolis said some of the funds had previously gone to the Sycamore Senior Center,



Center for Addiction Treatment board member and Montgomery resident Ken Schneider thanks Montgomery City Council for its donation to the center.

which closed earlier this year.

"All of us know somebody who has been touched by this disease and recognize that the community needs to step up and take action to address it. And this is one small step for us to take," Vice Mayor Lynda Roesch said.

Former Montgomery resident Sallee Fry thanked the council for the donation. Fry was looking into CAT while trying to find treatment for her daughter, who passed away recently.

"It is our hope that the money will save at least one life," Fry said.

Schneider said CAT is about \$500,000 short of what it needs for the expansion and hopes other local governments will provide support.

"We really appreciate it and thank you for being the leader," Schneider said.

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Montgomery City Councilman Ken Suer, left, talks about the important of stepping up and doing something to combat drug addiction in all communities.

# MONTGOMERY

## City honors Festival of Trees winner

A "Rustic Winter" tree caught the eye of the Festival of Trees judge and won the Best in the Village prize for the Festival of Trees contest.

Jill Wetenkamp from Twin Lakes created a unique tree with cork reindeer, cardboard with glittery snow houses and an owl as the tree topper. Montgomery Arts Commission member Rosie Ritchie judged all the trees and selected the Best in the Village award winner.

In addition to the Best in the Village award, the tree with the highest votes from each of the four locations each won a prize and these popular vote winners included:

» Universalist Church, "Like a Sunflower, always turn towards the Light!! In memory of our little angel Clare!" created by The DiBlasi family and friends;

» Bethesda North Hospital, "Stink, Stank, Stunk" created by the Bethesda Foundation;

» Twin Lakes Senior Living Community, "Walking in a Winter Wonderland" created by Ashley Baumer; and

» Ohio National Financial Services, "Big Santa" created by Grace and Ava Mirande.

Winners were selected by attendees who placed votes for their favorite tree at the City of Montgomery's annual

Holiday in the Village event. These four locations, including Ohio National Financial Services, the historic Universalist Church, Twin Lakes Senior Living Community and Bethesda North Hospital, displayed a total of 10 trees. The trees added to the holiday festivities of the annual Holiday in the Village event.

Other entries: Sarah Wilder, "Holly Jolly Christmas;" Colleen Kuderer and Stephanie Leung, "This is Us;" Sydney Skinner, "A Christmas Carol Tree;" Girl Scout Troop 48471, leader Cindy Hansel, "Full Spectrum Christmas;" Abby Machon, "Troll Tree - I Will Get Back Up Again," and The Bethesda Foundation, "Stink, Stank, Stunk."