

December 22, 2016

TO: City Manager, Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: All Department Heads
Julie Kipper, Customer Service Representative

SUBJECT: Thursday Update

The following information is provided to you as a summary of activities for the week of December 17, 2016 and as an announcement of activities in the coming weeks:

1. As a reminder, City offices will be closed on Friday, December 23 and Monday December 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday.
2. The Planning Commission met on Monday night to consider a request from Life Enriching Communities for Final Development Site Plan approval for the new retail/restaurant building to be developed at 9856 Montgomery Road. After hearing the testimony provided by staff, Life Enriching Communities, the adjacent property owners and discussing the case, the Planning Commission approved the site plan with a small modification to the landscape plan. The Planning Commission also considered a request from the Public Works Department for a conditional use permit and Final Development Site plan approval for the proposed building expansion. After hearing from staff and discussing the project, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the conditional use permit to City Council and approved the Final Development Site plan.
3. On Wednesday the Fire Department's Ambulance Committee traveled to Van Wert, Ohio to tour the Braun Ambulance Company as they research what aspects to include in the specifications for the new ambulance purchase as part of the 2017 Capital Improvement Program. The committee toured the Horton Ambulance Company in November. During January, the committee plans to visit a few local departments that have received recent deliveries of new ambulances. The last step will be final specification development as the committee works towards a March proposal deadline.
4. On Wednesday, Julie Prickett attended the December meeting of the Greater Cincinnati BWC Safety Council. The topic was "Medical Marijuana and a Drug Free Workplace". This is a topic of interest for all Ohio employers with the State legislature recently legalizing the use of medical marijuana.
5. The Montgomery Community Improvement Corporation met on Wednesday evening to discuss a proposal from staff to reinstitute the Historic Preservation Matching Grant Program that was offered once before for the rehabilitation of Landmark buildings and/or contributing buildings in the Heritage District. After a presentation by staff and discussion, the CIC voted to approve the grant program for calendar year 2017.
6. City Council held a public hearing Wednesday evening to consider a recommendation from the Planning Commission for the expansion of a conditional use permit to allow for Skyward Academy to increase the number of students enrolled from 45 students to 60 students.

Skyward Academy currently operates out of the Montgomery Presbyterian Church at 9994 Zig Zag Road. After hearing the presentations at the public hearing, City Council voted to approve expansion of the conditional use permit.

7. Today, crews from Capital Electric will be working to repair the traffic signal at the intersection of Montgomery Road and Market Place. The power service for the traffic signal will be shut down to allow crews to make the necessary repairs and the intersection will be maintained by a patrol officer during this time. Work is anticipated to begin at 8:45 a.m. and potentially could last through the day time hours.
8. Public Works staff is currently working with representatives from Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) on the scheduling, hours of work, and time frame to adjust a water main valve box at the intersection of Montgomery Road and Cooper Road. The work could possibly start as early as next week but staff will provide more details as they are defined.
9. The Wellness Team would like to send out a reminder that the Biometric Screening dates for employees are coming up in January. Tri Health will be sending out a communication on registering for a time that works best for you. Screenings will take place on:
 - Tuesday, January 10th from 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. at Public Works.
 - Wednesday, January 11th from 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. at City Hall.
 - Thursday, January 12th from 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. at the Safety Center.

If you have any questions, please contact a Wellness Team member.

10. The Police and Fire Departments received the attached thank-you letter from a man that passed through our City on the way to his home in Ashville, Ohio. He donated \$100 as a result of the service that was rendered to him after he fell.
11. The Police Department received the attached complimentary letter from Bethesda North third shift security staff highlighting their appreciation for the assistance and support provided to them from our agency. This letter was unprompted from any specific incident, but instead a general “Thanks for being there” ... which makes it even more meaningful to our guys and gals!
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

12-15-16

Robert and Melisa Mabe
105 East Main Street
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Dear Assistant Chief Shopiro,

Thank you for talking with me this morning. I stated to you my ~~of~~ great appreciation for the services your Squad 73 personnel gave to me after falling on a sidewalk yesterday. Their names are Brown, Witte, and Blake. Through their professional efforts, my wife and I were able to continue our journey home.

Also I would appreciate it if you could inform the Montgomery Police Department of the fine job officer Jensen did at the scene. He was a great comfort to my wife.

I am enclosing a check in appreciation of the four fellows helping us. Please apply it to whatever you feel will help your department keep ~~that~~ a fine level of professionalism and service.

Sincerely yours,

Robert D. Mabe

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Montgomery Police Dept.
Montgomery, Ohio

Chief Simpson,

The third shift Security staff of Bethesda North Hospital wish to convey our sincere appreciation for the services provided by your Police Dept. On each and every occasion police assistance has been needed your officers have always responded within minutes of the call. Security, as well as medical staff have all been impressed with the quality of service we have learned to count on. Your officers have always been professional as well as polite to all at our facility. Many times responding officers have gone well above the call to provide remedy to whatever problem we have presented them. They've also been very helpful to our clientele, some of which are not always overly cooperative. They also are treated with respect and kindness, and responding officers always take as much time as is necessary to listen to Security's side of the situation and never fail to keep us apprised of what is being done.

In addition your supervisory staff are equally impressive. Even the most routine call for police usually results in a Sargeant responding as well as a road patrol officer. Your staff all seem to be genuinely happy with their department which is a complement in itself. Just so you know we are qualified to make these judgements Ofc. Nye (Dayton, Oh P.D.) and myself (Ofc. Homer-Pierce Twp. P.D.) are both retired from the job. Our third officer, Jon Baker, is a current member of Morrow P.D. having served for four years. This fact, I believe, qualifies us to make these very positive judgments. In closing, we wish the best for you and your entire staff and look forward to to another year of cooperation.

Thank You,

Dave Homer
Nick Nye
Jonathan Baker

MONTGOMERY

City earns AAA Platinum Traffic Safety Award

The City of Montgomery was honored at the 2016 AAA Traffic Safety Awards ceremony with the Platinum Award.

Montgomery was among 16 jurisdictions and police departments in Greater Cincinnati that were honored. The agencies were selected for their exemplary programs that address issues from impaired and distracted driving to teen and senior driver safety. The awards were presented by Tom Wiedemann, president and COO of AAA. Honor-ees are selected through an application process for the awards which are given out annually in categories based on levels of traffic safety excellence.

“Throughout 2016, the City of Montgomery implemented multiple education programs, such as Sycamore High School safety demonstrations and Safety Village for pre-school age children,” City Manager Wayne Davis said. “The Montgomery Police Department is a member agency of the Hamilton County OVI Task Force, which demonstrates the department's involvement in traffic safety efforts.

Additionally, AAA also took into consideration Montgomery's emergency response efforts with safety personnel attending the Alert Conference and the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy Driving School, and the collaboration of multiple City departments in the traffic safety of the community.”

The application was submitted by Traffic Safety Officer James Martin, and was accepted by assistant Police Chief John Crowell at the annual banquet. The Platinum Award is given for outstanding traffic safety practices. AAA takes into consideration traffic safety programs, presentations, roadway improvements, and trends in traffic statistics to show accomplishments in meeting traffic safety goals.

This year's award was based on efforts in the year 2016.

Montgomery works closely with Hamilton County Safe Communities, TriHealth, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, AAA, Hamilton County Engineer, Ohio Department of Transportation, the Hamilton County Coroner and local law enforcement to increase traffic safety for Montgomery's residents, business members and visitors.

AAA Traffic Safety Awards were presented in four categories – Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze.