

February 9, 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 February 6, 2017 and as an announcement of activities in the coming weeks:

1. As a reminder, the Parks and Recreation, Government Affairs and Public Works Committees of City Council have cancelled their meetings for the month of February.
2. As a reminder, City Council is scheduled to meet in Work Session on Wednesday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
3. Twenty-eight participants attended the Paintbrushes Up, Phones Down program at Terwilliger Lodge on Friday, February 3. This program was sponsored by the Montgomery Arts Commission and I.C.I Studio. Participants ages 8 and up were accompanied by an adult and each created their own painting on a canvas.



4. The police department reports that they have reached compliance with the Ohio Collaborative Standards Initiative and has received their Provisional Certification. The police department is awaiting notification of a site visit from Ohio Collaborative members for an inspection of the department.

5. On Monday, the fire department received training from a manufacturer representative from Kennedy Fire Hydrant. The training covered hydrant operations and minor maintenance that can easily be completed by the firefighters. The Kennedy fire hydrant is the specified hydrant for use on the Cincinnati Water Works system. All of the area fire departments were invited to the training. The attendees learned valuable information that will ultimately save cost of unneeded repairs in the future.
6. The planning commission met on Monday night to consider an extension on the approval of an expansion of a conditional use permit for the construction of a body shop addition at Camargo Cadillac. After much discussion, the Commission voted to deny the extension. The Commission felt that enough conditions have changed since the approval in November of 2015 to warrant another look at the application and therefore suggested that the applicant resubmit for the expansion of a conditional use. The Commission also received a law update from Terry Donnellon specifically addressing temporary sign regulations, small cell antennae for wireless communication and medical marijuana.
7. TriHealth Occupational Medicine mobile clinic was onsite at the fire department on Wednesday through Friday of this week, for the firefighter's annual medical physicals. These physicals are required by the Bureau of Workers Compensation since the firefighters utilize self-contained breathing apparatus while performing their jobs on emergency scenes.
8. This week, Julie Prickett and Ben Shapiro attended the Ohio Public Employer Labor Relations Association (OHPELRA) 33rd Annual Training Conference in Lewis Center, Ohio. The conference featured training sessions on topics which included the Ohio ethics law, how to conduct disciplinary actions, labor negotiations and arbitration, medical marijuana and the drug-free workplace, social media issues in the workplace, the Affordable Care Act, and how to manage employee leave involving the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act, and workers' compensation.
9. The Internal Gateway Redevelopment Area (GRA) team conducted two meetings with the preferred developer this week specifically to discuss the various components and their associated impact to the overall development schedule. Several items and projected timeframes were discussed, including but not limited to: zoning requirements and processes, ODOT schedule for the roundabout project, coordination of utility replacements/installation, potential client requirements, project management software, preferred development agreement process and other TIF related procedures. The meetings were very productive and will help to build the master schedule moving forward.
10. On Wednesday, Terry Willenbrink, Scott Schulte, Nick Miller, and Walter Taylor attended the Commercial Arborist, Landscaper and Nursery Worker Seminar at the Boone County Cooperative Extension Enrichment Center in Burlington, Kentucky. The seminar included information on: new and old technology to successfully grow plants, overwintering of fungal pathogens, bedding plants of dramatic impact, pesticide safety, and an update on the Asian Longhorn beetle.
11. On Thursday, Ben Miller from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) conducted an audit of project files associated with the Montgomery Road Sidewalk Project prior to advertisement of the project on Monday, February 13. This audit process is part of the new LPA requirements the City has to meet in order to receive federal funding and administer projects at the local level. Brian reports that all went fine with the audit and we are in good standing with ODOT.

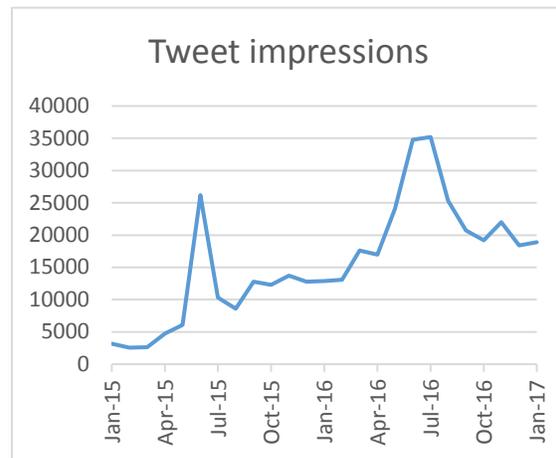
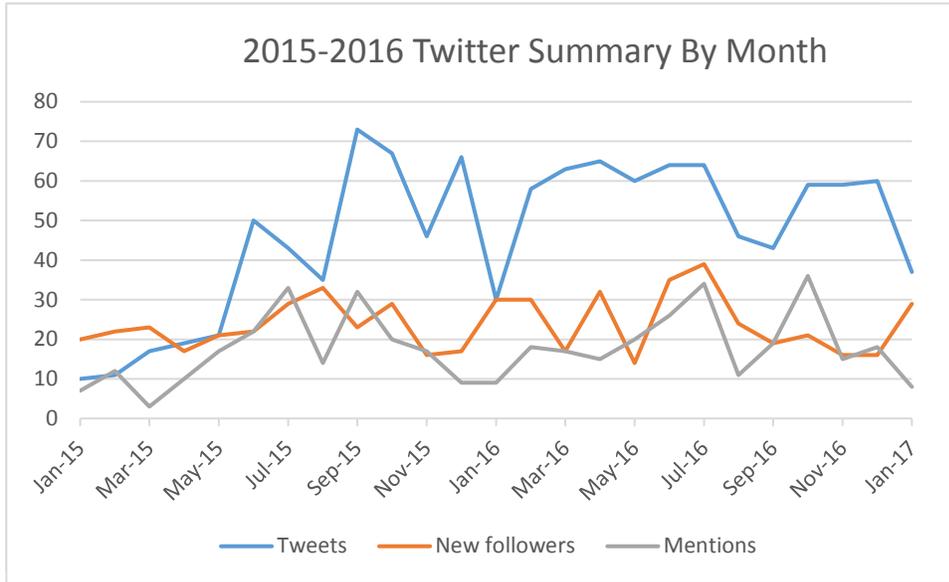
12. The Landmarks Commission met on Wednesday night to consider an application for a certificate of approval for a new roof on the Parrott-Smith House at 7712 Cooper Road. After reviewing the application and hearing testimony at the meeting, the Commission voted to approve the application. The property owner has also applied for a matching Historic Preservation Grant which will be brought before the Montgomery Community Improvement Corporation for consideration at a later date.
13. The Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy (MCLA) will meet on Thursday, February 16 at 6:00 p.m. at Bethesda North Hospital for "Healthcare: Montgomery's Signature Industry." Participants, staff and Council are asked to park in the main parking lot, enter at the front entrance and take the elevator behind the gift shop to the second floor. We will be meeting in Golder Conference Room I & II which was the same location for the Community Leadership Forum. On Thursday, February 23, Public Works will host their session starting at 5:45 p.m.
14. Matthew Vanderhorst reports that the CodeRED Emergency Notification Systems will be calling all residents and business on Friday, February 10, to remind them to update their emergency contact information. This is something that CodeRED does to ensure their database is current. The calls will not be charged to the City account.
15. On Friday morning, Chief Wright is attending a seminar on the most recent directions the Affordable Care Act may or may not take in the very near future. The seminar is being held by Frost, Brown, and Todd which is the firm the City utilizes for labor matters.
16. Sarah Fink will be attending the 2017 Ohio Parks and Recreation Association Conference from February 12 through 15 in Sandusky, Ohio. This conference provides various educational sessions that focus on trends, issues and current standards for the Parks and Recreation Industry. Through the sessions offered, Sarah will earn the necessary CEU credits required to maintain her CPRP certification as well as network with her industry peers. Sarah is appreciative of the opportunity to attend this professional conference and to implement fresh and creative ideas learned from this conference.
17. Please find an invitation from American Savings Bank (9813 Montgomery Road) to attend their second annual Chili Cook-Off on Thursday, February 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They welcome all staff to attend.
18. Attached to this edition of the Thursday Update, you will find the January 2017 Social Media Report.
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: Connie Gaylor, Administrative Coordinator
Department Heads
Terry Donnellon, Law Director

January 2017 Social Media Report

Twitter



Twitter Analysis:

Total number of new followers on Twitter climbed by 29 for a total of 1,094 followers. The top tweet was made on Jan. 5 and was a tweet about the Jan. 13 Improv at the Uni. This tweet received 1,954 impressions and 36 engagements including four retweets. The top media tweet was a tweet done for the First Aid/CPR certification class and the tweet had 703 impressions and 8 engagements (like, retweet and clicks on the photo). The top mention was a tweet done by @TheRealMrMader on Jan. 17 supporting the Montgomery Police and their fundraiser at Rapid Fired Pizza. Due to the City’s social media and communications policies, the City was not able to promote this charitable fundraiser at a

local business. This tweet had garnered 161 engagements (likes), 6 retweets and 8 likes. A top Card tweet was not reported for January.

Twitter Definitions:

Profile visits: Number of users who visited our Twitter site.

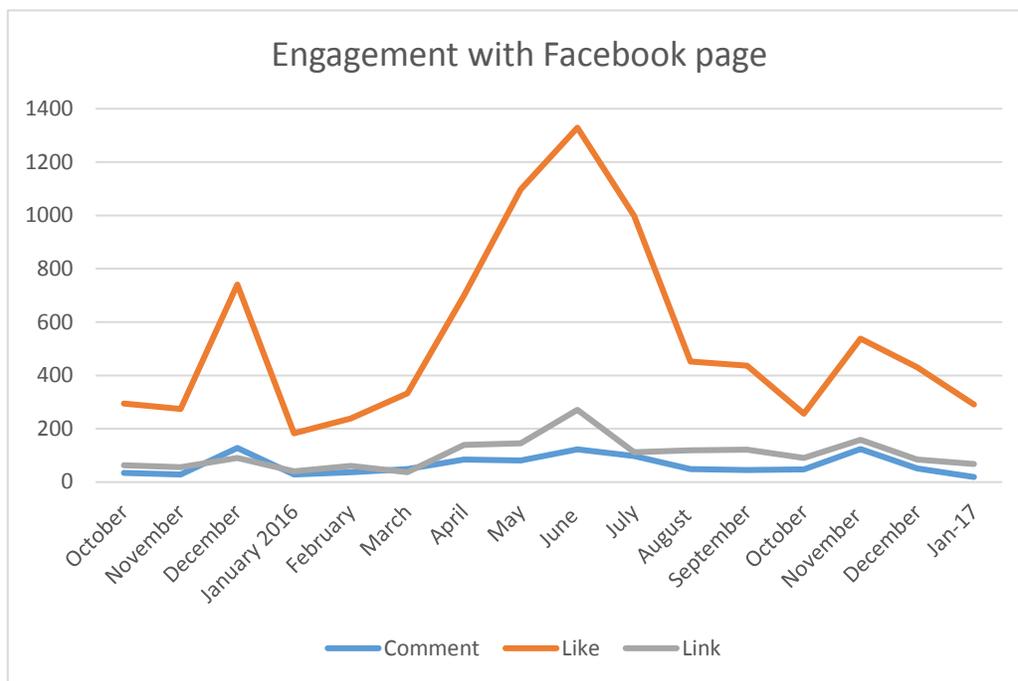
Mentions: Any tweet that contains @montgomeryohio (our username)

Tweet Impressions: Total number of times that our tweet may appear in other user's Twitter feeds, both followers and their followers etc. through shares, mentions and retweets. Shows the reach of the City's brand.

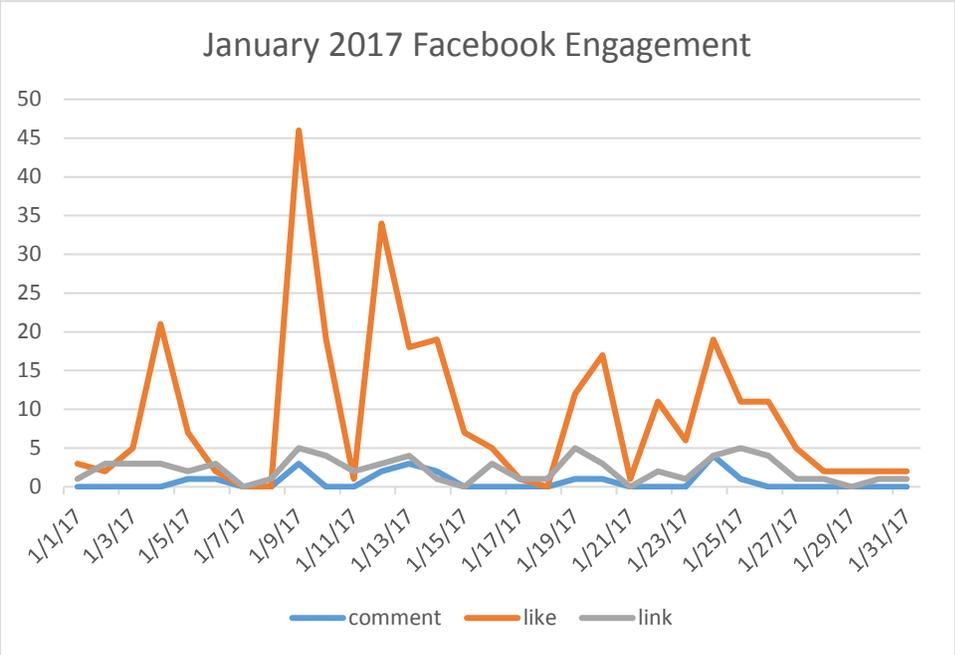
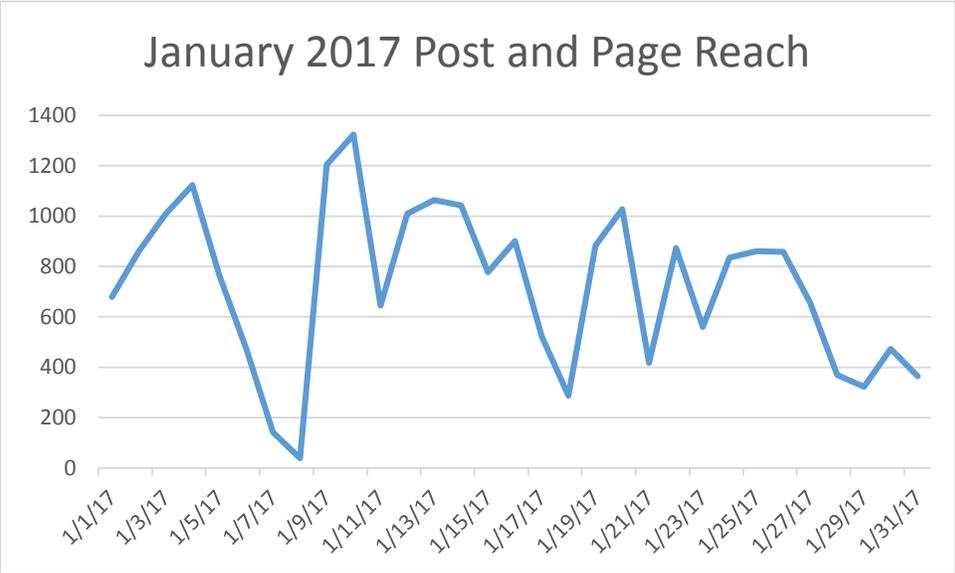
The most effective Tweet features include:

- Photos average a 35% boost in Retweets
- Videos get a 28% boost
- Quotes get a 19% boost in Retweets
- Including a number receives a 17% bump in Retweets
- Hashtags receive a 16% boost

Facebook



This graph depicts the interaction with the City's Facebook page over the course of the year. It depicts a trend of less interaction with the page over the winter months.



Two posts on Jan. 9 and Jan. 10 garnered a total reach of 3,185 people. This is the number of people who visited the City’s Facebook page, or saw our page or either one of its posts in their news feed or ticker. The post on Jan. 9 was a photo of Sgt. Davenport speaking to a child in a police cruiser at one of the Touch-a-Truck events. This post had a thank you message to the police officers as a part of National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. This post received 59 reactions, two shares and 74 Post Shares. The second post on Jan. 10 was an announcement for an upcoming CPR/First Aid training session and a call to register. This post received one engagement and four post clicks. This is a terrific example of how the Jan. 9 post amplified the reach of the Jan. 10 post. The third post with the greatest reach was a post

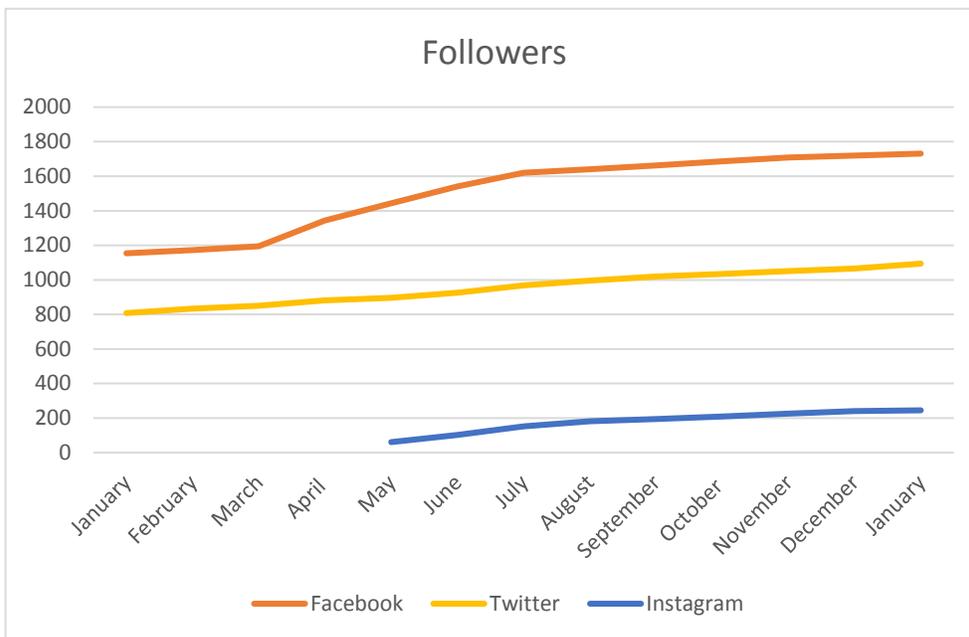
done on Jan. 12 announcing the Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy tenth class. This photo reached 1,211 people, had 34 reactions and 95 post clicks.

Daily Reach: The number of people who visited our Facebook Page, or saw our Page or one of its posts in news feed or ticker. These can be people who have liked your Page and people who haven't (Unique Users).

Daily Positive Feedback (engagement): The number of times people have given positive feedback (like, share link, leave comment) to your Page, by type (Unique Users).

Instagram

As of Jan. 31, the City Instagram page has 245 followers. This is unchanged from last month. If you have a friend or family member using Instagram, please ask them to follow the City of Montgomery on Instagram @MontgomeryOhio. If you are using Instagram, please follow @MontgomeryOhio.





Prepare your taste buds for battle!
American Savings Bank
invites you to our second annual Chili Cook-off!



Thursday, February 23, 2017 11:30am - 2:00pm
(National Chili Day)



Montgomery Branch, 9813 Montgomery Road



Vote for your favorite and see who will claim this year's bragging rights! Jack Kuntz always thinks his is the best. Come taste for yourself!



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MONTGOMERY

Montgomery honored as healthy worksite

The city of Montgomery was given a Gold Award and was honored

as a healthy worksite by the Ohio Department of Health and Healthy Ohio Business Council.

The award is given to Ohio employers who show commitment to employee wellness through worksite health promotion and wellness programs.

"This award is a testament to the strong commitment that the city of Montgomery places on providing healthy work place for our employees as well as our employee's commitment to their health and wellness," City Manager Wayne Davis said.



THANKS TO FAITH LYNCH

Montgomery Wellness Committee Chair Sarah Fink received the 2016 Gold Award on behalf of the city during the 13th annual Healthy Ohio Healthy Worksite Awards ceremony in Columbus.

\$100 million-plus Montgomery development gets more land

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The scope of a more than \$100 million mixed-use development in Montgomery just expanded.

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to sell more than 10 acres of land at the interchange of Montgomery Road and Ronald Reagan Highway to the city of Montgomery for \$500,000. Montgomery City Council also approved the purchase of this land. With this acquisition, Montgomery owns about 21.5 acres of land to develop with the city's preferred developer, Gateway Partners LLC.

The city of Montgomery selected Gateway Partners, which includes Traditions Building & Development Group, Brandicorp, Greiwe Development Group, North American Properties and Sibcy Cline, in October 2015. This team was selected to develop 12 acres of land that was formerly home to two car dealerships.

As the size and scope of the project has grown, the start of the development has been pushed back. Originally, when Gateway Partners was working on the initial 12 acres, the plan was to start land development in 2016 with the office and retail components starting construction at the end of 2016 or early 2017. The residential component would have begun in the spring of 2017.

Now, Montgomery Mayor Chris Dobrozsi said the development team could break ground in the fourth quarter of 2017. The mixed-used development is expected to bring commercial space, luxury condominiums, restaurants, retail shops and a boutique hotel to the area near the intersection of Montgomery Road and Ronald Reagan Highway. The project also is expected to improve traffic flow



Brandicorp joined Traditions Building & Development Group, Greiwe Development Group, North American Properties and Sibcy Cline to form Gateway Partners LLC. The team planned to bring more than \$100 million in development to a more-than-12-acre site along Montgomery Road and Ronald Reagan Highway. Now, the city of Montgomery owns 21.5 acres for the project.

and safety with the installation of a roundabout to replace the existing bridge on Montgomery Road that crosses over the end of Ronald Reagan Highway.

"The Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners and staff have greatly assisted the city of Montgomery in pursuing a vision that will add to our great community and result in an economic bounce effect that will generate approximately 1,300 jobs and augment the vitality and experience of our Heritage District," Dobrozsi said in a news release.

Hamilton County Commissioner Todd Portune said the partnership between the county and Montgomery will enhance the economy and quality of life in the area.

"This project offers a perfect template founded upon transportation infrastructure improvements and collaborative partnerships between the county and local cities or townships that will create development opportunities all over Hamilton County," Portune said.

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Montgomery, county make deal for roundabout

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(Photo: Provided)

The Hamilton County Commissioners agreed to sell more than 10 acres to the city of Montgomery for the Gateway Redevelopment Area project.

"I think this is one of the best, if not the best, current development sites in Hamilton County," Hamilton County Commissioner Todd Portune said at the Montgomery City Council meeting on Feb. 1.

The city agreed to purchase about 10 acres near the intersection of Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway and Montgomery Road, including the bridge and ramps, from Hamilton County. The city will pay \$500,000 for the property, Councilman Craig Margolis said.

The city plans to [turn the intersection into a roundabout](https://www.communitypress.com/story/news/local/montgomery/2016/10/17/montgomery-gets-grant-roundabout/92305918/) as part of development of the former Chevrolet and Ford dealerships at the south entrance of the city.

Buy Photo



Hamilton County Commissioner Todd Portune commends Montgomery on the Gateway Redevelopment Area project. The city purchased land from the county to construct a roundabout as part of the project. (Photo: Marika Lee/ The Community Press)

The site, also called the Gateway Redevelopment Area, is being turned into a mixed-use development with condos and town homes, office space with a parking structure and restaurants and retail space by Gateway Partners LLC. There are also plans for a boutique hotel and a park.

"We greatly appreciate the relationship we have with Hamilton County. With just the two dealership sites this was a good project. With Hamilton County's land, this is a great project. We picked up 7 to 8 acres of developable land," Mayor Chris Dobroszi said.

The newly purchased property brings total acreage of the site to 21.5 acres.

"This is going to lead to in excess of 1,000 jobs in Hamilton County and that is great for all of us," Portune said.

City of Montgomery Gateway Project



A rendering of the Gateway Development Area at the south entrance of Montgomery. (Photo: Thanks to Faith Lynch)

With improvements to the interchange, Portune added, the project could qualify for additional state funding under House Bill 53 as a transportation improvement and business development district.

"I believe this will be a template for other development sites that we will be able to support throughout Hamilton County," Portune said.

The city received a \$6 million grant from the Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council of Governments for the roundabout. Total cost for the roundabout is \$8.6 million. Construction is estimated to begin in 2020.

Construction on the Gateway Redevelopment Area, which will be called Gateway on the Green, is slated to begin in 2018.

Old Montgomery's Universalist Church has a rich history

By PJ MARTIN
Feature Writer

This beautiful little church sits peacefully in the heart of Montgomery, a suburb of Cincinnati.

The history of this little one-room church is rich and fascinating. In 1837, the church was built. The members who made bricks for the construction of the church pressed their own house keys into the sides of the red brick – leaving the impression of their keys for the life of the church. These imprints can be seen today in the walls and columns.

The church bell, which still rings, was crafted for a clearing tone by adding coins from the members. The church bell was so well made, that Montgomery used it for years to alarm the vil-

lagers of fires or other emergencies!

By the late 1920s, services held at the little church were never the same. The diminished until they completely stopped in 1960. The church was purchased by Tom and Edith Behrens to prevent it from being demolished and replaced by a gas station.

The Behrens invested much into the little church to restore it to a useable dwelling, as the building had greatly deteriorated over the years.

In 1970, the "Universalist Church Historic District" was approved for the National Register of Historical Places, and the City of Montgomery adds special, brick sidewalks and lantern style streetlights near the church.

The Behrens gave the church to John Rengering and Marga-

rete Chapman who in 1986 deed it to the City of Montgomery. Over the years, the church was rented to various church and school programs as well as weddings.

Today, the City of Montgomery is proud to show off its 31 landmarks, (originally 32 – one has since been demolished) with a walking tour featuring homes, churches, a cemetery and a natural preserve. Homes are featured as some of the first homes built in 1815. The population of the early 1950 was 5,000 and today is over 10,000.

For more information about renting this great little church for your wedding or other activity, please call: (513) 891-2424. The Historical Society also can be very helpful and give a wonderful tour.



MHPA OFFICERS — Jackie Korach, left, is president of the Montgomery Historic Preservation Association and Kaye Gaffney is vice president.