

July 21, 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 July 18, 2016 and as an announcement of activities in the coming weeks:

1. Thanks to everyone who contributed to another extremely successful Bastille Day Celebration; in particular – Julie Machon, Faith and all of the public works and safety center staff and our 100+ army of volunteers.
2. Officer Paul Payne just returned from attending the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) conference in Anaheim, California. Officer Payne is the president of the Ohio Chapter of School Resource Officers and as always, represented himself and the City well in this national forum.
3. On Monday morning, Terry Donnellon, Katie and Wayne met with Sycamore School's Superintendent Frank Forsthoefel and Treasurer Beth Weber to share with them an update on the City's Gateway Redevelopment Area (GRA) project and the Vintage Club project. The City and the Schools plan to get together again in early September to keep each other up to date on these projects and other efforts being undertaken by both organizations.
4. On Tuesday, Wayne Davis, Terry Donnellon, Brian Riblet, Tracy Roblero, Katie Smiddy and representatives from Fifth Third Bank met to discuss the pro forma for the Tax Increment Financing District at the Vintage Club based on updated numbers provided by the development team. The team also discussed other critical path items, such as the Request for Qualifications and Request for Proposals process for construction management, the legislative schedule and the construction schedule.
5. The internal Gateway Redevelopment Area (GRA) team met on Wednesday to review the two latest renderings provided by Gateway Partners, and the communication and outreach plan regarding the potential interchange modification at Ronald Reagan Highway and Montgomery Road.
6. On Wednesday, Julie Prickett attended Frost Brown Todd's 23rd Annual Public Sector Labor Seminar. Topics included recent developments in Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) law and Americans with Disabilities (ADA) law, updates regarding the Ohio Sunshine Law and Public Records law, a review of recent changes to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), and an expert panel discussion that covered a variety of labor issues in the public sector. The seminar was very informative and provided a great opportunity to network with public sector colleagues.

7. Our newest Finance Department temporary employee, Mary Lou Hauck, began working for the City on Wednesday. Mary Lou has experience in office management and bookkeeping with Clopay Building Products and Century 21, with over 20 years of experience and a variety of administration and accounting skills. Please be sure to welcome Mary Lou to Team Montgomery!
8. On Wednesday, Wayne Davis, Frank Davis, Tracy Roblero and Katie Smiddy discussed the cost benefit analysis of the GRA. The team also discussed the outreach plan to key project stakeholders to ensure we are hitting the mark and keeping this important task in the forefront.
9. On Wednesday afternoon, Wayne Davis, Terry Donnellon, Brian Riblet, Tracy Roblero, Katie Smiddy and representatives from Fifth Third Bank met to discuss updated cost estimates for the public improvements at the Vintage Club and the Tax Increment Financing District. The team also discussed other critical path items, such as the Request for proposals process for construction and the legislative schedule.
10. This morning, City staff participated in the first session of a two-part Media Training created by the Community and Information Services Department. This session will address potential media topics regarding the GRA and allow staff to practice the delivery of the message before a video camera. Mallory Bonbright of Sycamore Community Schools has graciously offered her time and talents to assist us with this training. The second session of the training will be completed during the Manager's Forum on October 6.
11. Today, the Assistant Finance Director/Tax Commissioner interview team comprised of Wayne Davis, Katie Smiddy, Julie Prickett, Paul Wright, and Cindy Abner met to review candidates' personality profile results and to prepare for a second round of interviews. The interview team will be conducting the second round of interviews on Friday and next Tuesday.
12. Crews from Barrett Paving Materials began work this week on the 2016 Street Resurfacing Program. Work to repair or replace the catch basins identified within the project scope will begin first, and will be closely followed by replacement of the identified concrete curbing. The project is scheduled for completion by October 21, 2016.
13. Strawser Construction, Inc. began work on the 2016 Bituminous "Black Mat" Project this week as permanent pavement markings were removed and temporary markings put in place. Base repairs to the asphalt are anticipated to be completed by the end of this week. Weather permitting, the Black Mat surfacing will be installed on Monday, July 25.
14. Elex, Inc. continues work on the Montgomery Traffic Signal Project. Sub-contractors will be installing new crosswalk pavement markings at the intersection of Cooper Road and Delray Drive this week in advance of the new traffic signal system being installed at this intersection. This project remains on schedule with the signal work being completed prior to the start of school in August. The overall project completion date is scheduled for October 31, 2016.
15. Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on Monday, July 25 to consider an application for a General Development Plan for King's Dental at 10587 Montgomery Road. The proposed plan would allow for construction of a new dental office on the site. The application will require multiple variances including setback variance for the parking lot and building, as well as an interior parking lot landscaping variance.
16. The Board of Zoning Appeals is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, July 26 to hear six variance requests. One of these requests is from King's Dental regarding the proposed dental clinic. The other commercial variance request is from Ohio National Financial Services for a

temporary sign to announce their Top Workplace Award for 2016. The remaining variance requests are residential in nature.

17. The Police Department will be presenting at the upcoming meeting of the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce on August 11. Attendees will have the opportunity to experience the Firearms Training Simulator (FATS). The FATS machine is a scenario based, interactive training simulator used to enhance an officer's judgement and decision-making process in high stress situations.
18. To date, we have received 13 applications for the Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy. If you have any recommendations of possible candidates for MCLA, please send their contact information to Faith and we will reach out to them. The application deadline is September 30.
19. Montgomery, New York will be hosting their annual General Montgomery Day on Saturday, September 10 with a parade and festival. The parade will start at 10:30 a.m. The City was invited to send a group of representatives to appear in the parade. If you are interested in attending, please let Wayne know by Friday, August 12.
20. 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.

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Montgomery honors Nice victims at Bastille Day event

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A memorial was to be held this weekend in Montgomery after a truck driver mowed down a crowd Thursday during a Bastille Day celebration in Nice, France, killing 84 and wounding dozens.

The Alliance Française de Cincinnati, a French cultural institution, held its annual Bastille Day picnic Friday evening at Swaim Park, and it began with a remembrance of the tragedy in Nice.

"We are deeply saddened by the senseless acts of terror in Nice and are sending our thoughts and prayers to the families of the victims," said Tracy Kosiarek, president of the Alliance. "Tonight at our Bastille Day celebration we will observe a moment of silence for the victims."

Eric Vespierre, vice president of the Alliance, grew up in Paris. He said the terror attacks in Europe have hit him and other Alliance members close to home.

"One colleague's friend died at the Bataclan. A good friend of my own died in the Brussels attack. Another colleague's 19-year-old daughter was only feet away from the truck hitting



AP/ERIC RISBERG

Flowers and candles are left following the attacks in Nice outside the entrance to the French Consulate on Friday in San Francisco.

her in Nice," Vespierre said. "Even in Cincinnati, it touches us because it's still close to home."

The 19-year-old is a University of Cincinnati student who had been planning to come back to Cincinnati Friday before the Nice attack occurred, he said.

The Nice attack occurred on Bastille Day, which, in French, is known

as the National Celebration. Vespierre said that maximizes the impact it will have on French citizens like himself.

"There is a special symbolic meaning to attacking on the national day – the same as attacking the U.S. on the Fourth of July – with the intent seeming to be hurting the French people as much as possible," said Vespierre, who came to the U.S. in 2000 and has

lived in and out of the Queen City for 12 years. "Ten of the 84 dead were young people. Families gathering on open streets on the most popular celebration ... this is the worst-case scenario.

"The French people will try to live their normal lives, but part of our daily lives now will be this constant threat. And what can we do about it?"

The city of Montgomery will hold a moment of silence to remember the victims of the Nice attack during its annual Bastille Day Celebration on Saturday.

The moment of silence is scheduled for noon on the Main Stage, at Cooper and Montgomery roads. After the moment of silence, Mayor Chris Dobrozsi will explain Montgomery's connection to its French sister city, Neuilly-Plaisance, and Bastille Day. After his remarks, the Sycamore Community Band will play the American national anthem and the French national anthem.

Montgomery's Bastille Day celebrates 27 years of friendship with Neuilly-Plaisance. It will run from noon to 11 p.m. and will feature food, games and music. For more, visit montgomeryohio.org.



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City of Montgomery Mayor Chris Dobrozsi holds a moment of silence to honor the lives lost in the recent terror attacks in France before the annual Bastille Day Celebration.

Montgomery mourns Nice attack at Bastille Day event

City maintains close ties with Neuilly-Plaisance

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Before Montgomery's 27th annual Bastille Day celebration, the city's largest annual event, the crowd stopped for a moment of silence.

"We are all saddened by the tragic events Thursday evening in Nice, France. Nothing can really address the pain and the suffering from the loss of lives from such a senseless, cowardly and evil act," Mayor Chris Dobrozsi said. "Our French brothers and sisters and our fellow Americans are strong, proud, hardy and a resilient group of people, and it would be expected that we continue our celebration today in honor of our sister city, Neuilly-Plaisance."

At least 84 people were killed, including 10 children and teenagers, and 303 people were wounded when a truck plowed through a crowd gathered to watch Bastille Day fireworks.

In 1990, Montgomery paired with Neuilly-Plaisance, a Paris suburb that organizers said has similar pop-

ulation and demographics to Montgomery. Since then, delegations from the two cities have visited each other, and Montgomery has held a Bastille Day event annually.

"It's great celebrating their national day here in Montgomery," Dobrozsi said. "It brings together our community, adjoining communities, our neighbors and friends. This is what it's really about. This is old time America."

About seven delegations from France have visited, event organizer Marcellene Shockey said. She recalled during their most recent visit in 2014 they took the group to Woodford Reserve and to Sun Watch near Dayton. In 2015, a small Montgomery delegation traveled to Neuilly-Plaisance where the town threw of a Fourth of July celebration.

Shockey said it's meant to be a cultural exchange that fosters support and goodwill between the towns and the countries. Dobrozsi explained that in times of mourning it's especially important to offer support however possible.

"We're a very small part of the equation on the world," the mayor said. "It takes all of us to make this happen."



Members of the Montgomery Sister Cities Commission cheer for the annual Bastille Day Celebration.

Nature Preserve offers UC research trove

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UC researchers are looking to spread the word about their forest of resources in Montgomery and what it offers the community.

“Most people don’t realize the gem we have ... in the north end of the city,” Mayor Chris Dobroszi said.

The Harris M. Benedict Nature

Preserve has been providing a wealth of research opportunities to University of Cincinnati students since the 1920s.

The most common entrance into the Benedict preserve is through Johnson Preserve, a city of Montgomery park which has an entrance on Deerfield Road. The 65-acre site that is owned by UC is a national preserve because of the amount of rare species that have been found in the preserve.