

June 30, 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 June 27, 2016 and as an announcement of activities in the coming weeks:

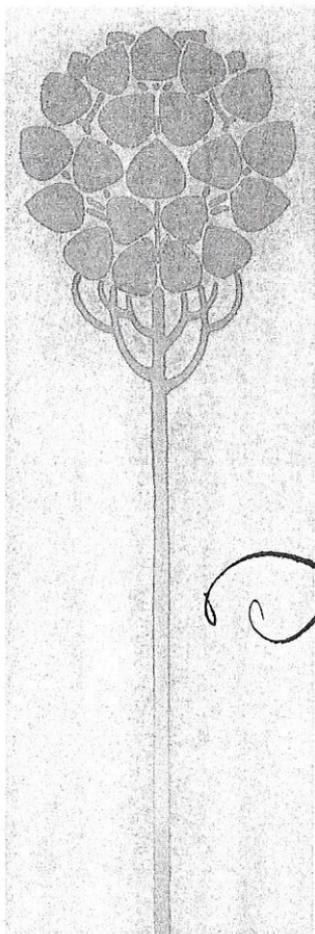
1. As a reminder the Planning, Zoning and Landmarks Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 5 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. The Law and Safety, Financial Planning, Parks and Recreation, Government Affairs and Public Works Committees have cancelled their meetings for the month of July.
2. As a reminder, City Council is scheduled to meet in Business Session on Wednesday, July 6, immediately following a presentation by Professor Guy Cameron with the University of Cincinnati, Department of Biological Sciences, at 6:30 p.m., in regards to the Hazelwood Nature Reserve.
3. Safety Village Police Chief Robert Otte is happy to report that over 100 children successfully completed the ever popular Safety Village 2016. A big thank you goes out to Public Works for set-up assistance and to Julie Kipper and Evelyn Dumont for their assistance in registering the campers!
4. Last Friday, Julee Nies, Taryn Radford and Connie Gaylor attended at Cost Documentation Course hosted by the State of Ohio, Emergency Management Agency at the Hamilton County Regional Communications Center. This training provided a better understanding of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) guidelines for public assistance funding in the event of a major disaster.
5. Officer James Martin and Martin Day attended the RCIC (Regional Crime Information Computer) Focus Group for the new MDC (Mobile Data Computer). RCIC is seeking input from users of the system. Thanks to James and Martin for their participation.
6. On Monday, our newest finance temporary employee John Kearney, began working for the City. John has experience as an accountant and auditor with the University Hospital and Franciscan Health Partnership, with over 15 years of experience and a variety of accounting skills. Please be sure to welcome John to Team Montgomery!
7. Wayne Davis, Brian Riblet, Katie Smiddy and Tracy Roblero met with representatives from Brandicorp and Traditions Building and Development Group on Monday to discuss a detailed analysis of the public improvements for the remainder of the Village Section and identify next steps to keep the project moving forward.

8. Faith Lynch met with Joe Danzer on Tuesday. Joe Danzer is a Goggle photographer, board member of the Montgomery Ohio Chamber of Commerce and MCLA Class of 2016 graduate. Faith and Joe discussed the City's need for seasonal and architectural photography to use on the website, publications and social media. Over the next few months Joe may be seen snapping photographs at community events, the parks and also of downtown Montgomery.
9. Brian Riblet, Tracy Roblero, Gary Heitkamp and Frank Davis met on Tuesday to discuss the timing and message for meetings with adjacent property owners on the interchange modification, at the intersection of Montgomery Road and Ronald Reagan Highway. Ideally, Staff would like to begin discussions with adjacent property owners in the late July to August timeframe.
10. The Board of Zoning Appeals met on Tuesday night to consider two applications for a variance. The first application was for a covered porch addition to a non-conforming structure on Trailwind Drive, which was approved. The second application was for numerous variance requests for King's Dental at 10587 Montgomery Road to allow for the construction of a new medical office building. This application was tabled due concerns for setting a precedent for in-front parking in the Hospital Corridor.
11. Wayne Davis and Tracy Roblero met with representatives from Brandicorp and a potential office user who is interested in purchasing a building in the Village Section of the Vintage Club. The potential office user had several questions regarding the zoning on the property, the overall development and the process for modifications to a Planned Development.
12. Chief Simpson and Assistant Chief Crowell attended a Fraud Skimmer Summit at the Sharonville Convention Center on Wednesday. Area law enforcement came together and are working towards solutions for the growing problem of criminals placing skimming machines on gas pumps and credit card scanners in stores. Stay tuned for prevention tips as the Summit ideas and solutions begin to unfold and are put into practice.
13. On Wednesday evening several City Council members and staff including: Gerri Harbison, Mike Cappel, Craig Margolis, Mayor Dobrozsi, Wayne, Tracy, Brian, Katie, and Paul attended the First Suburbs Consortium/Hamilton County Municipal League meeting that focused on "Funding Sources in Hamilton County". Guest speakers for the evening were Harry Blanton, Hamilton County Development Company, T.J. White, Center for Local Government, Laura Brunner, The Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority, and Ted Hubbard, Hamilton County Engineer, and Fred Schlimm of the Hamilton County Engineer's Office. There was a lot of good information presented regarding the various funding opportunities for the approximate 80 people in attendance.
14. On Wednesday and Thursday, the interview team consisting of Katie Smiddy, Cindy Abner, Julie Prickett and Paul Wright conducted the first round of interviews for the Assistant Finance Director/Tax Commissioner position. After narrowing down the pool of candidates, a second round of interviews will be conducted later in July with Wayne also participating.
15. The 2015 CAFR is being printed and will be delivered on Friday. Copies will be provided for Council members, and the City Manager. Additional copies will be left in the Finance area for anyone wishing to review the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.
16. Tracy Roblero met with the owner of the Country Arts Building, 9383 Main Street, and his architect on Friday to begin preliminary discussions on a potential redevelopment of the property. The property owner is interested in demolishing the existing building and erecting a new two story building which would be used for office and retail.

17. Attached is a thank you note from Randy Dresbach, an insurance agent from Hillsboro, Ohio. Mr. Dresbach was lost and stopped into the Safety Center where he was greeted by Police Clerk Dianne Smith. Dianne printed off directions and a map for his destination. Great Job Dianne!
18. The fire department received a grant from the Ohio Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Medical Services in the amount of \$2,750. The grant can be used for training and EMS equipment. The grant is funded through Ohio police agencies issuing citations to motorists for the failure to wear seat belts.
19. The July 3 Concert in Montgomery Park will take place on Sunday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. with the Blue Ash Montgomery Symphony Orchestra performing patriotic and popular television show theme song selections. Sponsorship in the amount of \$10,500 was raised for this event. The Blue Ash Montgomery Rotary, the Symphony Guild and the Parks and Recreation Commission will also be on site selling food and drinks.
20. The July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and festival will take place next Monday. The parade starts at 10:00 a.m. on Cooper Road at the Junior High School. The festival will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Montgomery Park with games, food and music along the path in the park. The All-Star game between little league Sycamore Baseball Association teams will take place on the ball diamond at noon.
21. Please find attached Montgomery-related news articles that appeared in the local media since our last update.
22. As you hear the National Anthem played, watch a parade or see a spectacular firework display on Monday, please remember those who are currently serving our country, and have served in the past, that allow us the freedoms to enjoy this holiday. We also want to thank all those staff members who will be working and/or volunteering to provide an outstanding celebration for our residents and visitors. Be safe and enjoy your holiday!

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



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*Thanks*

TO THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY

WITH MANY THANKS.

I am a STATE FARM AGENT FROM HILLSBURG, OHIO. ON 6-21-16 AT 5:30 PM I WAS LOOKING FOR MY POLICYHOLDERS HOUSE, MAP QUEST HAD ME LOST. I STOPPED IN THE SAFETY CENTER AND ASKED FOR HELP. THE DARK HAired LADY IN THE OFFICE ASKED IF SHE COULD HELP ME, AND BOY DID SHE. SHE LOOKED ON THE COMPUTER AND ALSO GAVE ME A MAP WITH DIRECTIONS. IN TODAY'S WORLD PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE THE TIME TO HELP. SHE WAS SO NICE AND IT TOOK HER LESS THAN 5 MINUTES. YOU COULD TELL THAT SHE WAS A GREAT EMPLOYEE. THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY IS LUCKY TO HAVE HER. MANY THANKS RANDY

# Ou est la soiree? Where's the party?

The party's in Montgomery July 16 to celebrate 27 years of friendship with sister city Neuilly-Plaisance, France. From noon to 11 p.m., the whole family will enjoy fun, food, drinks and a variety of entertainment options.

Area restaurants will feature a variety of gourmet cuisine to honor our friendship as well as local favorites like ribs, pizza,

brats, burgers, cheese-cake, ice cream and more. Many new additions will feature their mouth-watering delicacies. Some of the vendors include the European Café, Pacific Kitchen, La Petite France and Cinque Restaurant

Entertainment features talent of all sorts and sounds to keep you moving. The main stage will be alive with beats from Naked Karate Girls while the Motown sounds of the Mistics will groove you on the north stage. Sycamore Community Band will kick off the event.

Kids will enjoy the fun games of luck, stilt walkers, pony rides, face painting, six-hole putt putt and snocones.

More Bastille Day features include:

**Historic Walking Tour** – Join a guide on a 45-minute walking tour of Montgomery's preserved landmark homes and buildings dating back to the 1800's. Meet at the Universalist Church at 1 p.m. **FREE.**

**Selfie Booth** – New this year is a selfie booth providing French-themed backdrops and props. Take a selfie and post your photos on Instagram, Facebook or Twitter and tag your photos with #MontyBastille. Your photo may appear on the City of Montgomery's feed. The selfie booth is sponsored by the French Alliance of Cincinnati.

## Main Stage line-up

Sycamore Community Band will play the American and French national anthems from noon to 1 p.m.

Tom Steele and TOAST plays classic rock from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Naked Karate Girls will close down Bastille Day with your favorite covers from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

## North Stage line-up

Kids' Theatre Camp, 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Tom Bemmes Magic Show, 1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Best of Bastille Announcements, 2:45 p.m.

Walters Race 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Participating wait staff will be challenged to deliver without a spill.

Cool Critters Animal Show, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Mistics, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Save the date for great family fun or a fabulous summer fest for two. Visit [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org) for more details.

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