

March 16, 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 March 13, 2017 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, March 22 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Prior to the Work Session at 5:00 p.m., City Council will meet with members of City staff to conduct its annual evaluation of Wayne's performance as City Manager.
2. Tracy Roblero and Frank Davis met with members of the planning team for Gateway Partners on Monday morning to discuss potential text amendments that may be necessary for the Old Montgomery Gateway District regulations for the Gateway Redevelopment Area. It was a very productive meeting that helped the developer understand the current zoning regulations and helped staff identify areas where the proposed concept plan may conflict with the Zoning Code. Gateway Partners will work on proposed language for text amendments which will be considered by Tracy and Frank before Staff makes a recommendation to Planning Commission on text amendments.
3. On Tuesday evening, the Board of Tax Review met to continue updating the City's tax rules and regulations to ensure compliance with House Bill 5. The Board reviewed and discussed nine regulation sections and made suggestions for clarification. The Board is working towards the goal of having the City's rules and regulations revised and updated by July 30, 2017.
4. On Wednesday afternoon, Brian Riblet and Julie Prickett attended the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) monthly Safety Council meeting. The topic for the March meeting covered a variety of BWC matching grant programs available to employers.
5. On Wednesday, the fire department held the second week of refresher training in first aid for the Montgomery Emergency Response Team (MERT). The MERT team is comprised of teachers at the Sycamore Community Schools District that are taught how to handle initial first aid and emergency care until the arrival of our EMS personnel. The MERT program has been in existence for many years and is another example of how well the City and School District work together.
6. On Wednesday, Local 12 Meteorologist Scott Dimmich interviewed City Arborist and Parks Supervisor Terry Willenbrink and Fire Chief Paul Wright on their recollections of the 1999 Tornado. Terry also took Scott through the Johnson Nature Preserve and, with the lack of ground cover and canopy, Scott was able to take videos of the fallen trees or remnants of the tornado and the reforestation. Paul touched on his memories, lessons learned, mutual aid and what to do in the case of a tornado watch or eminent tornado. Both professionals represented the City of Montgomery well. Faith Lynch will share the website link to the story when it

appears on the Local 12 website around April 9, marking the 18th anniversary of the event. Scott also indicated that it will be an extensive package, collecting Local 12 coverage from that day as well as some recollections of those who lived in the area and were impacted by the tornado.

7. Monday through Saturday, the fire department participated in a joint training program with the Eastern District Fire Chiefs. Each of the six days, Chief Ashbrock taught an introductory class on the incident management system called Blue Card. The training also had a 'hands-on' component where the students simulated their radio traffic in the handling of a building fire. This simulation gives the student the opportunity to practice incident management techniques. In all, approximately 48 area firefighters took the one-day training over the six days that the course was offered. The training was held at the Deer Park Silverton Fire Department's training room.
8. We are very excited to announce that Cindy Abner will be presented with an award in the category of Support Services, at the 2017 Public Administrators of the Year luncheon sponsored by the Greater Cincinnati Chapter of ASPA (American Society of Public Administration) on Friday, April 7. Cindy's strong work ethic, commitment and dedication to the tax department, and her positive interactions with the residents, makes her an award winner in the eyes of the judges and her peers. Congratulations Cindy, we are so proud of you!
9. The final Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy session and graduation ceremony will be held tonight, starting at 5:45 p.m. at the Three Chimneys Clubhouse. Once again, Cinque Restaurant will be catering the festivities. Our partners have been invited to this graduation ceremony and we expect some familiar faces from Sycamore Community Schools and Twin Lakes Senior Living Community to be in attendance and celebrate our 10th class with us. Several service organizations will also present on volunteer opportunities they offer. Those include: Operation Give Back, Montgomery Food Share, Montgomery Ohio Chamber of Commerce and A Kid Again among others.
10. To round out the MCLA experience, our Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy Alumni have been invited to attend an upcoming MCLA 2.0 session on Wednesday, March 29. This conversation will center on commercial development along the Montgomery Road Commercial Corridor and will be led by Community Development Director Tracy Roblero, with special guest speaker Terry Donnellon. This session will be held at Montgomery Inn. A meal will be available at 5:45 p.m. with the session starting at 6:00 p.m. Please let Faith Lynch know if you plan to attend. Seats are going fast.
11. Chief Simpson and Officer Steve Hoy received a heartfelt thank you letter from the Blue Ash Montgomery Rotary Club for their attendance and Steve's presentation on the heroin epidemic at their monthly meeting. Thank you to Steve and the Chief in their continued efforts in educating the community on this prevalent issue.
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: Connie Gaylor, Administrative Coordinator
Department Heads
Terry Donnellon, Law Director

March 12, 2017

Dear Officer Hoy,

On behalf of our Rotary Club, I want to thank you and Chief Simpson for attending our weekly Club meeting last Tuesday, and to thank you for your clear and succinct presentation about the drug abuse epidemic affecting our area. You need not have apologized for the quality of your PowerPoint: It was factual, direct and to-the-point. It resonated with our members. We feel better informed and better protected thanks to your service and that of the Montgomery Police, and you are always welcome at our meetings.

Sincerely,

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