

March 17, 2016

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Wayne S. Davis, City Manager
Department Heads

SUBJECT: Thursday Update



The following information is provided to you as a summary of activities for the week of March 14, 2016 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 23, at 7:00 p.m. Prior to the Work Session meeting there will be a Public Hearing held at 6:30 p.m. to consider a request from Twin Lakes, 9840 Montgomery Road, for the expansion of the Conditional Use Permit and the General Development Plan with equivalencies to allow for the construction of an addition to the Main Campus of Twin Lakes. Prior to the Public Hearing, City Council will meet with members of City staff to conduct its annual evaluation of my performance as City Manager.
2. Mayor Dobrozsi, Councilmembers Harbison, Margolis, Roesch and Suer, along with Tracy Roblero, attended the Hamilton County Planning Partnership Annual Meeting on Friday, March 11. Mayor Dobrozsi was one of four speakers discussing recent development in the Greater Cincinnati Area, and delivered a dynamic presentation to those in attendance at Cooper Creek.
3. Mayor Dobrozsi and Council Member Margolis along with Brian Riblet, Tracy Roblero, Matt Davis and I attended the Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District (TID) meeting on Monday, to discuss the Gateway Redevelopment Area. Mayor Dobrozsi and I gave a presentation to the TID about the proposed project and asked the TID for their continued support moving forward as well as consideration for the City's participation in the Corridors of Opportunity program.
4. On Monday, the City received notification from the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and the State Employee Relations Board of the intent to enter into labor negotiations for the bargaining unit members who are Montgomery Police Department patrol officers and sergeants. The City has responded to the notification and will begin working with the FOP representatives to identify dates for negotiations.
5. Please follow this link to view a story broadcasted on WLWT regarding the funding of school resource officers in which Paul Payne was interviewed as President of the Ohio School Resource Officers Association. <http://www.wlwt.com/news/wlwt-investigates-hiring-school-resource-officers-easier-said-than-done/38513624>.
6. Officer Paul Payne was invited to participate in the Sycamore High School "Euro-Trip" during the upcoming high school spring break. Paul will serve as one of several Chaperones for the trip and his costs will be picked up by the Sycamore High School "Euro-trip" Committee. A total of 72 people will travel to London, Paris, Normandy, Florence and Rome during the tour. Paul has reached out to our Sister City contacts in Neuilly-Plaisance to have someone to contact in

the event there are any problems. Our thanks to Paul for serving as a Chaperone and for his dedication to the students of Sycamore. OPP has now gone international!

7. On Tuesday, members of the Beautification and Tree Commission, as well as public works staff, planted several hundred spring pansies throughout the Heritage District and other identified areas within the City. These colorful flowers are a sure sign that spring is upon us and they will remain in place until Beautification Day in May. Thanks to our Commission members for volunteering their time and efforts to help beautify our City.
8. On Wednesday morning I hosted Alan Geans, the City Manager of Woodlawn, at City Hall for a review of some of Montgomery's work practices. Alan is relatively new to city management and this meeting was set up to review our approach to Strategic Planning as well as our organizational chart, job descriptions, citizen engagement and organizational work philosophies. Alan was quite appreciative of the opportunity to meet and of the information we were able to share with him and indicated that he would make an effort to use the various resources provided to him.
9. The Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy will meet this evening, at 5:45 p.m. for their graduation ceremony at the Three Chimney's Clubhouse at the Vintage Club. Representatives from the Montgomery Historic Preservation Association, Montgomery Farmers' Market, Blue Ash Montgomery Rotary Club, Operation Give Back, Montgomery Woman's Club, Montgomery Food Share, and Montgomery Chamber of Commerce will share their messages of involvement in the community and volunteer opportunities. A final make-up date session at Sycamore High School will be held on Thursday, March 31 at 6:00 p.m. This session was cancelled and rescheduled due to weather concerns. If you are interested in attending either of these sessions, please contact Faith Lynch.
10. Public works staff has been busy this week installing the lake fountains at Pioneer Park, Swaim Park, and the Safety Center. Staff also anticipates having the Neully Plaisance fountain up and running before the end of this week.
11. Camden Homes submitted for a demolition permit for the former Montgomery Swim and Tennis Club site. It is anticipated that they will begin work on demolishing the existing buildings and preparing the site in the next several weeks.
12. On Friday morning Chief Simpson and I will be attending the graduation ceremonies for the 263rd class of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Sergeant Greg Vonden Benken will become the third current member of the police department to graduate from this prestigious training academy. Less than one percent of the nation's law enforcement officers are invited to attend the academy. Congratulations to Greg on this significant achievement and we are proud to be able to participate in his graduation.
13. As a reminder and to tag on to the previous item, Matthew Vanderhorst will be serving as Acting City Manager from Friday, March 18 through Saturday, March 19, while I travel to and return from Virginia. Chief Simpson and I expect to be back in the area in the late evening of March 19 and back to work on Monday, March 21.
14. This week Matthew Vanderhorst published the 10th episode of the Montgomery 45242 podcast. This episode features Kim Chelf from Hamilton County Public Health and Connie Gaylor who discuss the WeThrive Initiative and how it is being implemented in Montgomery. The next episode will feature Ben Shapiro and the new Home Safety Check program offered by the fire department. Future episodes will feature the Montgomery Farmer's Market. You can listen to

all episodes by following this [link](#). As of March 16, the podcast episodes have been downloaded 255 times.

15. The Annual Status Reports for each Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District within the City were filed with the Ohio Department of Development Services on March 10, 2016. This is an informational report disclosing the revenue, expenses and current status for each TIF District. Thanks to Michelle for compiling and filing this annual report.
16. The MCLA 2.0 session on April 14 at Maple Dale Elementary has garnered much interest from our MCLA Alumni. We currently have 51 alumni signed up to attend and Ray Kingsbury is making recruitment phone calls to secure additional attendees. This graduate-level seminar is billed as a “conversation on housing” and the Community Development Department is working with Liz Blume from Xavier University’s Community Building Institute to create an informative and dynamic presentation on national and local trends in housing. This is also a terrific example of partnership with Sycamore Community Schools as they will also be serving the meal this evening. If you wish to attend this session, please contact Faith Lynch.
17. Please find attached an article featuring the appointment of Kelly Beach as the new finance director for the City of Loveland. We are proud of Kelly in her accomplishments and wish her well in her new position. The process for the Assistant Finance Director/Tax Commissioner is still pending with four candidates involved, and we hope to have someone hired and in place by May.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Loveland appoints new finance director

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A Montgomery city official is the new Loveland finance director.

Loveland City Council approved Kelly J. Beach's appointment, effective Feb. 22.

"I am thankful to city council for this opportunity to join Loveland's team.

There are a lot of great things going on in

the community and I'm excited to be a part of what's to come," Beach said.

Loveland Vice Mayor Angie Settell said Beach has a wealth of financial knowledge and she is excited for her to be working for the city.

Beach previously worked as the Montgomery assistant finance director and tax commissioner for almost four years, Montgomery City Manager Wayne Davis said.

"She became a local income tax expert and served as a resource for both the city of Montgomery and her peers in other local jurisdictions. The city of Loveland is fortunate to have Kelly's experience, leadership and expertise and we



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Kelly Beach, right, is sworn in as the Loveland finance director by Vice Mayor Angie Settell.

wish her and Loveland well with her new position," Davis said.

Her salary will be \$84,000 annually.

"Kelly brings a wealth of experience with her to the city of Loveland and will be a wonderful addition to our administrative team. Based on her experience we are confident Kelly will continue the excellence in financial services are residents have come to expect," City Manager Dave Kennedy said.

Beach, who lives in Fairfax, is replacing for-

mer assistant to the City Manager/Finance Director Corey Schmidt, who left for a city manager position in Michigan. Kennedy said he has taken on the responsibilities of the assistant to the city manager position.

Montgomery has started accepting applicants for the assistant finance director and tax commissioner position.

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