

March 2, 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 27, 2017 and as an announcement of activities in the coming weeks:

1. As a reminder, the Financial Planning, Law and Safety and Planning, Zoning and Landmarks Committees have cancelled their meetings for the month of March.
2. A pre-bid meeting was held on Tuesday, February 21 at the public works building for those interested in the public works building renovation/expansion project. There were 23 participants in attendance, an encouraging sign of interest in the project. The bid opening is scheduled for next Tuesday, March 7 at 2:00 p.m.
3. On Friday, February 24, the City of Montgomery and the City of Columbia, Missouri were notified by the American Public Works Association (APWA) that they received the APWA "Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Award". The national award selections were based on the following criteria: storage and handling of materials, equipment, training, community outreach, technical processes, environmental practices and administration. The City will be presented with a plaque during the opening general session of the APWA North American Snow Conference in Des Moines, Iowa held April 23-26.
4. On Saturday, Terry Willenbrink represented the City of Montgomery at the 4th Annual Great Tree Summit at the Boone County Extension Enrichment Center along with the City of Madisonville and the City of Covington. Terry provided information regarding our efforts to secure the Tree City USA and Growth Awards along with our outreach efforts with the Right-of-Way Tree Program offered at Montgomery.
5. On Monday and Tuesday, Lieutenant Mark Stagge attended the Fire Safety Expo in Columbus, Ohio. In addition to training and networking, this conference covers new laws and fire codes enacted by the State Legislature over the past year. Thank you to Mark for staying on top of the latest fire codes in the State of Ohio.
6. The Quarterly CPR Class was held this past Saturday with 21 students in attendance. Due to demand, an extra class for this will be held this Saturday, March 4th with 11 students registered to date.
7. The Board of Zoning Appeals met on Tuesday night to elect officers for the year and to receive a legal training from Law Director, Terry Donnellon. The Board members were very engaged in the training and asked pertinent questions that will serve them well in their role moving forward.

8. Public Works staff responded to several plugged catch basin issues today due to the heavy and quick down pours of rain throughout Tuesday evening and into the morning hours of Wednesday.
9. School Resource Officer Paul Payne and Patrol Officer Alexis Guilkey have both returned to work on light duty. We are happy to have Paul and Alexis back with us.
10. The Montgomery Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) met on Wednesday evening to consider a request for a historic preservation matching grant from Forrest Smith to replace the existing roof with a new fiberglass shingle that has the appearance of slate on the Parrot-Smith House located at 7712 Cooper Road. The Landmarks Commission approved the work during their meeting in February and the CIC approved the application for a grant in order to help preserve the life of this Landmark building.
11. City Council held a public hearing on Wednesday evening to consider a request from Twin Lakes for a conditional use permit to allow for the construction of a memory support assisted living facility at 10110 Montgomery Road. The Planning Commission met to consider the conditional use permit as well as the General Development Site Plan for the proposed building on January 9, 2017 and recommended approval of the conditional use permit to City Council. After hearing the testimony at the public hearing and discussing the application, City Council voted to approve the conditional use permit.
12. Thursday morning the HealthCare Benefits Committee (James Martin, Patrick Morgan, Julie Prickett, Mike Rogers, Katie Smiddy, Julie Tople and ad-hoc member Sharon Savitt) met to review its 2017 timeline and to begin its annual preparations for evaluating and vetting health insurance carrier proposals for group health insurance coverage plans to be effective October 1, 2017.
13. The City received two submissions for the Letter of Interest (LOI) regarding consulting services for the SR126 and Montgomery Road Interchange Improvement Project. Terry Donnellon, Wayne Davis and Brian Riblet are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, March 7 to review and score each of the submissions as we move forward in the process.
14. The Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy (MCLA) will meet this evening beginning at 5:45 p.m., at the Montgomery Safety Center. The "Homeland Safety and Security in your own backyard" session promises several unique experiences for the participants including understanding their role in disaster preparedness and acknowledging the challenges in use of force situations. If you would like to attend, please inform Faith Lynch. Thank you to all staff who are assisting with these demonstrations, presentations and exercises, and creating a fantastic experience for the MCLA participants.
15. Please find attached letters that were sent to our Governor and State of Ohio Legislators in opposition to those sections of Sub Senate Bill 331 governing the construction and attachment activities related to micro wireless devices/facilities in the public right-of-way (ROW). This refers to small cell towers that can be placed on a pole in the ROW of way of any area within the City, even in areas where the utilities are underground and there are no existing poles. The enactment of SB331 strips communities of local control over our ROW as the providers are granted automatic approval to initiate installation of this technology. City staff will continue to monitor the status of this issue and work with our municipal peers toward a repeal of this portion of the Senate Bill. In this vein, there is currently a group of Central Ohio Municipalities which have joined forces to consider the filing of litigation in opposition to this legislation. Our plan is to keep current with the effort of the Central Ohio group, and their plans to file litigation seeking to stay enforcement of the Bill. If a stay is granted, we will work with this group

through trial, however if a stay is not requested or granted, we will need to consider modification of our existing code.

16. Please find attached letters that were sent to our State of Ohio legislators in opposition to those sections of Sub Senate Bill 331 governing the construction and attachment activities related to micro wireless facilities in the public way. This refers to small cell towers that can be placed on a pole in the right of way of any area within the City, even in areas where the utilities are underground and there are no existing poles. The enactment of SB331 strips communities of local control over our right-of-ways as the providers are granted automatic approval. City staff will continue to monitor the status of this issue and work with our municipal neighbors towards a repeal of this portion of the Senate Bill.
17. Please see the attached thank you notes received from the Montgomery Presbyterian Church staff to Chief Simpson and Assistant Police Chief Crowell for their presentation on heroin in the Tri-State.
18. A representative from the Ohio Collaborative Committee conducted a successful site visit of the police department as the last requirement for the processing of an Official Certification and Recognition for completing the 2016 Standards.
19. Please see the attached monthly report from the police department for the month of February.
20. The Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy (MCLA) Alumni were invited to participate in a 'graduate-level' workshop to augment their MCLA experience by providing them with a strong understanding and awareness of the multiple, critical components involved in economic development and zoning along the Montgomery Road Commercial Corridor. Law Director Terry Donnellon will address the graduates on the specific court cases that have impacted local land use and commercial development in Montgomery, particularly in the Montgomery Road Commercial Corridor. Tracy Roblero, community development director, will present information specific to commercial development trends in Montgomery including in-fill redevelopment, zoning requirements, and future land use. Input from the session will be used in plan development. This MCLA 2.0 session will be held on Wednesday, March 29 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., at Montgomery Inn. A meal will be provided. Please let Faith Lynch know if you would like to attend or you may register here <https://www.montgomeryohio.org/mcla-2>. We currently have 31 registrations for this event.
21. We are sad to report that Dick Conklin, a former resident and longtime volunteer at the City, recently passed away at his home in Colorado. Dick formerly served on the Board of Tax Appeals from 1987 to 1994 and then again from 2000 to 2010. You may remember his wife Juanita, who passed away in 2002, was also a dedicated volunteer for the City. She served on the Arts, Beautification, Bicentennial and Landmarks Commissions from 1990 to 1995. Both Dick and Juanita are recognized in the Volunteer Walk of Fame located in Montgomery Park and were also founding members of the Montgomery Historic Preservation Association. We wish to honor their memory and service and send our thoughts to their families.
22. Please see the attached Social Media report for February.

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 1, 2017

Senator Terhar
Senate Building
1 Capitol Square, Ground Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Representative Terhar:

On behalf of the City of Montgomery, Ohio, with the unanimous support of City Council, I am writing to express our concern and opposition to those sections of Sub SB 331 governing the construction and attachment activities related to micro wireless facilities in the public way.

The enactment of this legislation strips our communities of local control over our right-of-way. The inability to work with micro wireless installers to support and shape our community undermines our right to local control, constitutionally protected under Sections 3 and 7 of Article XVIII of the Ohio Constitution.

We are very concerned that the placement of these commercial facilities cannot be controlled, particularly in residential subdivisions, nor in any area of our community where developers and property owners have chosen to incur the additional cost to move utilities underground.

A more fair and balanced approach is needed to review the issue of micro wireless facilities. We encourage you to immediately enact legislation to repeal this portion of Sub SB 331 until all interests can be balanced and the rights of your constituents and the rights to local control may be respected.

Sincerely,

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Wayne S. Davis
City Manager



March 1, 2017

Governor John Kasich
Riffe Center, 30th Floor
77 South High St
Columbus, OH 43215-6117

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Representative William Seitz
District 30
77 S. High St, 13th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-6117

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Chief Simpson,

On behalf of Montgomery
Presbyterian Church I extend
our sincere thank you for
your time and discussion
with our "Lunch Bunch". It
was most informative and
interesting to learn what is
happening in this difficult
situation. I have had so many
appreciative comments from
members of our group and you
answered many questions.

John Crowell
Asst Chief of Police:

John:

My sincere thank you
for your time and talent
in leading our discussion
with Chief Simpson, Bruce
Henry for the "Lunch Bunch"
at MPC. We found it very
informative and enlightening.

It is not an easy subject
but one that many people

MEMO

TO: Wayne Davis
City Manager

FROM: Gregory Harris
Police Sergeant

DATE: March 1, 2017

REFERENCE: February Council Report

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- 2/01 Montgomery Officers on all three shifts had drug arrests as results of traffic enforcement violations throughout the City. All persons were cited and released from the scene for drug abuse and paraphernalia.
- 2/02 Sergeant Michael Plaatje responded for a fire detail to 10555 Montgomery Road to one of the townhome units. False alarm, food had been burned on the stove by the homeowner.
- 2/03 Montgomery Units responded for eight auto accidents throughout the City, spanning all three shifts in a twenty-four hour period.
- 2/04 Officer Lauren Helgeson responded to an auto accident on Reed Hartman Highway to assist Sharonville Police with the scene and an OVI arrest.
- 2/05 Officer Alex Janszen responded for reports of a possibly intoxicated female subject leaving Kroger, 9939 Montgomery Road. Upon arrival and contact, the subject was ok and not impaired. She was sent on her way.
- 2/06 Officer Nick Nimeskern responded with Fire to Cooperwood Lane for reports of smoke/odor of smoke throughout the residence. Apparently problems with the HVAC/furnace were to blame.
- 2/07 Second shift Officers Martin Day and Alex Janszen, along with Sergeant Michael Plaatje had three separate drug arrests throughout their shift.

- 2/08 Sergeant Michael Davenport responded to 10101 Montgomery Road, the Montgomery City Hall for an intrusion alarm. Property secure. Unable to determine the reason for the alarm.
- 2/09 Third shift Officers Scott Bierer and Steve Hoy conducted nine security checks on third shift's overnight hours in the City's Heritage District.
- 2/10 Officer Lauren Helgeson stopped a vehicle on interstate 275 near interstate 71 for a speeding violation. The driver was also charged with underage consumption.
- 2/11 Officer Alex Janszen assisted the Blue Ash Police Department with a prowler detail on Hunt Road as part of our mutual aid agreement.
- 2/12 Officer Lauren Helgeson stopped out with two male subjects walking on Interstate 275 near Interstate 71. Both subjects were transported off of the interstate and one of the subjects was recited on active warrants out of the Village of Mariemont.
- 2/13 Sergeant Michael Plaatje responded for a deer that had impaled itself onto a homeowner's fence on Symphony Lane. The animal was destroyed and picked-up by the City's public works department.
- 2/14 Officer Scott Bierer conducted ten security checks during the overnight hours in the City's Heritage District, finding one business open. Scott was able to re-secure the property after checking the interior.
- 2/15 Officer Scott Bierer conducted five security checks through the overnight hours in the Heritage District. All five businesses were secure.
- 2/16 Officer Lauren Helgeson and Scott Bierer responded for reports of a serious auto accident around the 15.9 mile post on south IR 71 involving a semi-truck and two passenger vehicles. The accident was located at the 16.4 mile post in the City of Blue Ash.

- 2/17 Officer Scott Bierer executed a traffic stop on southbound IR 71 for multiple lane violations. The driver was subsequently charged with OVI and processed and released from the police station.
- 2/18 Officer Lauren Helgeson executed a traffic stop on State Route 126 for multiple lane violations. The driver was subsequently charged with OVI and processed and released from the police station.
- 2/19 Sergeant Kevin Gruber assisted the Warren County Sheriff's Department with information on an ongoing investigation of theirs.
- 2/20 Officer Martin Day responded for reports of four men fighting in the Montgomery Square shopping complex. Upon arrival, nothing was located.
- 2/21 There were 23 security checks conducted during the overnight hours by our third shift officers. During those checks, three businesses were found to be unsecure or open.
- 2/22 Officer Scott Bierer and Sergeant Davenport stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation, speeding 96/65 zone on Interstate 71. A probable cause search revealed marijuana and suboxone packaged for distribution, per the subjects, on its way to the London Correctional Facility in London, Ohio. Twenty-eight pounds of contraband were seized.
- 2/23 Officer Lauren Helgeson assisted Reading PD with the search of a female prisoner, on Main Street in Reading.
- 2/24 Officer Bob Otte responded for a multi-vehicle accident on St. Rt. 126 near the IR 71 interchange. Officer Otte assisted Sycamore Township who handled the accident.
- 2/25 Officer Alex Janszen located a large group of juveniles gathered at a residence on Remington Road. Contact was made and there was an underage party. Parents contacted who returned home unaware of the party.

- 2/26 Officer Alex Janszen responded to the 8100 block of Montgomery Road to assist Sycamore Township with several disorderly customers at a local business.
- 2/27 Officer Steve Hoy stopped a vehicle for traffic violations on IR 71. The driver was wanted out of Mount Healthy and was recited on their warrants and released from the scene.
- 2/28 Officer Lauren Helgeson stopped a vehicle for traffic violations on IR 71 and subsequently charged the driver with possession of marijuana and paraphernalia. The driver was cited and released from the scene.

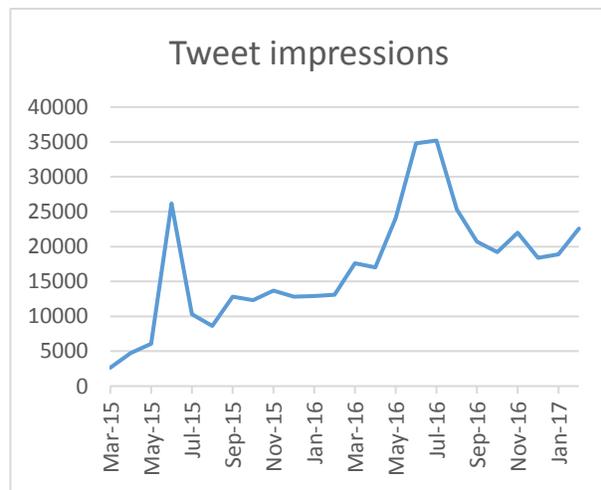
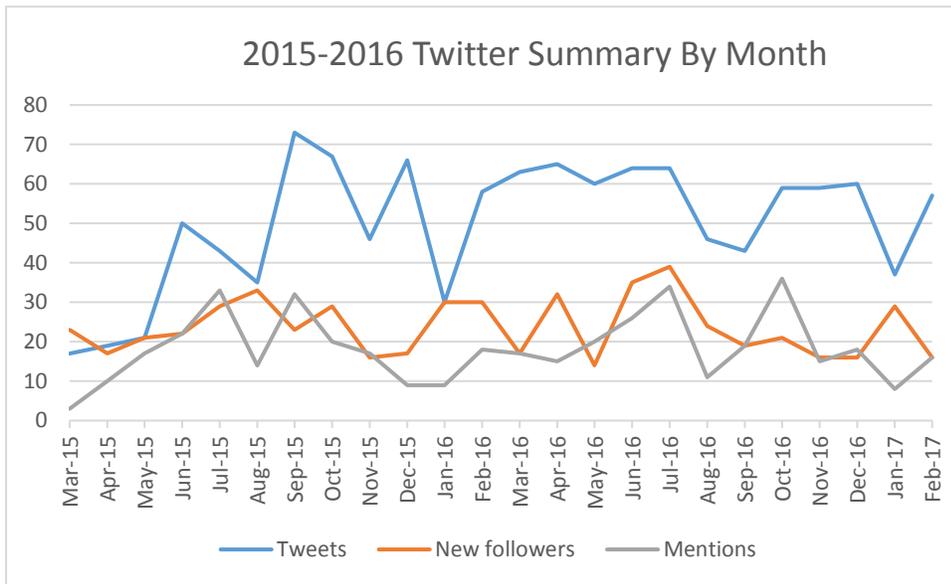
February 2017 MONTGOMERY POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

Sergeant Michael Davenport attended a two day PELC conference in Columbus, OH.

Officer Steve Hoy attended a NARCO officers meeting in preparation for the upcoming training year in Columbus, OH.

February 2017 Social Media Report

Twitter



Twitter Analysis:

Total number of new followers on Twitter climbed by 16 for a total of 1,108 followers. The top tweet was made on Feb. 7 and was a tweet about the MCLA session at Sycamore Jr. High School. The tweet included a photo of Superintendent Forsthoefel and Board member Diane Adamec receiving a photo collage thanking the school district for its partnership on this yearly engagement event. This tweet had 1,336 impressions and 59 engagements including three retweets. The top media tweet was a tweet

done for Community Leadership Forum and had 909 impressions and 14 engagements (like, retweet and clicks on the photo). The top mention was a tweet done by @SycamoreSchools on Feb. 7, highlighting several photos from the MCLA session at Sycamore Junior High School. This tweet had garnered 207 engagements (likes), five retweets and nine likes.

Twitter Definitions:

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

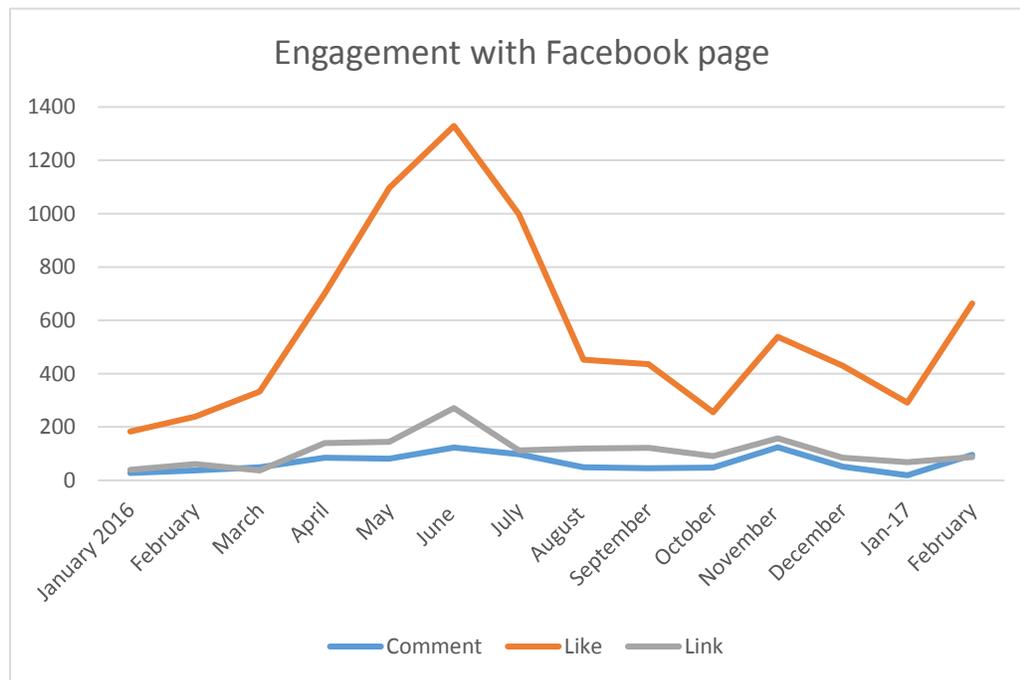
Mentions: Any tweet that contains @montgomeryohio (our username)

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.

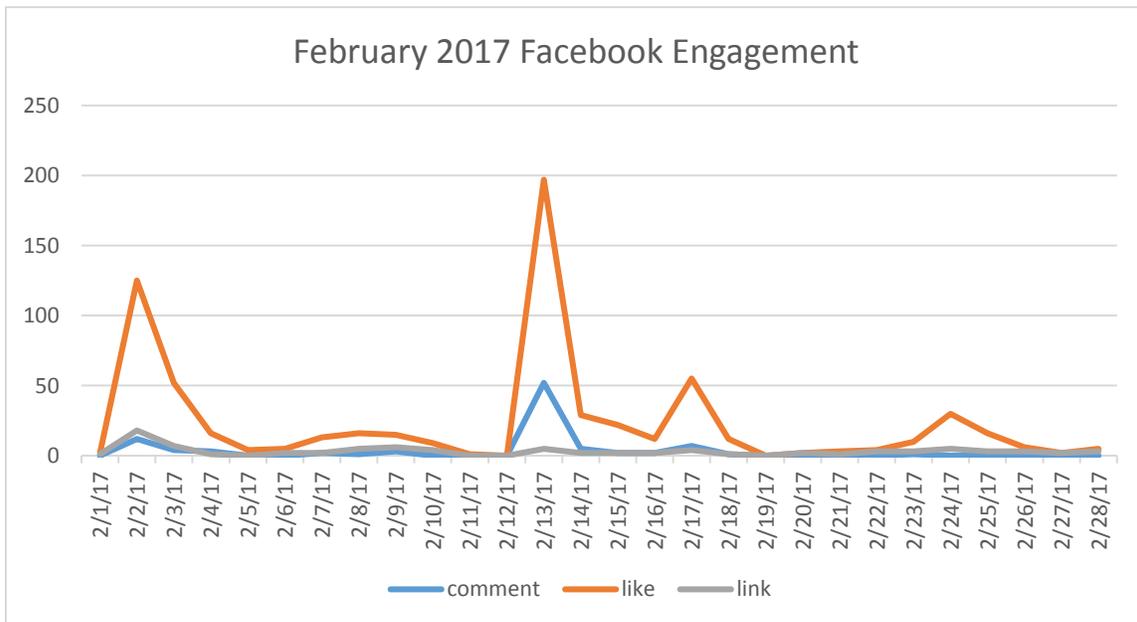
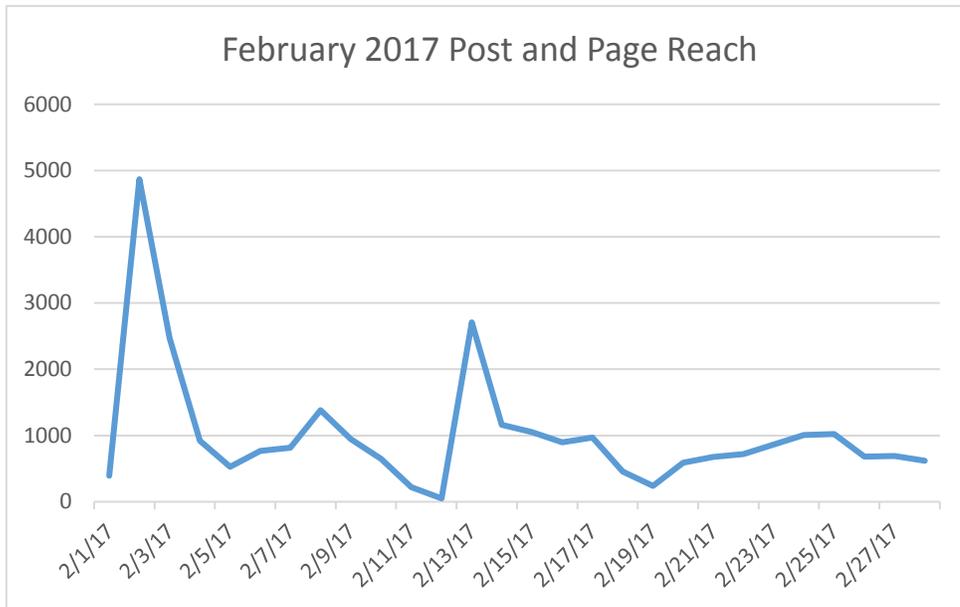
The most effective Tweet features include:

- 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.



Facebook Analysis:

The post on Feb. 2 reaped 6,396 impressions and 207 reactions. 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 was a link to the City webpage about the Hamilton County sale of land to the City of Montgomery for the GRA.

The post on Feb. 13 announced Laith Alfaqih as Montgomery City Council’s newest member. This was a post linking to the press release found on the City’s website. This post engaged with 3,423 people and received 311 reactions.

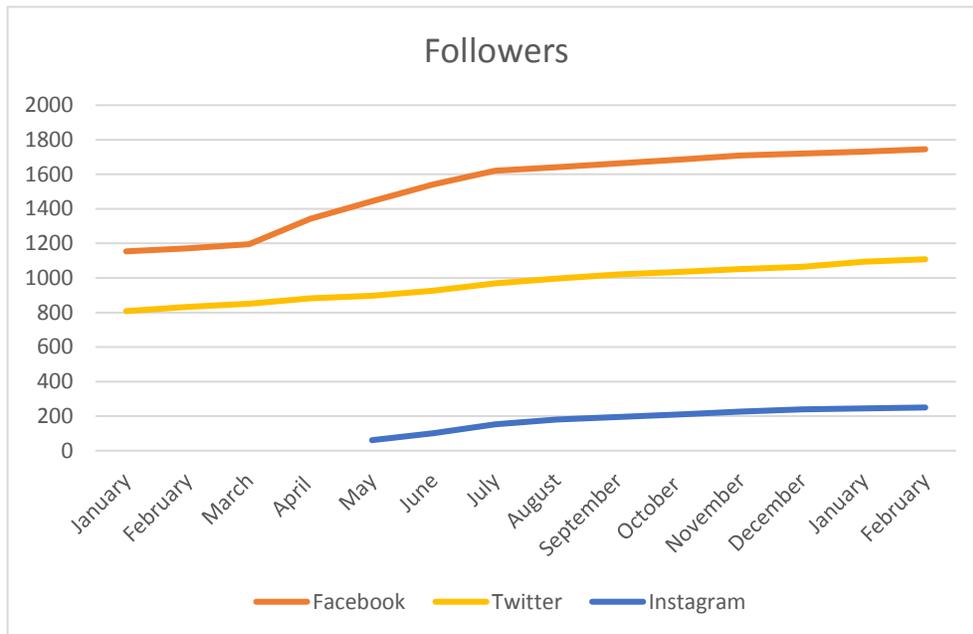
The third post with the greatest reach was a post done on Feb. 16 reminding residents that door to door solicitors must register with the Police. This message was a result of reports of painters circulating flyers to paint curbside address numbers. This post reached 1,073 people, had 13 reactions and 28 post clicks, and included a link to the City webpage detailing this information.

Facebook Definitions:

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 Feb. 28, the City Instagram page has 250 followers. This was up five from last month. If you have a friend or family member using Instagram, please ask them to follow the City of Montgomery @MontgomeryOhio. If you are using Instagram, please follow @MontgomeryOhio.