

May 26, 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 May 23, 2016 and as an announcement of activities in the coming weeks:

1. As a reminder, City Council is scheduled to meet in Business Session on Wednesday, June 1, immediately following a Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. to consider the recommendation of the Planning Commission on two applications. The first application from Twin Lakes is for the expansion of a conditional use permit to allow for the extension of the parking lot. The proposed parking lot expansion would add 14 parking spaces on the south side of the property along Perin Road. The second application is from Columbia Oldsmobile, Inc., for the expansion of a conditional use permit and Final Development Site Plan Approval to allow for a new free standing used car building.
2. Last Friday the City's management team (Joe Scholler, Don Simpson, John Crowell, Julie Prickett and Katie Smiddy) met with the FOP team (Ross Rader, Greg Harris, James Martin and Bob Otte) to begin negotiations for a new collective bargaining agreement. A second negotiations session was held this afternoon. The current FOP contract expires June 30.
3. Sergeant Mike Davenport graduated from the Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) last Friday. The rigorous three-week training covers public speaking, leadership, management and current topics in law enforcement. Mike joins Chief Simpson, Sergeants Plaatje and Vonden Benken as a PELC graduate. Congratulations Mike!
4. This past Saturday the Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) held a Spring Shredding event in conjunction with the monthly cardboard recycling at the public works facility. This new collection day was added by the EAC to take advantage of much needed post-tax time document destruction and is in addition to the regular shredding event normally held in October. Volunteers were very busy helping the 190 cars that came through the line. Royal Document had to stop collecting as their truck was full after shredding approximately 11,000 pounds of paper! Thank you to EAC Commission members: Mike Cappel, Carol Suer, Mark Laskovics, Laith Alfaqih, Donna Schwartz, and Elaine Cohen, as well as Gary Heitkamp, for enduring the rain and cold temperatures to make this event a success.
5. On Monday the HealthCare Benefits Committee (James Martin, Patrick Morgan, Julie Prickett, Mike Rogers, Katie Smiddy, Sharon Savitt and Julie Tople from HORAN) met to discuss issues and timelines regarding upcoming group insurance contract renewals as well as to discuss preparations for this year's EasyApps process which will occur during the second half of June.

6. On Monday afternoon, Tracy, Katie, Matt Davis, and Megan Hube from DSD Advisors, and Wayne attended the Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District (TID) meeting at the County Administration Building. The City was not required to make a presentation but the members of the Board thanked the City for being in attendance and were extremely complimentary of our efforts in managing the logistics of the application process as well as City Council's vision in pursuing the project for the community. In addition to our project, the TID also approved applications for funding for projects in Deer Park and Silverton via House Bill 53 Funds. As mentioned in an earlier communication this week, this is just the first phase of this application process, but we met the deadline for submission and received approval and we will continue to keep City Council current with our work on the Gateway Redevelopment Area (GRA). In other GRA news for the week, OKI also indicated that they are in receipt of the City's applications for both Surface Transportation Programs (STP) and Transportation Alternatives (TA) Funds. Both applications will be reviewed by the OKI Prioritization Subcommittee on September 6, 2016.
7. On Monday evening Council Members Cappel, Harbison, Margolis and Suer, along with Katie and Wayne, attended the Hamilton County Municipal League meeting at the Sharonville Fire Department. The meeting was well attended and speakers for the evening included new Ohio Municipal League (OML) Executive Director Kent Scarrett, Hamilton County Commissioner Dennis Deters, and a presentation from an Energy Consultant. Kent discussed the vision he has for OML since his appointment in March, including a report on the state of Local Government in Ohio, plans to work with other partners/associations in pursuit of local government interests and plans for an Economic Development Directors Association. Commissioner Deters spoke about several of the large issues currently being faced by the County, including 9-1-1 Funding, balancing the Hamilton County Budget, the Heroin Crisis, Metropolitan Sewer District operations and plans to acquire land and build a new facility for the County Coroner and Crime Lab.
8. The Board of Zoning Appeals met on Tuesday to consider a variance request from a property owner in Tanagerwoods Subdivision to allow for a four-foot-high fence in the front yard of a corner lot. After hearing the testimony provided at the hearing, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted to deny the request.
9. Sarah Fink has recently earned the designation of Certified Parks and Recreation Professional (CPRP). In addition to meeting education requirements and work experience requirements, candidates for this designation must also pass an extensive written examination. Congratulations to Sarah for achieving this professional designation!
10. Gary Heitkamp and Jesse Bundy have been coordinating with Metropolitan Sewer District on two sanitary lateral repairs on Montgomery Road, one in front of Bethesda North and the other in front of Steak and Shake restaurant. Both repairs are now complete, and the roadway pavement is restored. Thank you for your patience regarding the lane closures and adverse effects on traffic.
11. The City's Management team met this afternoon with members of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and their Representative, Ross Rader, in the second meeting of labor negotiations.
12. The Montgomery Community Pool opens this Saturday, May 28, marking the beginning of summer. At this time 407 memberships have been sold which is one membership less as compared to this time last year. The swim team has reached its maximum number of swimmers with 121 kids registered. Practice begins next week. The first session of swim lessons begins on June 6, and to date 63 swimmers have enrolled to learn the lifelong skill of swimming.

13. In preparation of the pool opening, public works and recreation staff have been working to complete projects such as: painting the bathroom walls and floors, caulking the pool bottom joints in the shallow end to make the joints smoother, installing a new sound system, the giant funbrellas were restitched, four new umbrellas were added to the concession area and guard stands, the Adirondack chairs were repainted, shower curtains were hung in each bathroom for more privacy, and the basketball court was restriped. Thanks to Matthew for his work with having a new fiber optic cable installed to the pool. This improvement will allow our technology to be more reliable and faster. We look forward to a great pool opening weekend.
14. The Police Department was notified by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction that they have been approved as a six-hour Temporary Holding Facility (THF) for 2016. This allows enough time to book prisoners before transporting them to the Hamilton County Justice Center downtown. A big thanks to Sergeant Greg Harris for his yearly efforts on maintaining this important certification!
15. The Police Department has recently placed three new SafePace100 Speed Board Signs into service, in various parts of the City. The lightweight boards are radar speed signs and can be strategically placed on roadways and in subdivisions to monitor traffic complaints and can also be used to count vehicles traveling on the roadway during any given date or time. The units weigh about 20 pounds apiece and can be deployed quickly by traffic safety officers. Sergeant Kevin Gruber researched several different units and found the Traffic Logix product to be the best fit for the City of Montgomery with the end goal of safer roadways for motorists and pedestrians.
16. Attached is a thank you card from a recent Sycamore High School graduate expressing her gratitude for Officer Paul Payne's service and dedication as the School Resource Officer (SRO) throughout her time as a high school student. Great work Paul!
17. Public works staff has been busy beautifying the landscape beds throughout the City, along with planting trees at the Cemetery preparing it for Memorial Day. Staff has also been working at the swimming pool to make sure things are ready to go for the opening this weekend.
18. Attached is a nice letter from Sycamore Superintendent Frank Forsthoefel offering "thanks" for Wayne's service on the Executive Advisory Board. Wayne says that he gets more out of this than he gives and that this participation helps Wayne to stay involved with School operations as well as maintaining rapport with School staff and others in the community.
19. Next week will kick off the start of our 2016 Summer Camps. We will be hosting a variety of camps from June 1 through August 5. In total, we have 13 camps this year, with a variety of topics that are sure to pique every child's interest. Camp topics include Art (Drawing and Painting), Technology (3D Printing, Mobile Application Development, Video Animation/Paintball), Sports (Tennis, Golf, Soccer, Baseball), and Theater. Registration is still open and spots are still available in most camps.
20. The Gertz company is expected to complete the fire hydrant replacement project by the end of next week. There were 27 identified fire hydrants included in this year's program. Public works staff consider hydrant replacement in their annual review process of identifying streets to be included in the annual street resurfacing program. This review allows for an accurate inventory of hydrant replacement and provides for the safety of our community.
21. As a reminder City Offices will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. To those staff members who will be working, we appreciate your service to the

safety of our community during the holiday weekend. Please remember those who have given their lives to protect our freedoms.

22. 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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Dear Executive Advisory Commission Member,

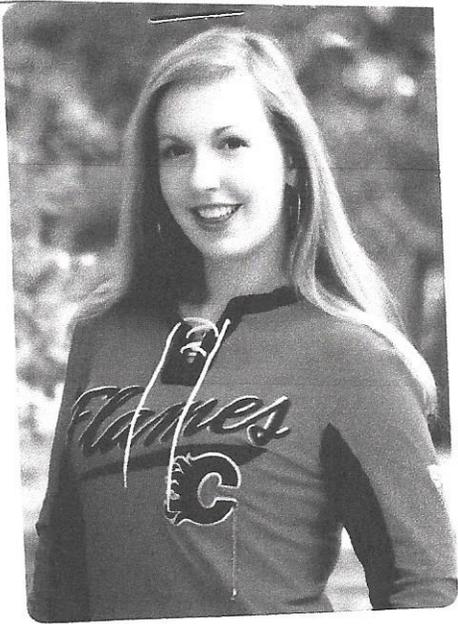
Words alone cannot adequately express my gratitude to you for providing guidance to our service to students through your engagement with the Executive Advisory Council. Sycamore Community Schools enjoys the benefits of strong partnerships with our local businesses, service organizations and institutions of higher learning. This partnership is only strengthened by our organizations actively listening to one another and sharing ideas on how to make our communities and our schools better.

The senior leadership team in Sycamore learned so much from your input this year and truly value the spirit by which you offered it. We have gotten better as an organization through the work of the EAC, and for that, we are truly grateful. Please enjoy the summer months fast approaching and I look forward to connecting with you soon. We will communicate our intentions and schedule of the EAC for the 2016 - 17 school at some point in late summer. Please know I am available by phone or email if we can be of service to you. Thank you again for all that you do in support of Sycamore Community Schools.

With gratitude,



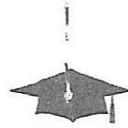
Frank A. Forsthoefel
Superintendent



Dear O.P.P.

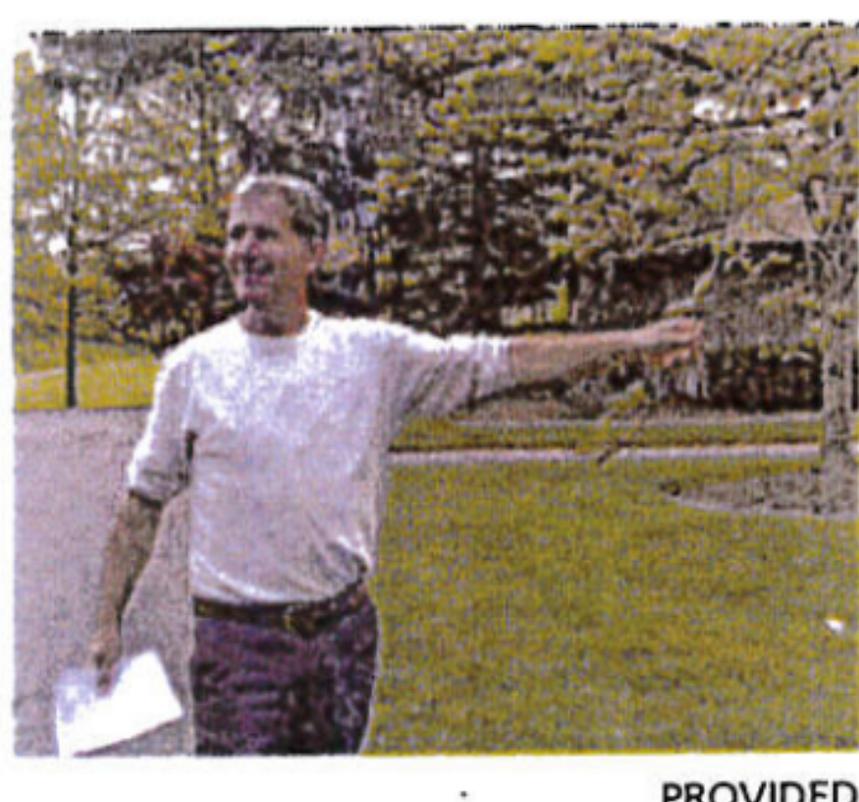
Thank you so much for everything you've done for me these past four years. Not only do you work hard to keep the school safe & secure but you've really made me feel apart of the Sycamore Family. I will never forget our jokes & talks 😊 you're awesome O.P.P. The school wouldn't be the same without you. Thanks for making a difference in my life. ❤️ I'll miss you!!

Sincerely,
Sarah Wright



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While on his annual Arbor Day Walk, Montgomery arborist Terry Willenbrink points out black knot fungal disease on a Canada red chokecherry tree in Dulle Park.

Montgomery recognized for Tree City USA achievement

Montgomery was recognized as a Tree City USA in the Southwest Ohio awards ceremony hosted by West Carrollton and its Parks Commission.

This is the 20th time the City of Montgomery community has been honored with this nationally recognized award and the 17th time the city was recognized with a Growth Award.

"The City of Montgomery is proud of its Tree City USA designation and attributes this success to the unwavering stewardship of the Beautification and Tree Commission members, dedicated city staff members and support of City Council," City Manager Wayne Davis said.

The awards were presented to the Tree City USA communities by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry at the West Carrollton Nazarene Church. The title of "Tree City USA" was bestowed upon the Montgomery community for its ongoing efforts to maintain and improve the quality of life through a comprehensive street tree management program. The program is guided by the Beautification and Tree Commission, City Council and staff.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry acts as a guiding hand in helping a community to become qualified as a Tree City USA. The Urban Forester recommends a community to the Arbor Day Foundation for this standing. In order to achieve the title and the honors, a community must meet four standards: a Tree Ordinance; an active Tree Commission or forestry department; a comprehensive urban forestry program supported by a minimum of \$2 per capita, and an annual Arbor Day proclamation and public observance.

Ohio boasts the greatest number of Tree Cities in the country with 241 last year. Forty-two of Southwest Ohio's communities are Tree Cities.