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Memorandum

November 19, 2015

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Wayne S. Davis, City Manager WSD
Department Heads

SUBJECT: Thursday Update

The following information is provided to you as a summary of activities for the week of November 16, 2015 and as an announcement of activities in the coming weeks:

1. As a reminder, City Council is scheduled to hold the City Council Swearing-In Ceremony and Organizational Meeting on Wednesday, December 2 at 5:45 p.m.

2. As a reminder, City Council is scheduled to meet in Business Session on Wednesday, December 2 immediately following the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. to hear a request from Twin Lakes for the rezoning of the property at 9876 Montgomery Road from 'GB' – General Business District to 'D-2' – Multi-Family Residential District. The applicant is requesting the rezoning of the property in preparation of an expansion of the Twin Lakes campus, which would not be permitted in the General Business District.

3. The Safety Center received the attached thank you email from Brownie Troop Leader Joyce Dentinger, for the tour of the facilities on Sunday, November 8. Joyce sends her appreciation and thanks to Firefighters Mike Jones and Jason Brice and Sergeant Kevin "Ken" Gruber. Thank you to Mike, Jason and Kevin (Ken) for your efforts in building great community relationships. Great job!

4. On Friday, November 13, Montgomery police officers located an intoxicated driver reported by several 9-1-1 emergency calls about erratic driving during the morning rush hour. Officer Bob Otte attempted to stop the vehicle near Pfeiffer Road, the man was unaware and incoherent, and struck another vehicle and a Sycamore School Bus head-on before coming to a stop in front of Bethesda North Hospital. The man was taken into custody and then treated at the Emergency Room, for injuries resulting from the crash and a possible drug overdose. No children were hurt in the incident, but the driver of the other car sustained head injuries and a broken foot and is recovering at home. The intoxicated man will face several felony charges when the Grand Jury convenes on Friday, November 20. Great job by all involved!

5. On Monday, Tracy Roblero, Brian Riblet, Terry Donnellon, Michelle Greis, Kelly Beach and I met to discuss the latest submission from Brandicorp and Great Traditions in regards to the Vintage Club. Tracy Roblero met with Jerry Royce and Doug Hinger on Tuesday, to share with them the items discussed among the internal team. We are expecting to hear back from members of their team by the end of the week with revised information. The team continues to make progress on these plans as we work to ensure that everyone involved are in sync with their plans.

6. On behalf of the Ohio School Resource Officer Association, School Resource Officer Paul Payne attended the Board of Building Standards Stakeholder Meeting in Reynoldsburg, Ohio

on Monday. This meeting was conducted for feedback related to proposed changes to HB 64 governing rules for use of a device that would prevent ingress and egress through a door in a school building during an emergency situation and active shooter training/situations.

7. On Tuesday, Brian Riblet and Gary Heitkamp attended an ODOT Lockdown meeting with representatives from ODOT and OKI regarding the proposed Montgomery Road Sidewalk Project which would include constructing a concrete sidewalk on the east side of Montgomery Road from Weller Road to the main entrance of Tri-Health (Bethesda Hospital). The meeting is required to assure all parties are on schedule and the nearly $500,000 of grant funding is still programmed and available. The target award date for the proposed project is anticipated for June 1, 2017.

8. On Wednesday, Brian Riblet and Gary Heitkamp attended the Hamilton County Storm Water District (HCSWD) Capital Improvement Project Program seminar to gather information on criteria to submit potential projects for consideration. The deadline for submission is December 4, 2015.

9. Makayla Bath, a junior at Sycamore High School, began a job shadowing internship with the City on Wednesday. Makayla is interested in local government specifically in the role of an elected official. She will be job shadowing Tracy Roblero and will be working with the Community Development Department throughout her internship experience. She attended both the Public Hearing and City Council meeting on Wednesday and at some point, may attend a Planning, Zoning and Landmarks Committee meeting to gain perspective from the view of elected officials. We believe that the topics to be discussed at the upcoming public hearings will provide an interesting learning experience for Makayla. Thank you to Tracy, Melissa and Evelyn for your willingness to assist with this job shadowing internship.

10. Lieutenant John Crowell attended the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) Safety Training at the Oasis Golf Club in Clermont County on Wednesday. The City receives reductions in premiums for sending representatives from different departments throughout the year. Thanks goes out to John for taking the time out of his busy day and attending this important training event!

11. The Planning, Zoning and Landmarks Committee of City Council met on Wednesday, to interview four potential candidates for the Board of Zoning Appeals. There are currently two vacant positions on the Board of Zoning Appeals and one position that will become vacant at the end of January 2016.

12. City Council held a public hearing on Wednesday, November 18, to hear a request from Camden Homes for the redevelopment of the former Montgomery Swim and Tennis Club located at 9441 Orchard Club Drive. Camden Homes is proposing to rezone the property and establish a Planned Development Overlay to develop a twenty-nine lot single family detached residential subdivision. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the rezoning and Planned Development Overlay to City Council. City Council voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to rezone the property to 'D-3' Multi-Family with a Planned Development Overlay and to confirm the equivalency for the General Development Plan.

13. Chief Wright attended the Hamilton County Fire Chiefs' monthly meeting on Wednesday morning. Health Commissioner Tim Ingram talked to the group about the challenges of the heroin epidemic and announced that he is making the drug Narcan available to area departments in a one-time grant program. Narcan is an opioid antagonist given in heroin

overdoses. The Commissioner realizes that this is just a "drop in the bucket", but was committed to utilizing the grant program in order to assist local departments.

14. Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) contacted public works staff regarding their plans to complete a water main replacement project in Montgomery in 2016. Staff will work with GCWW to coordinate this project that includes a portion of Weller Road, Indianwoods Drive, Turtlecreek Court, Merrick Court, and Brandywine Lane.

15. Public works staff have completed hanging all of the holiday lights throughout the Heritage District and other identified areas within the City. Staff will be prepared to turn on the lights on Wednesday, November 25 for the holiday season.

16. On Monday, November 23, Michelle and I will meet with Sycamore School Superintendent Frank Forsthoeful and Treasurer Beth Weber to discuss several topics of interest to the School and the City. These topics will include economic development projects and current and future levy cycles. This meeting will also provide an opportunity for Frank and Michelle to be introduced to each other. Michelle and Beth have previously met in professional networking circles.

17. Remember that the final date to enter new purchase orders is Tuesday, December 1 and the final date to submit invoices for payment (to ensure payment prior to year-end) is Friday, December 18. This reminder is provided by the finance department as they prepare the City for fiscal year 2015 close-out.

18. The painting of the fire department apparatus bay has been completed. The fresh coat of paint has brightened and cleaned up the look of the facility.

19. As part of the Capital Improvement Program, the fire department took delivery of a new commercial washer and dryer. This project replaces the existing 17 year old units. The commercial washer and dryer are needed to extract contaminates out of staff's turnout gear. It is important to remove the smoke and soot to minimize exposure of staff and equipment to these contaminates.

20. Staff is organizing a canned goods drive for the Free Store Food Bank again this year for the holidays. Sharon Savitt is helping coordinate the event this year and bins are located at the Safety Center, Public Works Department, and City Hall. The competition is on this year between the Safety Center and the City Hall/Public Works facilities for bragging rights on who donates the most food. To date the GREENIE Team which consists of City Hall, Public Works and Council Members Margolis, Combs and Harbison have donated 144 items and the MONTGOMERYLAND SECURITY team consisting of the Safety Center employees and Council Members Roesch, Dobrozsi, and Suer have donated 166 items. You still have time to empty out your pantries and donate to this worthy cause, however WE WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTING DONATIONS UNTIL NOVEMBER 25. For those who do not like to shop, the Free Store accepts donations of cash and checks. Checks can be written to the: Free Store Food Bank. Each $1 donated will count as one item toward your team's total.

21. As a reminder, City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

22. Please mark your calendars for the Annual Holiday Luncheon which will be held on Friday, December 11, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Terwilliger Lodge. We would love to have everyone in attendance as we take some time to reflect on the past year, the upcoming year and celebrate the holiday season together.

23. Given the short work week next week, we will not plan on producing a Thursday Update unless it is warranted. Best wishes to everyone for a safe, happy and wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with your family and friends! We are all grateful to work for the City of Montgomery and we are very thankful for the great team that we have in place.

24. 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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Terry Donnellon, Law Director

From: Joyce and Dan Dentinger [mailto:djdentinger@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2015 10:47 PM
To: Mike Plaatje
Cc: Mark Stagge
Subject: RE: Girl Scout Daisy trip to Montgomery Safety Center

Hi Mike,

I just wanted to say thank you for this opportunity. The girls really enjoyed their field trip! The firefighters and the policemen that helped us were truly great. They were patient, helpful, and a great face for community helpers to the young girls. I did not catch all the names, but Mike and Jason were two of the firefighters, and Ken Gruber led the police side. All of them were fantastic!

Thank you very much!
Joyce

From: Mike Plaatje [mailto:mplaatje@ci.montgomery.oh.us]
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2015 1:20 PM
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Subject: RE: Girl Scout Daisy trip to Montgomery Safety Center

That is all we need. We will see you at 4:00 pm on Sunday November 8th.

Have a great day!

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Davis earns credential from international association

Montgomery City Manager Wayne Davis received the Credentialed Manager designation from the International City/County Management Association.

Davis

Davis is one of more than 1,300 local government management professionals credentialed through the ICMA Voluntary Credentialing Program.

ICMA's mission is to create excellence in local governance by promoting professional management worldwide and increasing the proficiency of appointed chief administrative officers, assistant administrators, and other employees who serve local governments and regional entities around the world.

To receive the ICMA credential, a member must have significant experience as a senior management executive in local government; have earned a degree, preferably in public administration or a related field; and demonstrated a commitment to high standards of integrity and to lifelong learning and professional development.

"This ICMA designation demonstrates our city's organizational commitment to high standards of integrity and to professional learning and career development. In fact, one of our expectations for staff is to continuously seek out training opportunities for personal and professional growth that are consistent with our mission, vision and values.

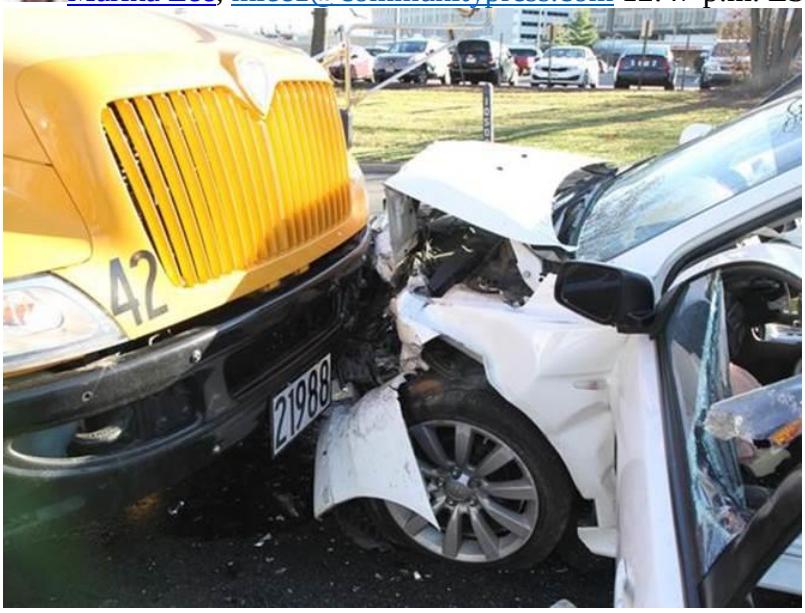
"With this designation, I believe I am meeting the intended expectation and hopefully adding to the value that we offer to the citizens, businesses and visitors to the great city of Montgomery," Davis said.

Davis is qualified by 26 years of professional local government and nine years of executive experience including work with a local county health department and as a civilian employee with the United States Air Force in Washington, D.C. Prior to his appointment in 2012 as Montgomery city manager, he served as Montgomery's assistant city manager for six years and finance director for six years.

Highlights of Davis' ICMA membership include: his role as a member of the Board for the Ohio City/County Management Association, serving on the Conference Planning Committee for the ICMA San Jose Conference in 2010 and delivering multiple presentations at various ICMA conferences and seminars on topics ranging from health insurance to wellness, and citizen engagement to organizational work culture.

Car hits vehicle, school bus in Montgomery

Marika Lee, mlee1@communitypress.com 12:47 p.m. EST November 13, 2015



A vehicle struck a Sycamore Community Schools bus and another vehicle on Montgomery Road Friday morning, closing the road for about 40 minutes.(Photo: Thanks to the Montgomery Police Department)

A driver hit a vehicle and a school bus, closing part of Montgomery Road in Montgomery Friday morning.

Peter Smeriglio, 40, of Anderson Township, has been charged with one felony count of failure to comply with a police order.

A Montgomery police officer spotted the vehicle on the corner of Pfeiffer and Montgomery roads after receiving a call at about 8:50 a.m. The officer attempted to stop the vehicle, but Smeriglio allegedly continued north on Montgomery Road with police following, according to a release from the city of Montgomery.

Smeriglio allegedly swerved the vehicle into the southbound side and struck a vehicle head on. The driver of the struck vehicle was attended to at the scene and was transported to Bethesda North Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Smeriglio allegedly continued and hit a Sycamore Community Schools bus head on. Montgomery life squad attended to the 28 Montgomery Elementary School students on board. A second bus was sent for the students and they were treated at school by the school nurse. The district is in contact with their parents.

Smeriglio was taken into custody and transported to Bethesda North Hospital and then to the Hamilton County Justice Center. A passenger, who exited the vehicle at Radabaugh Road, was apprehended as a witness and has not been charged, according to the release.

“We recognize that family members of those involved in this incident are concerned about the safety of their loved ones. This is our No. 1 priority and we are working with other local law enforcement and school officials to investigate this incident,” the city wrote in its release.

In addition to the Montgomery Police and Fire departments, the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office, Blue Ash Police Department and Madeira Police Department responded to the incident. The Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office is investigating the crash. The southbound side of Montgomery Road was closed south of Weller Road for about 40 minutes.

MONTGOMERY

Chamber of Commerce holds awards banquet

The Montgomery Ohio Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual awards dinner Nov. 5 at The Montgomery Inn. Jason Rees of the United States Secret Service was the featured speaker.

Jewels by Jules was recognized as the Small Business of the Year, and Twin Lakes was chosen as the Large Business of the Year. Derek Tye of the Tye Group and Charlie Wright of Wright Brothers Inc. were recognized for their dedication and volunteer efforts on behalf of the Chamber.

"We are very fortunate to have such stunning examples of good business in the Montgomery area like Jewels by Jules and Twin Lakes. Their dedication to the community and involvement outside of their storefronts is amazing," said Executive Director Carol Gorley. "Derek and Charlie have served on our Board of Directors for many years. We have been lucky to have their expertise and insight to help our Chamber be successful."

Officers for the Chamber and members-at-large of the Board of Directors were also voted on at the dinner. The officers for 2016 are President Gerri Harbison, Huff Realty; Vice President Julie Lyon, Jewels by Jules; Secretary, Mary Jo Byrnes, Blue Goose Marketing; Treasurer Lori Dameron, Wesbanco; and Immediate Past President Derek Tye, The Tye Group. Members-at-Large are Dick Bodner, Ohio National Financial Services; Steve Lohre, Med+ Urgent Care & Occupational Health Services; Jim Mayer, Twin Lakes; Joe Danzer, Google; and Bill Ludwick, MainSource Bank.

For more information on the Chamber, contact Carol at Carol.Gorley@MontgomeryOhioChamberofCommerce.com.

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Ohio National's Victorian Village returns Dec. 4, Dec. 5, Dec.10 and Dec. 11.

» Mariemont Players presents "Christmas Belles," a comedy by Jamie Wooten, Jessie Jones and Nicholas Hope, at the Walton Creek Theater, 4101 Walton Creek Road (just east of Mariemont), through Nov. 22.

Performances will be: 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19; 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20; 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21; 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22.

For more information or to order tickets for "Christmas Belles," call Betsy at 513-684-1236 or order online at www.mariemontplayers.com. All seats are reserved and cost $20 each.

» "Irish Christmas in America" is a joyful celebration of the season in Ireland with songs, stories, humor, thrilling step dance and lively instrumental tunes.

Now in its 11th year and featuring some of the Emerald Isle's best traditional artists, the performance comes to Cincinnati at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at the Irish Heritage Center of Greater Cincinnati, 3905 Eastern Ave. in the Columbia Tusculum Entertainment District.

Free parking is available behind the Center.

Tickets are advance $27 ($25 members), $30 at the door, on sale now at cincyticket.com.

For more information contact 513-533-0100 or www.irishcenterof cincinnati.com.» One of Greater Cincinnati's best holiday traditions returns this year with Ohio National Financial Services' annual Victorian Holiday Village. Back for its 14th year, the Village features a variety of fun holiday activities that will delight parents and children alike – and it's all free.

The Village is open Friday, Dec. 4, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 5, from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 10, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Friday, Dec. 11, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

This year will feature enchanting houses decorated with holiday scenes, thousands of lights and free, family fun on the grounds of Ohio National at the intersection of I-71 and Pfeiffer Road.

The ONtime Express, a miniature train that takes guests from the parking garage to the Village, will return as well as balloon artist elves. The Village will remain lit throughout December, but the refreshments, photos and entertainment will only be provided during the four nights above.

Returning this year is the Century House. A miniature scale replica of a Habitat for Humanity home, this Victorian Holiday Village home celebrates Ohio National's 100th anniversary commitment to build 10 new Habitat for Humanity homes in the Cincinnati community. Ohio National also announced a new commitment of funding eight additional Habitat homes through 2017, for a total donation of $520,000. Two new homes were completed on Mulberry Street in Lockland this year.

Guests will again this year be able to take an "elfie," a selfie photo with special holiday backdrops and props at spots throughout the village.

While the event is free, all guests are asked to bring a nonperishable food item (no glass containers, please), which will be donated to the Freestore Foodbank.

Ohio National's Victorian Holiday Village will be open rain or shine. Due to the outdoor terrain and gravel path, the Village is not handicapped accessible. For the safety of all guests, please, no pets. On-site covered parking for 1,000 vehicles is available.

For more information, please visit www.ohionational.com.

» There is something for everyone during Montgomery's annual Holiday in the Village event.

Holiday in the Village festivities start at 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5.

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Join other Montgomery residents at the North Pole (Downtown Historic Montgomery at the Neuilly-Plaisance Fountain Plaza) to kick off the festivities.

5 p.m. - All winners of Montgomery's winter coloring contest will be announced, and Santa will give away prizes. Santa will also announce the lucky winner who will light the Montgomery Christmas tree and streetscape along Montgomery Road. Then, the winners will ride with Santa in a carriage to the Universalist Church and Santa's North Pole Workshop.

After the lighting, attendees are invited to stroll down Shelly Lane and visit the North Pole Workshop. All North Pole Festivities conclude at 7:30 p.m.

The second floor of Bethesda North Hospital becomes a Winter Wonderland for the evening. The Winter Wonderland and entertainment concludes at 7:30 p.m. and includes model train displays, hot cider, refreshments and a free gift for the children.

Twin Lakes Senior Living Community hosts the Snowman Station from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with holiday music for all ages, snowman crafts for kids, and cookies and punch.

The "Santa Shuttles" complementary holiday shuttles run all evening between all four locations. Look for the "Wooden Snowman" shuttle stop signs.

For more information, visit montgomeryohio.org or call 891-2424.

Anea Bistro now open in Montgomery

Polly Campbell
pcampbell@enquirer.com

Two veterans of the kitchens of Jean-Robert de Cavel have opened their own restaurant in Montgomery. It's in Tollhouse Square, in a small and cozy space that was most recently Verde Salads. It opened on Nov. 5.

Anea Bistro serves Italian and American dishes, but chef/owner Gary Bassett and chef de cuisine Eric Roy bring their experience with French techniques to the style.

Bassett was a real estate developer until the 2008 recession sent him in a different direction; toward his passion for food. He earned a degree from the Midwest Culinary Institute, where he worked as de Cavel's assistant, then went on to Jean-Robert's Table. That's where he met Eric Roy, who'd also worked for de Cavel at Pigall's.

PROVIDED

The interior of Anea Bistro in Montgomery, which recently opened.

They've created a space for fine dining with a casual, neighborhood approach. Chandeliers, dark wood, original art and white tablecloths define the decor, but Bassett said they aim for a comfortable and casual style.

On the menu: carrot cumin soup, tuna mousse, pan-roasted duck breast with farro, pistachio and butternut squash; braised pork cheek on polenta with pecorino, smoked salmon salad with white beans, celery root dill vinaigrette; a smoked pork loin sandwich with brie, apple and chutney, mushroom arancini. There's also a burger topped with Roquefort mousse. Appetizers are in the $6.75-$10 range; entrees from $10-$13 at lunch; $14-$28 at dinner.

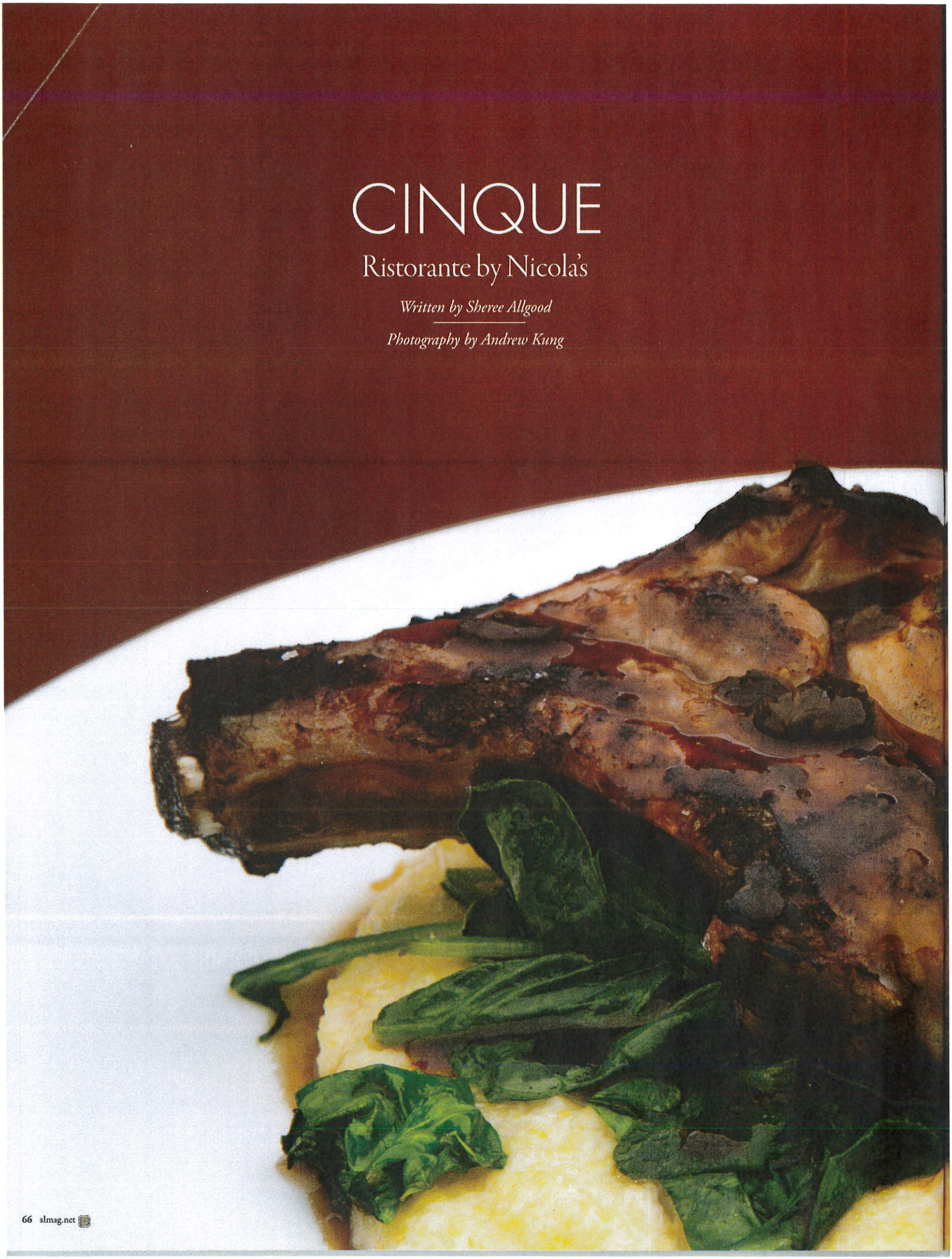
Open 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5:30-10 p.m. Monday-Friday; 5-10 p.m. Saturday. Reservations are taken. 9721 Montgomery Rd., Montgomery, 513-891-4333.

CINQUE

Ristorante by Nicola's

Written by Sheree Allgood

Photography by Andrew Kung



It is possible to take that which is already outstanding and make it extraordinary. For close to 20 years Nicola and Maureen Pietoso have continued to elevate and refine the palates of Cincinnatians, first with eponymous up-scale restaurant Nicola's in Over-the-Rhine, then with hip and flirty Via Vite on Fountain Square, and most recently, with the understated elegance and artistry of food found at Cinque Ristorante in Montgomery where the iconic Germano's once stood.

While Montgomery is a far cry from the Cinque Terre, the ancient villages that cling to the cliffs above the Italian Riviera, Cinque's warm and inviting décor brings to mind a sunny afternoon at a family run trattoria. The essence of fresh herb, mushroom, spices and hints of citrus greet you as you step through the door, a tease of loving things to follow. The warm and rich wood hues, and splashes of happy orange immediately put diners at ease and ready them to revel in the restaurant's casual warmth; the inviting bar and adjacent dining room are decked out in old Italian wine and aperitif posters, as well as the artfully displayed wood lids of old wine boxes.

Cinque's selections are impressive, born of the mastery of flavors and textures imparted by Executive Chef Joel Molloy and his talented staff. Chef Molloy began experimenting in the kitchen at age 14, and his first foray into the culinary world was at Nicola's where his mother was the first employee of the Pietoso's. After learning from three chefs already at Nicola's, Chef Molloy ventured into the wider world, creating his own culinary masterpieces at the highly touted, highly innovative Alinea in Chicago, before returning to Cincinnati first to the Palm Court and then again to Nicola's as its Executive Chef in 2013.

As told by Andrew Koehler, Cinque's General Manager and son of Maureen and Nicola, "Joel is tremendously talented and innovative in his approach to food", and cites the chef's love of putting flavors together a la Modernist Cuisine: The Art and Science of Cooking, a rather hefty and expensive tome on molecular gastronomy by Nathan Myhrvold. While it sounds like a work of science the results are more alchemy.

Chef Molloy's influence at Cinque is entirely sensational in the most quintessential meaning of the word. Each dish is a delight for the senses: sight, flavor, aroma, texture, even sound. While the menu is not deep dish each dish is lovingly and expertly prepared. Cinque takes simple fresh ingredients, and from them coaxes the most refined flavors and textures.

Cinque's house-made craft cocktails couple nicely with the Antipasti . The Ole' Montgomery Crush is warm and robust, bourbon heightened with a splash of raspberry. Think tasty nuanced Manhattan. Decidedly more Italian-inspired cocktails include the Orangecello Cosmo (liquid sunshine!) and the Bellinitini, an enhanced classic vodka martini, with light notes of peach and a splash of prosecco.

Cinque's Antipasti offers the freshest and finest of ingredients, each delicate bite is to be savored slowly and enjoyed fully. Especially tantalizing is the Bruschetta with Maine lobster, mascarpone and tangy lemon - simple yet rich ingredients placed atop a lightly wood-fired, crispy sliver of bread combine for rich, piquant finish with fresh chives raising the flavor combination to masterful. Another beautiful Antipasti is seared Yellowfin Tuna with peppery lentils and hearts of palm. These ingredients are among the ancient staples of the Italian diet, and Cinque has a knack for making sophisticated modern dishes from this humble bounty.