

October 20, 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 October 17, 2016 and as an announcement of activities in the coming weeks:

1. On Monday, Officer Paul Payne travelled to the Columbus Police Academy to participate as an instructor at the School Resource Officer Basic Academy.
2. Chief Don Simpson is attending the 123rd annual IACP (International Association of Chiefs of Police) conference and exposition in sunny San Diego, California this week and will return on Saturday.
3. On Tuesday afternoon, Katie and Tonyia attended the Greater Cincinnati Finance Officers' Association meeting. The group was hosted by the City of Cincinnati's Chief Performance Officer Leigh Tami. Ms. Tami talked about the formation of the City's Comprehensive Integrated Performance Management Program that includes performance managements agreements, a CincyStat program and an innovation lab focused on streamlining municipal processes.
4. Wayne Davis and Tracy Roblero met with representatives with Twin Lakes on Wednesday afternoon to discuss process and timing for moving forward with a development proposal for the property on the east side of Montgomery Road between Schoolhouse Lane and the Safety Center. Twin Lakes is considering their options for the property and would like to submit for City approvals in 2017. Tracy and Wayne are planning to meet again with Twin Lakes next week.
5. On Wednesday, October 19, Ray Kingsbury, Faith Lynch and Matthew Vanderhorst conducted a focus group with MCLA alumni who attended the MCLA 2.0 session in April 2016. The purpose of the focus group was to gain feedback about the 2016 MCLA 2.0 session and brainstorm ideas to improve the 2017 session.
6. The fire department created an Ambulance Committee whose purpose is to research the marketplace for the latest technology and industry requirements that goes into constructing a new ambulance. With the anticipated purchase of an ambulance as part of the 2017 Budget the committee will work over the next few months to develop the specifications for a new unit. The goal is to have the unit ordered by March of 2017. Construction and delivery of a new ambulance is running at approximately eight months for the majority of the manufacturers.
7. Dianne Smith, Mike Young and Ja'net Crawford are participating in a webinar on the new format of uploading crash reports to policereports.us this week.

8. Julie Prickett attended Frost Brown Todd's annual Workers' Compensation Seminar today. Topics included psychological testing, injury reporting, post-incident drug testing, subrogation, and a case law update on issues involving compensation and claims allowance.
9. Assistant Chief Shapiro will be attending an Arson Investigation Seminar in Evendale on Thursday and Friday. Not only will Ben be participating in learning in the classes, he is part of the steering committee and assisted in planning, setting up the event as well as overseeing that the seminar runs smoothly.
10. Chief Wright will be attending the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association (OFCA) Board meeting in Columbus on Thursday and Friday. Currently he chairs the Ohio Fire and Emergency Service Foundation which is the educational programming part of the OFCA.
11. The City received Request for Proposals (RFP) for Vintage Club – North Public Improvements today from Prus Construction, John R. Jurgensen, Inc., and Brandicorp LLC. The Evaluation Committee will review the proposals and have tentatively scheduled interviews with the candidates for Tuesday, October 25.
12. Public works will be implementing a new PAVER software system next week after three days of training are completed. This new software will allow public works staff to better manage our roadway infrastructure as it will include new criteria for inspections, prediction (lifecycle) modeling, multiple reporting capabilities, establishing cost/maintenance policy tables, and perform future work planning based on scenario modeling and penalty cost calculation. Public works staff is excited about this new software being implemented.
13. Don't forget the Smokin Irish' luncheon tomorrow at Terwilliger Lodge. Master Smoker, Terry Donnellon will begin preparations early in the morning for the much anticipated lunch that begins at 11:00 and runs until 1:00. Staff is bringing in side dishes and desserts, plan to come out and enjoy this time of great food and fellowship!
14. Just a reminder that the City's 2016 United Way campaign is underway. Please contact Julie Prickett if you want a pledge form or if you would like additional information regarding the United Way of Greater Cincinnati.
15. Faith Lynch will be leading a group of community volunteers including Sister Cities Commission members and members of the Sycamore High School National Honor Society in a morning of service at Matthew 25 Ministries on Saturday, October 22 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. as a part of Connect Montgomery's Making a Difference Day activities. If you would like to join Faith, please let her know.
16. On Thursday, October 27, Wayne will be in Columbus for his quarterly Ohio City/County Management Association Board Meeting. Wayne continues to serve this Board as the Vice President and expects to be the President of this group beginning in July, 2017.
17. The next Neighborhood Leaders Forum is set for Thursday, October 27 at Terwilliger Lodge from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The Forum will address housing with Tracy Roblero providing a similar presentation to the one she presented to the MCLA Alumni in April. We currently have 20 registered for this event. If you plan to attend, please contact Faith Lynch.
18. 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: Wayne Davis, City Manager
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Major change coming to Reagan/Montgomery exit

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(Photo: Thanks to Faith Lynch)

Drivers who regularly access northbound Montgomery Road from the Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway will encounter a new traffic pattern in four years.

The city of Montgomery will be getting a roundabout thanks to a \$6 million grant from the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI).

As part of the redevelopment, the city applied for the grant to change the interchange at Montgomery Road and Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway into a two-lane roundabout. The current exit from eastbound Reagan to Montgomery Road will close and become part of the roundabout.

"The Gateway Redevelopment Area is a premier legacy project for the city of Montgomery. We are pleased that the OKI sees the potential for this transportation project and supports Montgomery's efforts, which will directly impact the region's economy as well as the community's quality of life," City Manager Wayne Davis said.

"The proposed project would create a safe and efficient traffic flow and also would create an opportunity to expand the Gateway Redevelopment Area," Public Works Director Brian Riblet said.

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Montgomery City Council and staff stand at the Gateway Redevelopment Area site. The city received \$6 million to be a roundabout. (Photo: Marika Lee/The Community Press)

Gateway Partners LLC is developing the Gateway Redevelopment Area, which is the 11.6-acre site that was the old Ford and Chevrolet dealerships. The plan is in the concept stage, but includes space for offices, condominiums, town homes, retail, restaurants, a boutique hotel and a 900-space parking structure. The development will extend into what is now the exit.

OKI awarded more than \$77 million to 42 transportation projects throughout the region. Davis said the grant covers about 70 percent of the cost of the roundabout, adding a traffic signal nearby and demolishing an existing bridge. The total cost is \$8.6 million.

"The proposed project is currently programmed into the Ohio Department of Transportation's fiscal year 2020. The city of Montgomery will continue to seek additional funding to support the project in order to be ready to go by 2020," Davis said.

Gateway Partners is planning to start construction on its development, which is being called Gateway on the Green, in 2018.

The city also received a \$386,680 grant from OKI to build sidewalks on the east side of Montgomery Road from Radabaugh Drive to the Montgomery Safety Center.