

October 27, 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 24, 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, October 5, at 7:00 p.m.
2. Officer Paul Payne received a colorful thank you (attached) from the Sycamore High School Homecoming Parade Committee for his assistance with the parade.
3. Sergeant Mike Davenport and Sergeant Kevin Gruber also received a heartfelt thank you from Ms. Teresa Sinchek in regards to the way they handled themselves during and after the fatal auto accident investigation which claimed the life of her husband. These were sensitive circumstances and we are proud of Mike and Kevin for the care and compassion they showed to Ms. Sinchek.
4. Planning Commission met on Monday evening to discuss the Final Development Site Plan approval for the proposed retail building at 9856 Montgomery Road as part of the Twin Lakes Main Campus expansion. The Planning Commission was pleased with the redesign of the building; however, decided to table the application as it included a variance request to allow for outdoor dining to encroach into the front yard along Montgomery Road. Planning Commission tabled the Final Development Site Plan until after the Board of Zoning Appeals decision was rendered.
5. Tuesday morning at 5:48 a.m., Beckman Michael Nimeskern was born weighing 8 pounds, 1.8 ounces and measuring 21 ¼ inches long. Nick and Andrea had a bit of a scare when an emergency C Section was performed due to the umbilical cord being wrapped around Beckman's neck twice. Thankfully everyone is fine. Congratulations to Nick and Andrea on the birth of their first child.



6. On Tuesday, the Vintage Club North Evaluation Committee interviewed the three candidates who submitted Request for Proposals to complete the proposed public improvements. The candidates included Brandicorp, John R. Jurgensen Company and Prus Construction. The Evaluation Committee anticipates selecting a preferred candidate in the next few days and to continue to move forward in the process.
7. The Board of Zoning Appeals met on Tuesday evening to hear an appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision to allow for a sidewalk to be located in a stormwater easement in the rear yard of a property on Jolain Drive. After hearing the evidence and testimony provided at the meeting, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted to approve the application. The Board of Zoning Appeals also considered the variance request from Twin Lakes to allow for outdoor dining to encroach into the front yard setback for a new retail building at 9356 Montgomery Road. After hearing the evidence and testimony provided at the meeting, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted to table the application to allow the applicant to investigate alternative design options.
8. Wayne Davis and Tracy Roblero met with representatives with Twin Lakes on Wednesday morning to continue discussions regarding the 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.
9. Matthew Vanderhorst, Ray Kingsbury, Faith Lynch, Julie Machon, and Sarah Fink met on Wednesday, to brainstorm potential recreation programs and events to fill a need created by the closing of the Sycamore Senior Center. A list was created containing several ideas to address the social, emotional, physical, intellectual, and vocational needs of seniors. This list will become part of a larger information gathering and assessment effort that will take place over the next several months as the team works towards completing Strategic Plan Goal 2, Strategy 3, which states the need to "Identify and provide a variety of recreation programs and events to meet the needs of the community".
10. The Neighborhood Leaders Forum will be held this evening from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Terwilliger Lodge. Tracy Roblero will be presenting a similar presentation to the presentation to the one she presented to the MCLA Alumni in April. Twenty six attendees are expected.
11. Just a reminder that the City's 2016 United Way campaign ends on Friday, October 28. Please contact Julie Prickett if you want a pledge form or if you would like additional information regarding the United Way of Greater Cincinnati.
12. Attached please find a copy of the 2017 Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy class schedule. Please let Faith Lynch know the sessions you wish to attend.
13. The City of Montgomery will hold a Gateway Redevelopment Area Open House for the Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy Alumni and 2017 participants on Thursday, November 17 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Montgomery City Hall. This open house will serve as another opportunity to receive input from the community on the redevelopment of the site.
14. 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
Mayor and City Council Members
Department Heads
Terry Donnellon, Law Director



Teresa Sinchek ▶ **Montgomer Police Dept**



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I would like to say a special thank you to the city of montgomery police department. On October 5th my husband was killed in a motorcycle accident on 275. Your department has been extremely caring, considerate and helpful during this most painful time in my life. I would also like to recognize Sergeant Davenport and Sergeant Gruber for going over and above to help with anything I need. You are very fortunate to have these 2 men representing your department. Thank you from the Sinchek family and may God watch over all of you as you serve and protect us.

Dear Officer Payne,

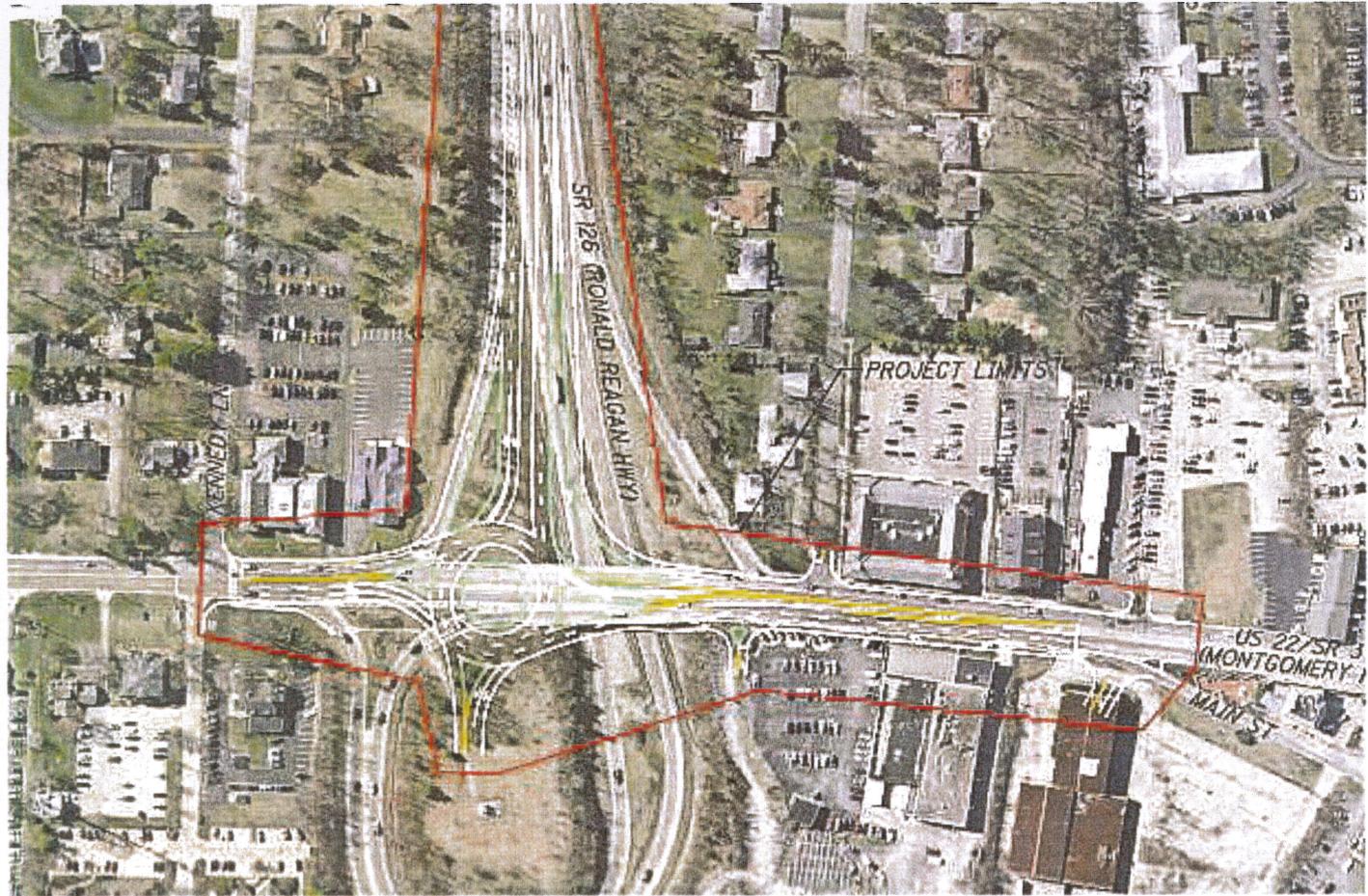
Thank you so much for helping us run the parade. Without your generous participation and support as well as sacrificing your time, we literally could not have done it. All of the hardwork you put into not only the parade, but all that you do for the student body does not go unnoticed. I truly appreciate your dedication, enthusiasm, and care that you set aside for the students. Without you, our school would be so different (in a negative way) and I am so blessed to be able to know you. Thank you.♥

With love,
The parade committee
(aka Katelyn LeBlanc) :)

Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy 2017 Schedule

Class Title	Location	Date	Time
We Are Montgomery	Montgomery Inn	January 12, 2017	5:45 p.m.
Zen and the Art of Citizenship	Twin Lakes of Montgomery	January 19, 2017	6:00 p.m.
Montgomery, Our Town, USA	Montgomery City Hall	January 26, 2017	5:45 p.m.
Dreams, Aspirations & Taxes...Is the Price Right?	Ohio National Financial Services	February 2, 2017	5:45 p.m.
Sycamore Community Schools and the 21 st Century Learner	Sycamore Junior High School	February 7, 2017	6:00 p.m.
Healthcare: Montgomery's Signature Industry	Bethesda North Hospital	February 16, 2017	6:00 p.m.
Innovative Solutions in Public Works, Recreation and Parks	Public Works Building	February 23, 2017	5:45 p.m.
Homeland Safety and Security in Your Own Backyard	Montgomery Safety Center	March 2, 2017	5:45 p.m.
History and Development...The Art of Co-Existence	Fellowship Baptist Church	March 11, 2017	8:00 a.m.
Service and Volunteerism: A New Call to Action! & Academy Graduation	Three Chimneys Clubhouse at the Vintage Club	March 16, 2017	5:45 p.m.
Snow Dates			
• Tuesday, January 24, 2017			
• Thursday, February 9, 2017			
• Tuesday, February 28, 2017			
• Thursday, March 23, 2017			

The fee of \$99 helps to offset the costs associated with meals at all the sessions, materials and shows us you value your commitment to the program.



THANKS TO FAITH LYNCH

A schematic of the plan for a roundabout at the Montgomery Road and Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway interchange.

Montgomery gets \$6M grant for roundabout

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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.

"This is a once in a generation type of project, it remakes the front door for one of Cincinnati's great neighborhoods. We love projects where we can

improve transportation and safety, as well as providing an opportunity for more jobs, a win-win for everybody," said OKI Deputy Executive Director Robert Koehler.

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.

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 to-

tal 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.