

September 1, 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 August 29, 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, September 1, at 7:00 p.m. Prior to the Business Session at 6:45 p.m., the Montgomery Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) will meet.
2. As a reminder, the Financial Planning Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 6 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. The Law and Safety and Planning, Zoning and Landmarks Committees have cancelled their meetings for the month of September.
3. School Resource Officer Paul Payne, received a thank you from Eileen Kramer, Programs Director of OSROA (Ohio School Resource Officers Association), in regards to Paul's role for instructing during another SRO Basic Training course in Columbus, OH.
4. Officers Steve Hoy and Greg Schill along with Sergeants Greg Harris and Mike Plaatje, received a very kind card from two elderly subjects who became stranded in Montgomery when their Dodge Caravan became disabled and needed overnight repairs. Their vehicle was taken to Monro Muffler and Brake Service in Montgomery and they were transported to and from the Red Roof Inn, in Blue Ash, as needed and were able to continue on their journey from Tennessee to upstate New York the following morning. Thanks to these officers for treating, not only our residents, but also those that pass through with compassion and generosity. Nice work guys!
5. Wayne Davis, Brian Riblet and Tracy Roblero met with Eric Duke, Property Manager for Montgomery Gateway Center East, on Monday afternoon to discuss the Gateway Redevelopment Area. The City team reached out to Mr. Duke to discuss the proposed interchange modification and the proposed traffic signal at the intersection of Montgomery Road/Main Street and the development. This proposed traffic signal would be aligned with the driveway for Montgomery Gateway Center East and staff wanted to get initial feedback on the location and potential impacts to access. Wayne, Tracy and Brian also met with John Kennedy, owner of Houdini's Room Escape, on Wednesday afternoon to discuss the proposal. Staff is also working to set up a meeting with Mark Rippe who owns the building which houses Avis, Nordic Motors and the Auto Salon of Montgomery to discuss the conceptual roadway modifications.
6. Wayne Davis, Terry Donnellon and Tracy Roblero met with Jeff Aluotto, Interim Hamilton County Administrator and Jeff Weckbach, Budget Analyst to continue discussions regarding opportunities for partnership between the City and Hamilton County for the Gateway Redevelopment Area.

7. On Tuesday morning Wayne and Matt Davis and Megan Hube from DSD Advisors met with Speaker of the House Cliff Rosenberger (Clarksville) and Representative Kirk Schuring (Canton) to review the City's Gateway Redevelopment Area Project. Both Legislators were impressed with the City's efforts and asked if there was anything additional that they could do to assist with the project. Wayne indicated that the City would continue to work with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and other partners, as well as pursuing other Federal and State Grant Funds, and asked both Mr. Rosenberger and Mr. Schuring to keep the City of Montgomery in mind as our project progresses and funding opportunities become available.
8. Wayne Davis, City Council member Craig Margolis, Terry Donnellon, Brian Riblet, Katie Smiddy and Tracy Roblero along with Matt Davis and Meghan Hube from DSD Advisors met with Angel Mumma, Finance Director for the City of Dublin as well as Christopher Franzmann and Gregory Daniels from Squire, Patton, Boggs who serve as Legal Counsel for the City of Dublin on Tuesday. The City of Dublin graciously hosted the group from the City to learn about The Bridge Street District and the economic tools the City of Dublin used for the project. The Bridge Street District is a large mixed use development with a modified two land roundabout. Staff members were also able to the construction site and see the modified two lane roundabout in use. Council member Margolis and Brian Riblet also met with Ken Richardson, Project Manager prior to the larger group meeting to discuss the modified two land roundabout in more detail. This visit was very informative and provided high value to staff members as the City works on the Gateway Redevelopment Area.
9. The City held an Open House on Wednesday evening on the Gateway Redevelopment Area for directly impacted businesses and property owners. Mayor Dobrozsi, Council members Roesch, Cappel, Harbison and Suer as well as several additional members of staff were in attendance to greet and answer questions of the approximately 50 businesses and property owners who came to the event to view the plans and provide feedback. Those invited included residents on Hartfield Place, Cooper Road and Kennedy Lane along with businesses and property owners on Montgomery Road between the intersection of Montgomery Road and Cooper Road and the corporation line to the south. The focus of the Open House was to discuss and obtain feedback on the potential interchange modification at the intersection of Montgomery Road and Ronald Reagan Highway. Staff also provided an overview of the concept plan for the development.
10. Dogfest and K-9 Kerplunk will be held on Labor Day from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Montgomery Community Pool. The cost to participate is free for pool members, and \$3 per dog for nonmembers. Pet People and Puppywood Pet Resort are the main sponsors for the event. Vendors on site will include Professional Pet Grooming by Kathie who will be giving free nail trims for dogs, Petwants, Pawjoggers, Kayla's Post Pets, Cincinnati Hills Animal Clinic, Pet Love Pet Photography, Circle Tails (a non-profit adoption group), and Meals on Wheels for Pets. Participants that bring a non-perishable pet food item to donate to Meals on Wheels for Pets will be entered into a drawing. An animal communicator (Kimberly Billings) and a face painter (A New Face by Nikki) will be on site (She will only be painting humans!). Thank you in advance to Melanie Osborn and City Council member Gerri Harbison for judging the on-stage contests. Thanks to the Dogfest Team for all of the hard work in planning the event. This elite team includes Cindy Abner, Sharon Savitt, Sarah Fink, Tony Brothers, Mark Stagge, Greg Schill, Paul Payne and Julie Machon.
11. The fire department continues to face challenges with engine problems in both of the two ambulances in the fleet. Since Friday of last week, the department has been using a loaner ambulance from the Madeira Indian Hill Joint Fire District. The 2006 is scheduled to be back

and in-service tomorrow. Thanks to great neighboring communities that are willing to share resources.

12. The City of Montgomery, the Montgomery Ohio Chamber of Commerce and Med+ Urgent Care and Occupational Health Services will host the annual Free Hot Dog on Thursday, September 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the Neuilly-Plaisance Plaza as a thank you to patrons for their ongoing support of local Montgomery business. Thank you to the Public Works staff for their assistance with the set-up of this event.
13. Wayne received an invitation today from Connie Kingsbury of Twin Lakes regarding a Ground Breaking Ceremony to be held on Tuesday, September 27 at 11:30 a.m. We are expecting further details from Connie as we get closer to the date, however, we wanted to make City Council members, and staff aware so you could make plans to attend.
14. We are five weeks away from the application deadline for the Montgomery Citizens' Leadership Academy on September 30 and currently have 19 applications on hand. Ray Kingsbury is reaching out to an additional 20 individuals who have been identified as great prospects. If you have another prospect to add to the list, please share their contact information with Faith Lynch.
15. Please find attached the August 2016 Social Media report. Please contact Faith Lynch if you have any questions.
16. Please find a card sent to Wayne Davis by Marion Wild, Village Historian of the Village of Montgomery, New York. A typed translation is included as the writing is a little hard to read. She is the town Historian after all!
17. Please find attached monthly department reports from the fire and police departments for the month of August.
18. Happy Labor Day to our City Council and staff. We are all very fortunate to have a great community to serve, and the time to spend with our family and friends. Enjoy the weekend and be safe!
19. 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

Thank you so much for your assistance when our Dodge Caravan broke down, we were able to continue on and had no more trouble. The problem was probably a vapor locked Gas line. Your kindness in getting us off the Interstate to a repair facility and a motel room was very much appreciated.

Again thank you so very much.

Mel & Diane Slocum
Manchester, Tx.

...you have that special touch.
Your thoughtfulness and caring,
meant so very much.

Thank You



August 25, 2016

SRO Paul Payne
Montgomery Police Dept.
10150 Montgomery Rd.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45242

Dear Paul,

Thank you so much for instructing at the SRO Basic Training, Columbus Police Training Academy. The sessions you presented on *The History & Overview of SRO's*, *The Role Of SRO's*, *Ethics and Integrity*, *Implementing an SRO program*, *MOU's*, *Documentation*, *Freshman Orientation and Lesson Planning/Presenting in the Schools* were all well received. The evaluations for the Monday morning session were 25 Met Expectation and 26 Exceeded Expectation. Well done!

Below are a couple of comments made by the attendees:

- SRO Payne was very informative about the role of the SRO and implementing the program.
- Cleared up a lot of questions I had. Glad it was the first day of the training.

Thank you for kicking off another successful SRO basic training. Sharing your knowledge and experience helps others become better SROs and keeps Ohio's schools safer.

We'll see you in October (and maybe also see some granddaughter photos?)

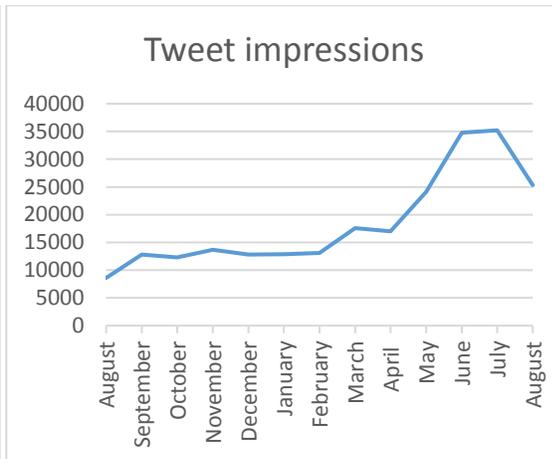
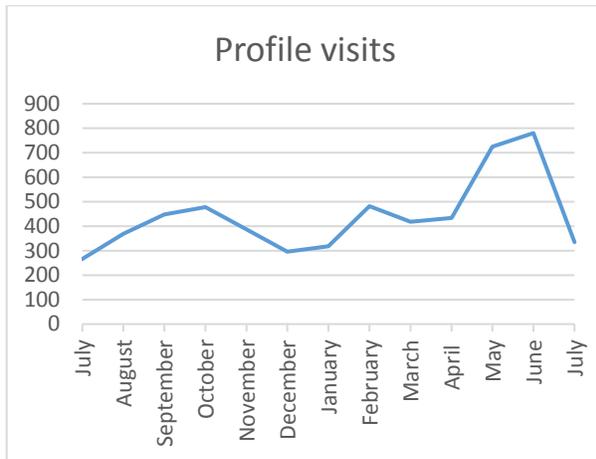
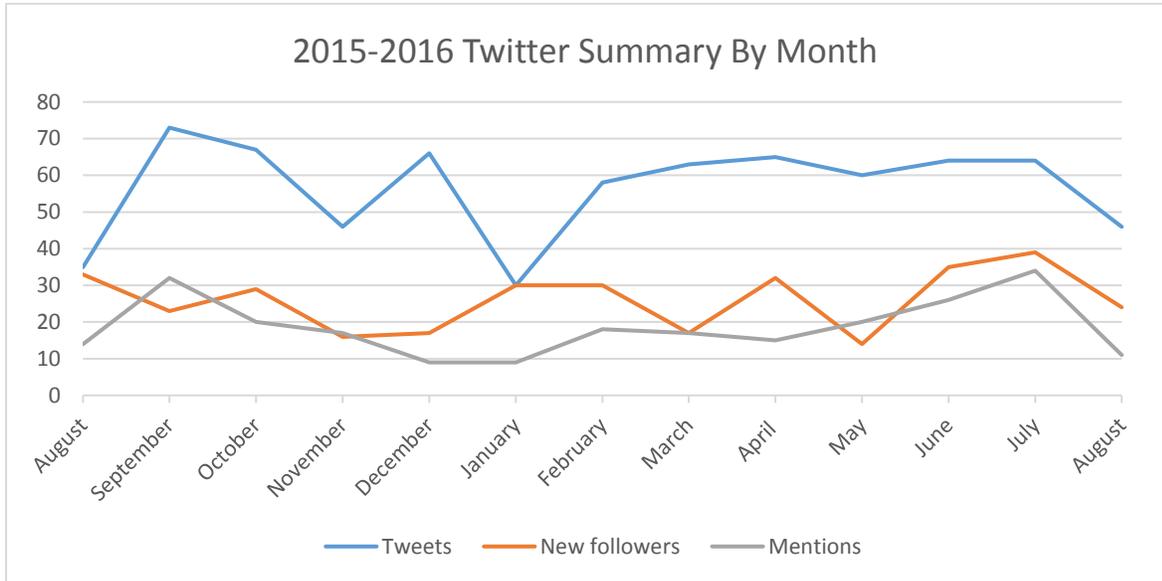
Wishing a very safe and successful school year.

Sincerely,

Eileen Kramer
OSROA
Membership Programs Director

August 2016 Social Media Report

Twitter



Twitter Analysis:

Total number of new followers climbed by 24 new followers for a total of 996 followers. The top tweet was a tweet on August 16 about the Cornell Bridge work delaying Sycamore HS start time with 1,865 impressions. The top media tweet was a tweet about Back to School cautious driving with a link back to the City website. This tweet garnered 1700 impressions. The top mention was a tweet done by @SycamoreSchools about Superstar Paul Payne and his first day back at school donut treat. This tweet garnered 332 engagements on Aug. 19. The top Card tweet was a link posted to the City website about the No Promises Vocal Band and Live at the Uni concert series (which is SOLD OUT). This tweet had 774 impressions and was tweeted on Aug. 12.

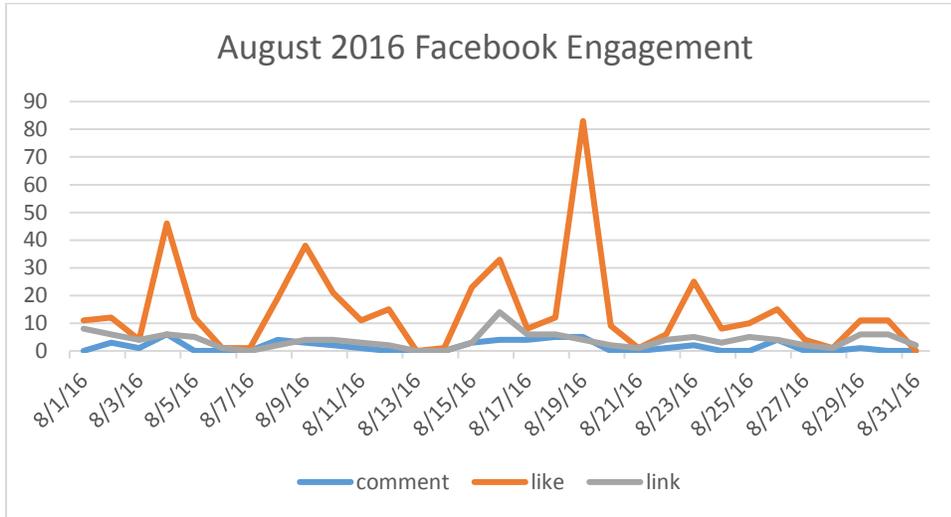
Twitter Definitions:

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

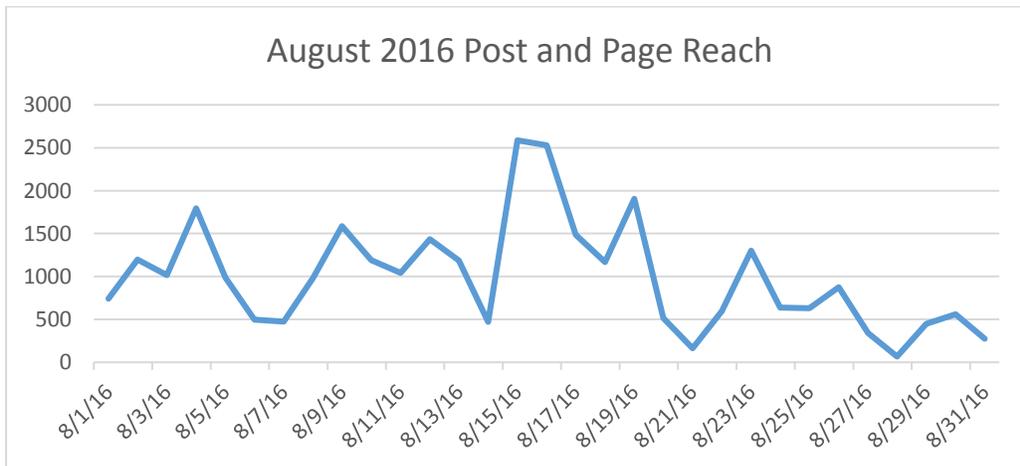
Mentions: Any tweet that contains @montgomeryohio (our username)

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.

Facebook



The posts made on August 19 had the greatest engagement with 83 total likes. One post included a link to the City website to the story, "Economic Development Projects Strength the City", the second post was about proper flag retirement and the final post pertained to the Fire Dept. making a special visit to a future firefighters' birthday party. On August 4, an engaging post was made about the swearing in ceremony of the newest police officer, Scott Bierer. The last post with the most engagement was made on Aug. 8 and this was a posted photo of the Law Enforcement Survival Bags brought to the Montgomery Safety Center.



Posts made on August 15 pertaining to the delayed start times at Sycamore High School due to Cornell Road bridge work had a significant reach of 2,500 impressions. The next two significant posts with the most page or post views was a post about the One Stop Drop for Responsible Recycling which is an eagerly anticipated event. We can anticipate a great turnout for this event on Sept. 17.

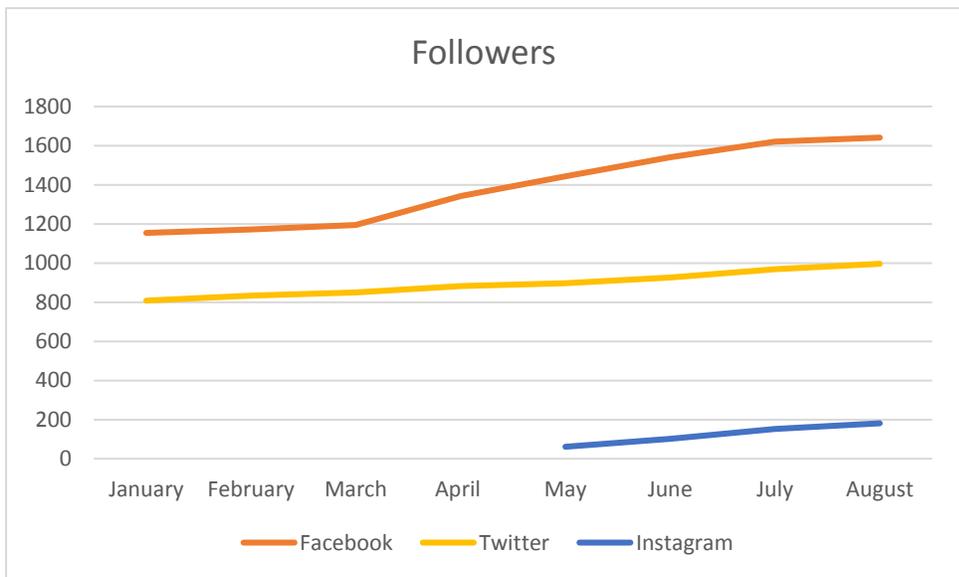
Facebook Definitions:

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 August 31, the City page has 181 followers. This is up 29 from last month.



Dear Mr. Davis,

Grateful to read in your letter to Mayor Brescia of your plans to visit your New York State "Sisters" on "General Montgomery Day", 2016.

Sorry Mayor Dobrozsi is unable to attend. Looking forward to his visit at another time.

My special, personal welcome to you all to spend some time during Saturday p.m. to our informal country Museum, pictured, for a glimpse of our past.

Perhaps we can form a closer relationship together, as suggested by Mayor Dobrozsi.

Come by and relax in our garden when tired.

Safe travelling,

Marion Wild
(Village Historian)

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142 Clinton St.
Montgomery, NY.
Aug. 27, 2016

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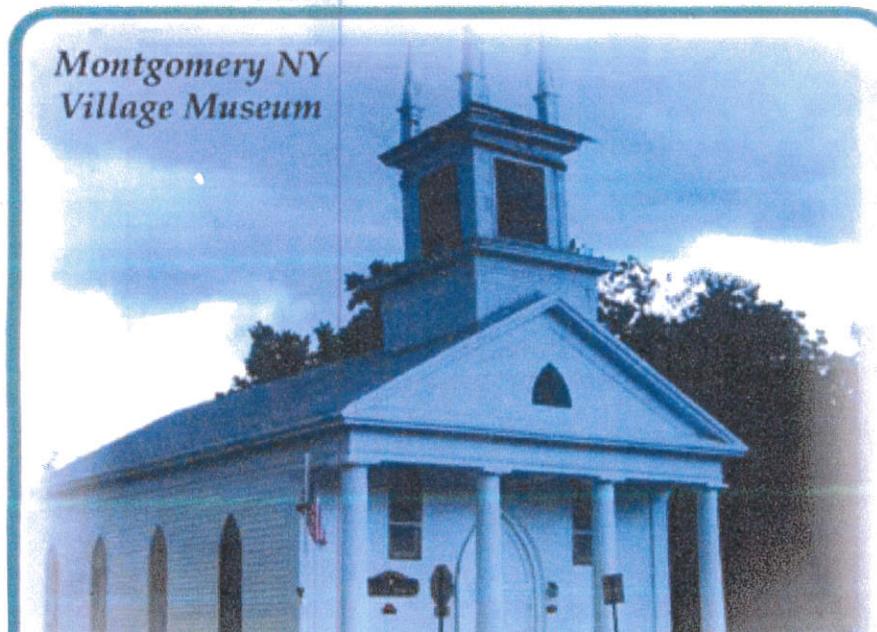
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MEMO

TO: Wayne Davis
City Manager

FROM: Gregory Harris
Police Sergeant

DATE: September 1, 2016

REFERENCE: August 2016 Council Report

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- 8/1 Officer Alex Janszen located two juvenile males in Montgomery Park after hours. Upon contact and consent from the juveniles, drug paraphernalia was located inside the vehicle. The juveniles were charged for the paraphernalia and released to their parents.
- 8/2 Officer Otte responded to the 7900 block of Jolain Drive for the report of solicitors in the area. Both subjects were located and actually had a valid permit for Head Start Sales, a magazine subscription company.
- 8/3 Montgomery Officers, from both dayshift and second shift, responded for five separate auto accidents throughout the City over a ten hour timespan.
- 8/4 Second shift Officers responded to the 9100 block of Timberknoll Drive for the report of an unknown person inside the garage. Upon arrival, the residence was searched and yielded no person or anything out of the ordinary. Upon questioning the twelve-year old witness, he admitted to 'crying wolf' and the detail was cleared as unfounded.
- 8/5 Second shift Officers responded for an auto accident, reportedly involving a motorcyclist that had been run over after crashing in the area of the 17.5-mile post on 71. Upon arrival, it was discovered that this was not the case, although the cycle operator was transported to Bethesda North Hospital for multiple facial injuries.
- 8/6 Montgomery Officers responded for a horrible double fatality auto accident when a vehicle left the roadway on the ramp to 275 West

from 71 North, causing the deaths of two motorists traveling on 71 South. The accident is currently under investigation. Charges are pending for the driver of the vehicle on the ramp to 275 West.

- 8/7 Officer Steve Hoy responded for reports of a bathtub in the middle of the interstate, on 275 near 71. Fortunately, there were no reports of someone bathing in the tub on the highway.
- 8/8 Sergeant Gregory Vonden Benken responded for the report of a missing female subject, in the area of 7800 Jolain Drive. Turns out the subject went for a run without informing her family of her whereabouts. Incident was unfounded.
- 8/9 Officer Alex Janszen, while on patrol on 71 North, noticed a subject seemingly appear out of nowhere on a bicycle, riding on the shoulder of the highway. After turning around and returning to the area, the cyclist was gone.
- 8/10 Officer Schill responded to Krogers, 9939 Montgomery Road, for a theft that had occurred. The female victim stated that a male black removed the wallet from her purse from inside the shopping cart. The victim confronted him saying, "Hey, did you just take my wallet?!" The man responded, "No! You're just saying that cuz I'm black" and left the store. The case is being investigated and information followed-up. Hopefully, this brazen thief will be brought to justice.
- 8/11 Montgomery Officers responded to 7400 Cornell Road, Sycamore High School, for a general fire alarm activation. After the property was searched and the alarms reset, it was determined to be a false drop for unknown reasons.
- 8/12 Officers Alex Janszen and Sergeant Mike Plaatje responded for a female, age 23, becoming violent with her father on Merrick Lane. Upon arrival and deescalating the situation, it was determined the best course of action would be for the 23 year old female daughter to

seek assistance from a mental health professional and she was transported to Deaconess Hospital for a voluntary evaluation.

8/13 Officer Bob Otte was dispatched to Gate of Heaven Cemetery for family members disrupting the funeral service. The incident was verbal arguing only and the family members were escorted off the property without further incident.

8/14 Officer Steve Hoy and Sergeant Michael Davenport responded for an unknown trouble run to Bethesda North Hospital. Upon arrival and meeting with security officers, it was discovered to be a domestic dispute during a custody exchange at the hospital. Verbal only. Parties sent on way. No charges.

8/15 Officer Gregory Schill responded for an animal complaint in the 6400 block of Pfeiffer Road. A large snapping turtle was in the middle of the roadway causing a traffic back up. The turtle was carefully removed from the right of way without incident.

8/16 Officer Alex Janszen assisted a disabled semi driver who ran his rig out of diesel fuel on 275 at the 50-mile post. He was transported off the highway for the purchase of fuel and then returned to his truck and went on his way.

8/17 Officer TJ Shreve conducted Firearms Simulation Training for our officers downstairs in the Safety Center Training Room.

8/18 Officer Scott Bierer and Field Training Officer James Martin assisted the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department with an auto accident with injuries on Montgomery Road at the 275 overpass. Fire personnel had to extricate the driver of the auto after being broadsided by a semi-tractor trailer. The auto turned in front of the truck, failing to yield the right of way to the semi.

8/19 Officer Paul Payne is investigating the theft of a Stihl leaf blower from the Sycamore High School maintenance building, located at 7400 Cornell Road. School surveillance video is being checked for possible suspects. This is an open investigation.

- 8/20 Officer Gregory Schill responded to Bethesda North Hospital to assist Sharonville Police Department with a subject wanted on parole violations from the State of Kentucky. The subject had overdosed on heroine and is currently in critical condition.
- 8/21 Officer Nicolas Nimeskern and Officer Paul Payne located a missing employee from 9939 Montgomery Road at the nature preserve in Sharonville, Ohio. The subject was reported missing by his caseworker and located by cell phone triangulation. This is a great example of using all the resources available to close out these types of situations.
- 8/22 Officer Alex Janszen responded to Bethesda North Hospital for the report of a patient having illegal contraband. Upon arrival, a nurse had located marijuana and a glass pipe on the subject, who was unconscious in the ER. The subject was cited for the offenses and his citations were left with his property for when he came to.
- 8/23 Officer Steve Hoy and Sergeant Gruber responded to Buxton Lane for a domestic situation that was potentially escalating. Upon arrival, all persons were separated and the situation was mediated by the officers. Verbal dispute over their parent's property.
- 8/24 Second shift officers, along with day shift officers, responded for a seven vehicle auto accident with injuries; spanning between the 10400 block and the 10700 block of Montgomery Road. The accident was caused by a medical emergency of the driver of the striking vehicle and had three separate accident scenes.
- 8/25 Officer Steve Hoy directed traffic during the evening rush in the 9200 block of Montgomery Road while Capital Electric made repairs to the malfunctioning traffic signal at Kennedy Lane and Montgomery Road.
- 8/26 Officer Scott Bierer and Field Training Officer James Martin were dispatched to Weller Park to investigate discovered graffiti on the walls of the men's restroom. This incident is currently an open investigation.

- 8/27 Officer Robert Otte was sent to investigate for a suspicious person walking along 71 in the area of the 15.7-mile post. Upon arrival, the subject was not located.
- 8/28 During third shift, Sergeant Kevin Gruber and Officer Paul Payne were contacted by the Deer Park Police Department in regards to a subject who was stating he was assaulted in Montgomery by an off duty police officer in the 9300 block of Montgomery Road. While Officer Payne was enroute to Deer Park to investigate the incident, the subject's father arrived and left with his intoxicated son. Sergeant Gruber contacted the establishment requesting video of the premises to establish what had occurred and interviewed subjects present. It is believed that the 'off duty officer' is a security guard and the incident is under investigation.
- 8/29 Officer Steve Hoy was dispatched for a suspicious vehicle and occupant on Buxton Lane. The vehicle was located in a driveway and the subject was under several suspensions. The driver was cited and the vehicle was impounded.
- 8/30 Officer Alexis Guilkey assisted the Blue Ash Police Department on 275 in the area of the 48.9-mile post with the searching of a female subject being arrested. No contraband was located and the subject was processed by the Blue Ash Officers at the scene.
- 8/31 Officer Martin Day and Field Training Officer James Martin assisted Medic 73 with an elderly female that had injured herself from a fall. Medic 73 transported her to Bethesda North Hospital for further treatment.

August 2016 MONTGOMERY POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

Officer Steve Hoy was in Columbus instructing Narcotics Investigations.

Assistant Chief John Crowell attended OSINT (Open Source Investigation Techniques) at The Rock (Emergency Operations Center) in Cincinnati.

Field Training Officer Martin attended a week long instructional course at the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy for Traffic Stop Techniques.

Officer Payne was a guest instructor for NASRO in the basic academy.

Sergeant Gruber and Officer Martin instructed ALICE training at Bethesda North Hospital for their security officers and medical staff.

**MONTGOMERY FIRE DEPT.
DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION
MONTHLY INSPECTION REPORT
August -2016**

| OCCUPANCY CLASS | TOTALS | | |
|------------------------------|---------|----------------|-------|
| | Initial | Re-Inspections | Total |
| RESIDENTIAL _____ | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| PUBLIC BUILDINGS _____ | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| HEALTH CARE FACILITIES _____ | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CHILD CARE FACILITIES _____ | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| EDUCATIONAL BUILDINGS _____ | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| CHURCHES _____ | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| MERCANTILE _____ | 51 | 21 | 73 |
| Sub Totals: _____ | 55 | 25 | 80 |

Other Misc. Inspections:

- 3 Inspections with NIC
- 1 Meeting at Market Place for code issues
- 1 Fire Alarm test at B. North

TOTAL INSPECTIONS → 84

RESULTS OF INSPECTIONS

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|------------------------------------------|-----|
| VIOLATIONS ISSUED _____ | 57 |
| VIOLATIONS CORRECTED _____ | 53 |
| TOTAL VIOLATIONS ISSUED IN 2016 _____ | 343 |
| TOTAL VIOLATIONS CORRECTED IN 2016 _____ | 330 |
| RECOMMENDATIONS ISSUED _____ | 02 |
| RECOMMENDATIONS CORRECTED _____ | 02 |
| COMPLAINTS ANSWERED _____ | 00 |
| REFERRALS MADE TO OTHERS _____ | 00 |
| PERMITS ISSUED _____ | 00 |
| PERMITS WITHHELD _____ | 00 |
| APPLIANCES RED TAGGED _____ | 01 |
| CITATIONS ISSUED _____ | 00 |
| WARNING TAGS ISSUED _____ | 00 |
| SUPPLY SYSTEMS INSTALLED _____ | 00 |
| SPRINKLER SYS. TESTS OBSERVED _____ | 00 |
| ALARM SYS. TESTS OBSERVED _____ | 00 |
| FIRE DRILLS OBSERVED _____ | 00 |
| TORNADO DRILLS OBSERVED _____ | 00 |
| SYSTEMS TEST CERTIFICATES RECEIVED _____ | 15 |
| PLAN REVIEWS MADE _____ | 12 |

PROGRAM INVOLVEMENT:

Center Learn – Fire pre-plan training
SWOFSC Inspectors meeting

**Lt. Mark S. Stagge
Fire Safety Inspector**

Car show rolls into Montgomery Square Plaza Sept. 17

Join the fun on Sept. 17, from 4-7 p.m. for the annual Montgomery Car Show.

The show is located at the Montgomery Square Shopping Plaza located on Montgomery Road, in the Montgomery Kroger Parking Lot area, less than 1-mile north from Montgomery Inn.

Those who want to enter a car in the show can register between 2-4 p.m. before the show starts.

From 4-7 p.m., attendees can walk through and look at the entries.

Awards will be announced at 6:30 p.m. Raffle prizes will be given away every half hour.

The first 100 car entries to arrive will receive a free dash plaque.

Awards are for the Top 10, Best of Show, Peoples' Choice and Participants' Choice.

The car show will feature live musical entertainment from the Four Hubcaps, soft drinks, beer, and food from Montgomery Inn.

The cost for entering a car in the show is \$10, but admission is free for the public.

Spectators can expect to see classic cars to hotrods and everything in between.

"Get your motor running and head out to the car show! Join us for fantastic family fun with cars from the 20s to the 80s, trucks and motorcycles."

According to Montgomery's recreation coordinator, Julie Machon, this is the must-see event for Montgomery families and car enthusiasts.

This annual event is sponsored by The Audi Connection, Columbia Hyundai/Columbia Acura/Genesis, Columbia Chevrolet, Camargo Cadillac, Twin Lakes Senior Living Community, Montgomery Inn and Myers Y Cooper/Montgomery Square Plaza.

Proceeds from this event benefit the Holiday Family Fund and future improvements in City Parks.

Faith Lynch, City of Montgomery

One-Stop Drop for Responsible Recycling event

With all the focus on cleaning up the planet, the City of Montgomery Environmental Advisory Commission is making it more convenient for residents to recycle more.

On Sept. 17, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. the Environmental Advisory Commission is sponsoring a One-Stop Drop for Responsible Recycling event at the Public Works facility, 7315 Cornell Road.

The free event will provide families an easy way to dispose of items that have been sitting around the house and no longer needed.

Making it convenient for residents and families to dispose of unwanted clutter, the following items will be accepted:

- » Computers and related equipment
- » Latex Paint
- » Textiles

» Household items such as used furniture, used cabinets, ceiling fans, light fixtures, doors, hardware and tools, housewares, rugs and thermal pane windows

- » Appliances
- » Linens, shoes, purses, clothing, coats, luggage and toys

Donations will benefit:

- » Matthew 25 Ministries
- » Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati Restore
- » Goodwill Industries

Information: montgomeryohio.org; 513-891-2424.

Faith Lynch, City of Montgomery

Montgomery pool open for pooches

Join the fun on Labor Day from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 5, for the City of Montgomery's annual Dogfest and K-9 Kerplunk event.

The event will be at the Montgomery Community Pool, 8075 Hopewell Road. Families and their canine companions can finish the summer with a dip in the pool. All breeds and sizes of dogs are invited.

» At 5:30 p.m. fun activities will include Best Doggie Paddle and Longest Jump in the pool.

» Dogs can join in a short parade around the pool deck at 6 p.m. led by Montgomery's Top Dog "The Almighty Bruce"

» Right after the parade at 6 p.m., there will be fun contests on the big stage to select the Best Costume, Best Looking Male, Best Looking Female, Most Talented and Waggiest Tail.

» Dogs can receive a free nail trim by Professional Pet Grooming by Kathie.

» Owners and their dog can visit with an animal communicator.

» Also, kids can have their faces painted to join in the spirit of the event.

The cost is \$3 per dog for non-pool members and free admission for Montgomery Pool members. Dogs must be people-friendly, on a leash when out of the water, non-ag-

gressive towards other dogs and under control. Bring a non-perishable pet food item to donate to Meals on Wheels for Pets and you will be entered into a drawing for a prize.

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

Sign up for the Montgomery community wide garage sale

Montgomery is having a community wide garage sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, Households can sign up on the city's website, www.montgomeryohio.org, or by calling 513-891-2424.

There is no fee to participate and registered households will be included on the garage sale treasure map, which will be available at Montgomery City Hall, 10101 Montgomery Road, starting Thursday, Sept. 8 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on the website.