

September 8, 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 September 5, 2016 and as an announcement of activities in the coming weeks:

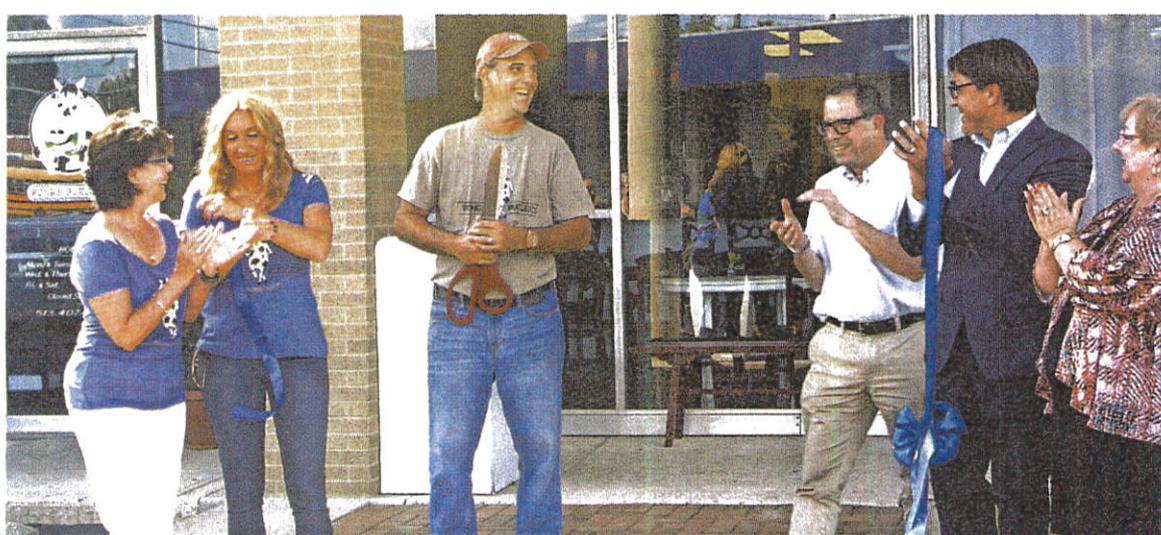
1. As a reminder, the Parks and Recreation and Government Affairs Committees will meet on Monday, September 12 at 3:30 and 4:30 p.m., respectively in Council Chambers. The Public Works Committee has cancelled their meeting for the month of September.
2. As a reminder, the annual budget review session is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. The Financial Planning Committee met on Tuesday evening for the initial review of the 2017 annual Operating and Capital Budget and the five year forecast.
3. On Friday, September 2 both ambulances that were out of service for repairs were returned from the shop. Once again, a huge "Thank You" goes out to the Madeira Indian Hill Joint Fire District and Fire Chief Ashbrock for loaning the department an ambulance for a week while awaiting repairs on the City's vehicles.
4. Volunteer Appreciation Days at the Pool wrapped up on Monday, September 5, with a total of 177 volunteer/guest passes being used. Volunteer feedback was positive with a common theme of appreciation for the flexibility of attendance at this event. The City appreciates the various efforts of all of these fine volunteers throughout the past year.
5. Labor Day's Dogfest and K-9 Kerplunk was a hit with over 153 dogs in attendance plus their human companions. There was a line of dogs waiting outside the pool gate to get in before the event started at 5:00 p.m. The zero depth entry was full within the first 20 minutes. The Top Dog, "The Almighty Bruce" led the parade and their owners talked about their dog on stage. Another dog, Baxter, won "Entertainer of the Year" and their owners' email is below. Sponsors and vendors were at the event providing resources to our participants. The pool and stage activities were well attended and many of the fabulous prizes were donated. Thank you to our elite judging panel which included City Council member Gerri Harbison, Officer Paul Payne and Melanie Osborn. WCPO and Fox 19 were at the event taking footage and Fox 19 staff were in the zero depth entry of the pool doing live broadcasts during the event. A big thank you to the Dogfest team which includes Cindy Abner, Sharon Savitt, Sarah Fink, Tony Brothers, Mark Stagge, Greg Schill, Paul Payne and Julie Machon.
6. The 2016 pool season ended on Monday with a total of 684 memberships being sold this season, which is in line with 2015 with 652 sold and in 2014 with 666 sold. Attendance increased in 2016 with 23,070 check-ins' being recorded versus 20,576 recorded in 2015. In 2015 our largest attendance was recorded on June 11, with 491. In 2016, we had 642 on June

11, 570 on May 30 (Memorial Day) and 550 on June 26. Overall, it was another successful year at the City's pool. Thanks to all who made this happen for our customers.

7. After a long period away from work, Matthew Vanderhorst returned to City Hall on Tuesday. We are all happy to have Matthew back with us.
8. Tuesday afternoon, Wayne Davis, Katie Smiddy and Terry Donnellon met with Jerry Royce Brandicorp and Tom Humes with Great Traditions to review financial data and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) numbers regarding the Vintage Club North site. Additional information needs to be confirmed by the Hamilton County Auditor's Office before any final determinations can be made and discussed with the developers.
9. The 2016 Pavement Marking Program is underway by Aeromark Inc. Roadways being repainted include portions of Montgomery Road, Main Street, Remington Road, Cooper Road, Weller Road, Cornell Road, and Mitchell Farm. Stop bars and crosswalks are also being repainted in various locations throughout the City based upon their condition. Aeromark should be completed with this work by the end of September.
10. Chief Simpson attended an International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Midwest Regional Seminar, hosted by the University of Cincinnati today. This seminar was limited to police executives only and covered critical issues in law enforcement around the United States. At the end of the forum, the University of Cincinnati's Institute of Crime Science demonstrated their newest version of data visualization tools and explained how the use of data can help criminal justice agencies be more efficient, more effective, and more transparent.
11. Thank you to the Montgomery Ohio Chamber of Commerce and Med+ Urgent Care for once again partnering with the City for the annual Hot Dog event held today at Neully-Plaisance Plaza. This lunch is an opportunity to connect and engage with members of the local business community. Thank you to everyone who attended, and to the Chamber members who cooked and put the event together.
12. Please note that open enrollment meetings for insurance benefits for full-time employees are scheduled for next week as follows: Tuesday, September 13 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers; Thursday, September 15 at 7:30 a.m. at the Safety Center; and Thursday, September 15 at noon at the Public Works Building. All full-time employees are encouraged to attend one of the open enrollment sessions to learn about Humana medical insurance, Dental Care Plus dental insurance, the Vitality wellness program, and voluntary supplemental insurance plans (vision, critical illness/cancer, accident, term life, and short term disability insurance policies) now being offered through Humana.
13. Council member Craig Margolis, Sister Cities Commission members: Marcallene Shockey and Jack Wild and Ben Shapiro will all be departing on Friday morning to travel to the Village of Montgomery, NY to participate in General Montgomery Day this Saturday. We wish them safe travels as they represent the City and continue to build our relationship with the Village of Montgomery.
14. Wayne will be in the Washington, DC area for a few days of vacation, September 9 – 12 and will return to the office on Tuesday, September 13. Brian Riblet will serve as Acting City Manager in Wayne's absence.
15. 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



PHOTOS BY MARIKA LEE/THE COMMUNITY PRESS

Bones' Burgers owner Curtis Bonekemper, center, smiles after cutting the ribbon at the grand opening of Bones' Burger permanent location in Montgomery.

# Bones' Burgers opens restaurant in Montgomery

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A popular local food truck has found a permanent location in Montgomery.

Bones' Burgers opened its restaurant at 9721 Montgomery Road Aug. 29. Bones' Burgers offers hamburgers using local grass-fed beef. It also offers vegan burgers, salmon burgers, turkey burgers, salads and grilled cheese. It will have beer and wine options in the coming weeks.

"Bones is nice family environment, which is something we really need here. We have a lot of young families. It is a great addition to our community," Mayor Chris Dobroszi said.

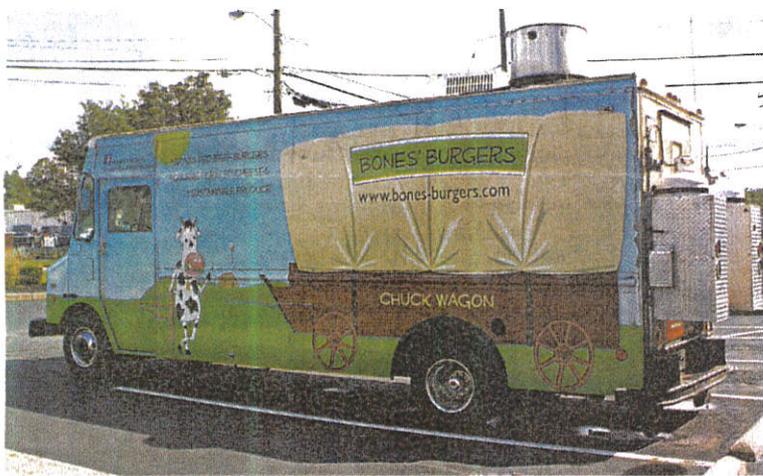
Bones' Burgers has frequently been at the Montgomery Farmers' Market over the years.

"I personally wouldn't wait in line for half an hour for a burger, but I am grateful that I have a lot of followers that do," owner Curtis Bonekemper said.

Bones' has been looking for a permanent location for nearly three years and looked throughout the region before deciding on Montgomery.

"We were very patient to find the right location for your business model. I believe this location is good for you," Dobroszi said at the grand opening.

Bones' is the third restaurant



Food truck Bones' Burgers now has a permanent location in Montgomery.



Bones' Burgers opened at 9721 Montgomery Road, behind United Dairy Farmers, Aug. 29.

to open at 9721 Montgomery Road, behind United Dairy Farmers, in recent years. Verde Salad opened in the location in

June 2014, but closed. Anea Bistro opened in November 2015, but closed in April.

"I finally found a home and I really feel good here and I am glad that I developed the business and relationships we have in the last four or five years," Bonekemper said.

Bones' Burger is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. It is closed Sundays.

Want to know more about what is happening in Montgomery? Follow Marika Lee on Twitter: @ReporterMarika

# Cornell Road Bridge opens after repairs

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The Cornell Road Bridge is open after being closed for most of the summer.

“We are rebuilding the Cornell Road Bridge, the bridge deck and doing bridge repair over I-71. We have to do this periodically,” said Brian Cunningham, communication specialist for the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Cornell Road has been closed since mid-June and Cunningham said the project was originally scheduled for completion before the Sycamore Community Schools started in the third week of August.

“We were hoping to have it open last week, but unfortunately the weather was not playing nice with us and caused some delays to that original opening,” Cunningham said.

The bridge is next Sycamore High School, 7400 Cornell Road. ODOT set up a detour using Deer-



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**The Cornell Road Bridge, which was rebuilt over the summer, is reopening.**

field, East Kemper and Snider roads. The bridge repair also caused nightly lane closures on I-71.

“The high school has been on a modified schedule since school started and will remain that way through the first week. We

have modified the traffic pattern on campus to accommodate drivers and students who are being dropped off,” said Mallory Bonbright, chief public relations and communication officer for the district.

She added buses remain on normal times and routes.

*Want to know more about what is happening in the Sycamore Community Schools? Follow Marika Lee on Twitter: @ReporterMarika*

## Montgomery seeks entries for holiday card contest

The City of Montgomery is looking for contributors to dedicate their creative energy to design its holiday card. The winning design will be used on the cards that City staff and volunteers send out as a holiday greeting in 2016.

Designs must incorporate a scene or design element related in some way to the City of Montgomery. Holiday scenes, particularly set in Montgomery, are encouraged. The ideal designed will have a "Winter in Montgomery" theme.

Any medium will be accepted, but the artwork must not consist of three-dimensional features or techniques that will not reproduce effectively. Art work incorporating any copyrighted or trademarked features will not be accepted, unless accompanied by written approval by the owner of the copyrighted feature or object. Artists can use any median, from photography to oils, chalk, etc..., but will need to provide a digital image of the art to the City of Montgomery. The winner receives a Montgomery-themed gift basket.

Deadline to submit work is Sept. 16, and must be in digital format to be considered. Artists can apply online at the City's website, [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org), and do not have to be a resident of Montgomery; anyone can enter.

A decision on the winning artwork will be announced in early October, and cards will be printed in November for use during the holiday season.

For more information, call Julie Machon at 792-8316.

## **Sister Cities Commission to host International Reception**

Community members are invited to attend Montgomery's International Reception on Oct. 9, sponsored by the Sister Cities Commission. The Sister Cities Commission motto is "Bringing the World Together One Friendship at a Time" and this eagerly anticipated yearly event encourages the connection of all Montgomery residents' one friendship at a time. Children and non-Montgomery residents are also encouraged to attend. The social event is scheduled for Oct. 9, from 5-7 p.m. at Terwilliger Lodge in Dulle Park, 10530 Deerfield Road. Participants should bring a favorite covered dish, appetizer or dessert to share at the international buffet table. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided by the Sister Cities Commission. Ethnic attire and/or entertainment shared by guests (musical instruments, dancing, etc.) are always welcome and encouraged. If you wish to share some aspect of your culture through song, dance, or traditional dress, please indicate this desire when you make a reservation.

To make your reservation to attend this event or for more information, please contact City Hall at 513-891-2424 or register online at [montgomeryohio.org](http://montgomeryohio.org) by Sept. 30.

Don't delay; this free event is limited to the first 100 reservations.

*Faith Lynch, City of Montgomery*