

June 11, 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 June 8, 2015 and as an announcement of activities in the coming weeks:

1. As a reminder, City Council is scheduled to meet in Work Session on Wednesday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Prior to the City Council Work Session, Dr. Eric Rademacher with University of Cincinnati Institute of Policy Research will present to City Council the results of the citizen survey at 6:00 p.m., immediately after the presentation there will be a public hearing at 6:45 p.m. on the proposed 2016 Tax Budget.
2. On Friday, June 5, Lieutenant John Crowell, responded with the Hamilton County Police Association SWAT Team, to a residence in Springfield Township for a barricaded man inside of a residence. After several hours of negotiation, the man surrendered peacefully and was taken into custody.
3. Attached is a letter of gratitude from a Golf Manor resident. Officer Alex Janszen rendered aid to this disabled motorist on Interstate 71 this past weekend. The man had his three children with him in the car when his tire blew out, leaving him in what oftentimes is a very dangerous situation. Great job Alex for providing assistance to the motorists that travel our roadways.
4. On Monday, Faith Lynch, Ray Kingsbury and Tracy Roblero attended a lunch session on "Meeting the Needs of Intergenerational Communities" sponsored by Xavier University's Community Building Institute. Two speakers, Corita Brown of the Intergenerational Center at Temple University and another speaker from PNC Bank, addressed the programmatic and financial challenges on communities meeting the social needs of a growing aging population and a younger more ethnically diverse population.
5. Crews from Complete Demolition Services began demolition of the former Ford Dealership building(s) on Monday morning. Crews are working diligently to recycle as much material from the site as possible. Staff will continue to monitor progress daily and address any issues that may arise during the demolition process.
6. The Montgomery Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) audit was released on Tuesday, June 9. Due to limited transactions and budgetary balances of the CIC, the audit was basic and not designed to express an opinion on the CIC's financial statements. Procedures were conducted by the Auditor of State and no significant compliance or accounting issues were reported.

7. On Tuesday, Tracy Roblero, Kelly Beach and I met with Jerry Royce from Brandicorp to discuss the latest site plan for the north side of the Vintage Club. Brandicorp will be making changes to the current site plan and providing additional information by the end of the week. They are also working on an alternate site plan for the north side that would eliminate multi-family and focus on office, restaurant and retail uses.
8. On Wednesday, Julie Prickett and I attended Frost Brown Todd's 22nd Annual Public Sector Labor Seminar. Seminar training topics included recent FMLA and ADA developments, Ohio Sunshine Law and Public Records Law updates, employment case law updates, and employment discrimination law updates. This annual outing is both a learning and networking opportunity for area public sector colleagues.
9. On Wednesday, Chief Simpson and I attended a public information gathering session held by the Hamilton County Communications Center. The evening session provided information about the funding model for the communications center and sought input on how best to fund the system into the future. Lieutenant Crowell attended a meeting on the same subject matter on Monday.
10. On Wednesday afternoon, Chief Wright attended a regional meeting regarding a countywide mass notification system that is being considered by Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency (EMA). The system would incorporate all forms of media (voice, text, social, GIS, etc.) in order to transmit emergency notices to the citizens of the county. The EMA is preparing a Request for Proposal (RFP) and invited interested jurisdictions to meet to discuss features and options that would be needed. Among the scope of the RFP is the option for jurisdictions to subscribe for services in a cost sharing venture. Potentially we could replace our Code Red system and subscribe with the county for the same service at a reduced cost. We will keep you informed as the program further develops.
11. The Landmarks Commission met Wednesday evening to consider an application from Montgomery Inn to replace windows at the restaurant. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the application. The Commission also discussed a recommendation by Frank Davis, Special Projects Coordinator, regarding the design and material for street furniture in the Heritage District and the Old Montgomery Gateway District.
12. Prus Construction Company continued work on the annual Street Resurfacing Program this week as a significant amount of concrete curb removal and replacement was completed on Forestglen Drive. This annual infrastructure maintenance program is scheduled to be completed by August 24.
13. Crews from The Gertz Company continued work to replace identified fire hydrants in conjunction with the Annual Street Resurfacing Program. Weather permitting, all 26 identified fire hydrants will be replaced by June 17.
14. Barrett Paving Materials continue work on the Montgomery Road and Pfeiffer Road Improvement Project as a large portion of brick paver sidewalk installation was completed this week on Pfeiffer Road. Crews also began excavating on Montgomery Road to relocate existing catch basins to allow for construction of the dedicated right turn lane into Bethesda Hospital. This project is now anticipated to be substantially complete by July 15.

15. The East Fire Chiefs group met this morning at the Little Miami Fire Station. The ten area departments are currently looking to submit a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the annual testing of ground ladders and aerial devices. Currently each department is contracting for this service as it is required annually by the Bureau of Workers Compensation. It is anticipated that a better price will be available with a group purchase of this service.
16. Lieutenant Crowell, Sergeant VondenBenken, Sharon Savitt, Assistant Chief Shapiro and Chief Wright participated in a webinar discussing the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and a review of the definition of compensable work time. Changes to the FLSA were highlighted in the session and all the participants confirmed that our current practices meet the intent of the law.
17. The Montgomery Swim and Tennis Club has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the approximately eight acre site. The community development department has been fielding calls about the property regarding what types of uses are allowed from many different developers who are interested in the property for a multitude of different uses, including single family homes, empty-nester developments, assisted living, churches, etc. We will continue to keep you up to date on matters related to this property.
18. The MCLA Alumni Reunion Summit will be held on Thursday, June 25 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Terwilliger Lodge. Dinner will be provided and the agenda for the evening will cover a review of the findings of the resident survey. Please let Faith know as soon as possible if you would like to attend.
19. For the weeks of June 15 through 19 and June 22 through 26, 29 teen volunteers will be assisting Officer Bob Otte at Safety Village. These teens have volunteered to help fill the 40 Safety Village volunteer assistant spots. They have made a week long commitment to help reinforce the lessons taught at Safety Village on the basic rules of pedestrian and traffic safety as well as fire, personal, animal, water and school safety. These volunteers make Safety Village possible and the City is especially grateful for their assistance.
20. On Thursday morning, Mayor Steinbrink, Council Member Harbison and I attended our quarterly Community Roundtable meeting held at the Symmes Township Administration Building. In attendance at the meeting were representatives from Symmes Township, Sycamore Schools, Blue Ash, and for the first time in several years, Sycamore Township. Several topics were addressed in the meeting, including: the plans of Symmes Township to pursue a 1.5 mil operating levy in November; Cincinnati Milacron moving its operations from Cincinnati to Blue Ash; and Sycamore Schools graduation of 390 seniors last week as well as the transition of Frank Forsthoefel to Superintendent upon Adrienne James' retirement at the end of the month.
21. At noon today, I made the fourth annual "State of the City" presentation at the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce meeting at Wright Brothers. City Council Members Combs, Harbison, Margolis and Roesch were in attendance along with staff members Tracy Roblero, Melissa Hays, Kelly Beach and Faith Lynch. Carol Gorley from the Chamber indicated that the attendance for this presentation set a new record for a luncheon, with approximately 50 people. In the presentation I was able to touch on City finances, capital projects, the Gateway Redevelopment Area, Community Engagement and the City's upcoming strategic planning process. We are appreciative of the invitation from the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce to share our updates on the work of the City and our overall community.

22. Please find attached a note from Chief Wright thanking City Council and staff for expressions of sympathy and kindness.
23. 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: Connie Gaylor, Administrative Coordinator
Department Heads
Terry Donnellon, Law Director

Chief of Police Simpson,

Hi, I am writing to express my gratitude to one of your police officers, Alex Janszen. This past Sunday I was driving on the 71 NB and suddenly one of my tires blew out. Although I was able to pull over to the shoulder, I did not feel too safe as I had my 3 children in the car, and there was only about 2 feet separating my car from the passing cars on the highway. I called 911 and the dispatcher sent Officer Janszen over. Officer Janszen was extremely polite and courteous and really helped me out. He parked his car behind mine, which made me feel much safer as cars slowed down while passing. He waited patiently until my buddy was able to come over and both put on a doughnut and take my kids home. The experience was a little nerve wracking, but Officer Janszen really helped it go as smoothly as possible, so thanks again.

Respectfully,



Daniel Schon
Golf Manor, Ohio

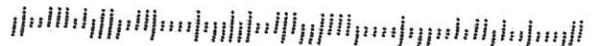
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To City Council + City Staff,

Thank you very much for the flowers, kind words and expressions during the time of my mother's passing.

My brothers and sister were very impressed with the Montgomery contingent and were able to see first hand of how blessed

I am to be surrounded by such great people.

Thanks for being my co-workers, my mentors and most of all my friends.

God's blessings,
Paul Wright

Health district wants residents to thrive

Community Press Staff Report

A long and healthy life. That's the goal of the Hamilton County Public Health District's WeThrive project.

WeThrive is a county-wide movement that builds teams of community partners, including schools, businesses, churches, elected officials and residents working together to make healthy living easier.

The movement focuses on increasing access to healthy eating and physical activity, while decreasing tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke. WeThrive is about making lasting changes that keep communities healthy for generations.

Hamilton County Public Health Commissioner Tim Ingram says the program is a game-changer for his department.

"Instead of the health department telling everyone how to live healthy lives, WeThrive focuses on changing social norms by creating policy, systems and environmental changes with the goal of making healthy living easier," he said. "Our teams work directly with community leaders in Hamilton County to engage in healthier practices and incorporate change at the community level."

Each community team works at its own pace and implements the changes necessary to achieve healthier goals, while Hamilton County Public Health staff members conduct community health assessments, which gather community-level health data. The community health assessment is a check up of sorts. What are the challenges and trends? The assessments determine those answers and the information is meant to help guide the communities as they decide what healthy living will look like for them.

Based on the data collected by health department staff, communities can choose one of four pathways: chronic disease, environmental health, community health, and emergency preparedness. Those pathways determine the fo-

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cus and help direct community engagement in getting healthy as a community.

Health district staff members lend experience and help guide the teams of local partners through the process of adopting wellness resolutions and selecting a pathway based on the health assessment information. Then the groups develop action plans, and begin implementing sustainable health-promoting initiatives.

In addition to community-based programs, the health department is extending the reach of WeThrive through child care facilities, faith-based organizations, and schools.

The WeThrive Child Care Initiative focuses on enhancing nutrition and physical activity in child care settings by encouraging increased access to

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healthier foods and beverages, limited screen time and increased active play.

The WeThrive Faith-based Initiative and the Center for Closing the Health Gap addressed barriers to exercise for people who may not have access to facilities by helping faith-based organizations create physical activity ministries and programs that are open to both church members and the public. The CCHG developed a tool kit for faith-based organizations interested in creating similar programs.

The WeThrive School-based Initiative partnered with the Nutrition Council and initially helped 11 school districts adopt the new state nutrition standards early, making it easier for more than 61,000 students in Hamilton County to make healthy choices when they are at school. These early-adopting districts included Cincinnati, Deer Park, Finneytown, Lockland, Loveland, Madeira, Princeton, Reading, Sycamore, Southwest and Three Rivers. Ultimately, all 22 Hamilton County districts adopted competitive foods policies, reaching 105,000 students in Hamilton County.

Here's how local communities are engaged in the county's WeThrive program.



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860 pounds of goods collected by the Montgomery Food Share were sorted by type before being delivered to the Freestore Foodbank in 2013.

Montgomery

The city of Montgomery decided to partner with We Thrive! in November 2014 to continue health and wellness programs.

"The city is invested in making the quality of life sustainable. The partnership met our goals that we already encourage. It is just an extension of our goals," assistant community engagement director Faith Lynch said.

Montgomery is focusing on chronic disease and emergency preparedness. The city is creating groups of city staff, community members and faith and civic organizations to focus on each that will create a two-year action plan. Lynch said the programs will supplement what the city is already doing.

"We support qualities of life that support a healthy lifestyle," Lynch said, adding the city has seven parks, multiple public playgrounds and high sidewalk connectivity to allow for a walkable community.

Lynch said the city has been promoting health eating with the Montgomery Farmers Market and Montgomery Food Share.

The Montgomery Fire Department recently launched EMS Sign Post to help in emergency response situations. As part of the program, residents can go onto the city's website and fill out medical information. They are then sent a refrigerator mag-

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- Communities participating in WeThrive!
- Addyston
 - Amberley Village
 - Anderson Township
 - Arlington Heights
 - Colerain Township
 - Crosby Township
 - Evendale
 - Fairfax
 - Forest Park
 - Lincoln Heights
 - Lockland
 - Montgomery
 - Mount Healthy
 - North Bend
 - North College Hill
 - Reading
 - Saint Bernard
 - Silverton
 - Woodlawn
- For more information, go to watchusthrive.org.

net that has a special access code EMS responders can scan in case of an emergency.

Sharonville

Sharonville doesn't participate in We Thrive, though the city offers programs that benefit the physical and mental well being of its residents.

A partnership with the Alzheimer's Association includes a program in which patients and their caregivers gather at the Community Center once a week. The Alzheimer's patients work on art projects while their caregivers meet to discuss challenges and support each other.

Another program for physically and mentally challenged adults teaches them skills to make them competitive in the job market.

"Our focus is the health and wellness of the community. Whether it's our facilities or the programs, our focus is the health and wellness of the community," Sharonville Recreation Director Sue Koetz said. "Health and wellness has to do with the entire person."

Twin Creek Preserve is an example of a project that fosters physical well being in a community environment.

The floodplain project that restored 4,000 feet of stream includes a five-acre wetland and walking trail.

Wyoming

Wyoming has applied for Safe Routes to School grant funding to extend the sidewalk from Hilltop Lane to Poage Farm Road. A previous grant extended the sidewalk along Compton Road.



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Montgomery residents, from left: Marsha Kelpe, Dave Kelpe, Mike Hinzman and Peggy Hinzman, donated and collected goods for the Montgomery Food Share benefiting the Freestore Foodbank in June 2013.

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