

June 18, 2015

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Wayne S. Davis, City Manager
Department Heads



SUBJECT: Thursday Update

The following information is provided to you as a summary of activities for the week of June 15, 2015 and as an announcement of activities in the coming weeks:

1. City police detectives served a search warrant this week for items related to suspects who were arrested last Thursday for Identity Theft. The items recovered were used to produce fake driver's licenses. The suspects were allegedly opening fake credit card accounts with these documents using false identities. Detectives are working with the FBI and California and Florida law enforcement agencies to develop further leads. The suspects are currently being held at the Hamilton County Justice Center and are expected to be extradited to Florida and California in the near future.
2. Officer Bob Otte, along with many City volunteers, kicked off this year's Safety Village at Swaim Park on Monday. Approximately 50, five and six year olds attended this week with another 50 slated to attend next week. Children learned about bicycle safety, fire safety, and the "911" emergency system among other topics. Bob has received extremely positive feedback, and he is looking forward to another busy, yet rewarding, week. Great job "Officer Bob"!
3. Prus Construction Company continued work on the Annual Street Resurfacing Program this week concentrating on concrete curb removal and replacement in the Forestglen Subdivision. This annual infrastructure maintenance program is scheduled to be completed by August 24.
4. Kelly Beach attended the quarterly Greater Cincinnati Finance Officers' Association meeting on Tuesday at the Forest Park Senior Center. Representatives from Huntington Bank discussed non-typical services they offer, such as insurance coverage and consolidation of equipment maintenance contracts.
5. Lieutenant John Crowell attended the monthly meeting at MVRMA (Miami Valley Risk Management Association) this week. Among the topics of discussion were the current "soft market" in the insurance industry and its influence on our costs and also the announcement of the awards for Cities and departments with zero loss years. The City's recreation department will receive an award for 14 consecutive years without a claim. Great job Julie and Sarah!
6. Sergeant Greg Vonden Benken attended the Sycamore School District Emergency Plans meeting on Wednesday. A comprehensive review of plans for the upcoming school year

was conducted by district officials and police and fire departments in the district, which outlines procedures and protocols that are in place should a major incident occur. This is another example of where we “Plan for the best, but prepare for the worst”.

7. On Wednesday, Connie Gaylor and Brian Riblet met with Dave Kennedy, city manager, of the City of Loveland and two resident volunteers of Loveland who were interested in learning about the various recycling efforts that are successful in Montgomery. The group indicated they were impressed with Montgomery's efforts and results and are hoping to increase awareness as well as implement new programs in Loveland. Thanks to Connie and Brian for making the time to meet with our neighbor.
8. Brian Riblet attended the Public Works Officials of Southwest Ohio (PWOSO) meeting on Thursday, and he reports the following retired public works officials were honored: Dennis Albrinck from the City of Blue Ash, Dave Stenger from the City of Forest Park, Robert Sears from the City of Springdale, Dennis Chapman from Colerain Township, Ron King from the City of Dayton and Eugene Reichert from the City of Mt. Healthy. Dennis Chapman was also honored with a “Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award” for his many years of Service and Leadership. At this meeting two scholarships were awarded including Breanna Willenbrink who will be attending Christ College of Nursing this fall.
9. The 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) was released by Auditor of State Dave Yost's office on Wednesday. The City received a clean audit report and also earned the Auditor of State Award with Distinction. The CAFR is available on the City website and CD's with a copy of the full report will be provided to City Council. A copy of the press release from the State is attached.
10. Crews from Complete Demolition Services continued demolition of the former Ford Dealership building(s) this week and anticipate having both buildings razed by close of business on Friday. 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.
11. Barrett Paving Materials continues it's work on the Montgomery Road and Pfeiffer Road Improvement Project as crews relocated storm sewer infrastructure and excavated for construction of the dedicated right turn lane into Bethesda Hospital. This project is still anticipated to be substantially complete by July 15.
12. A pre-construction meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 26 at 10:00 a.m. with American Pavements, Inc. to review the process and scheduling for the 2015 Bituminous “Black Mat” Program. It is anticipated this project will be completed in late July although the contractual completion date is August 21, 2015. Space at this meeting is limited however seats have been reserved for Mr. Margolis and all of our City Council Members.
13. On Thursday, June 25, I will travel to Columbus for the Ohio City/County Management Association's quarterly Board Meeting on the Ohio State Campus.
14. Please find attached a Thank You letter from the Montgomery Woman's Club for the donation of pool passes which were raffled off at their Derby Day Fashion Show held on May 2. All proceeds from the event help support the Fisher House, a lodging facility for the families of Veterans who are receiving treatment at the VA hospital.

15. I will be out of town beginning the evening of June 25 to travel to a wedding on Long Island. Following the wedding, I will depart for a trip that will involve travel to Europe for our Sister City, Neuilly-Plaisance's celebration of our Independence Day from July 3 through July 7. Mayor Steinbrink and his family, Jack Wild and Gary Blomberg will also be participating in the ceremonies in Neuilly-Plaisance. I will be taking some vacation for the wedding and for some travel in Europe prior to and following the stay in Neuilly-Plaisance. I will have access to cell phone communication, and e-mail (much cheaper than cell phone calls with an international plan) and will keep current on happenings in the city via these devices. Matthew Vanderhorst will serve as Acting City Manager in my absence. We will arrive back in New York on July 11, and will be back in the area on July 12, and I plan to be back in the office on Monday morning, July 13.
16. 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.

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City of Montgomery Qualifies for Auditor of State Award with Distinction

Columbus – A recent financial audit of the City of Montgomery (Hamilton County) by Auditor of State Dave Yost’s office has returned a clean audit report. The city’s excellent record keeping has qualified it for the *Auditor of State Award with Distinction*.

“Good finance is important to everything government does,” Auditor Yost said. “Sound budgetary decisions depend on clean and accurate books.”

The *Auditor of State Award with Distinction* is presented to local governments and school districts upon the completion of a financial audit. Entities that receive the award meet the following criteria of a “clean” audit report:

- The entity must file timely financial reports with the Auditor of State’s office in the form of a CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report);
- The audit report does not contain any findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Single Audit findings or questioned costs;
- The entity’s management letter contains no comments related to:
 - Ethics referrals
 - Questioned costs less than \$10,000
 - Lack of timely report submission
 - Reconciliation
 - Failure to obtain a timely Single Audit
 - Findings for recovery less than \$100
 - Public meetings or public records
- No other financial or other concerns exist.

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The Auditor of State’s office, one of five independently elected statewide offices in Ohio, is responsible for auditing more than 5,800 state and local government agencies. Under the direction of Auditor Dave Yost, the office also provides financial services to local governments, investigates and prevents fraud in public agencies and promotes transparency in government.

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Todd Steinbrink/Wayne Davis
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Dear Todd & Wayne,

The Derby Day Fashion Show hosted by the Montgomery Woman's Club is now history! We are so grateful to the individuals and businesses that were supportive of this event. To you, we say *THANK YOU!!*

On Saturday, May 2, 318 women came together for a fun afternoon of raffles, fashions, and lunch to raise money that would help support The Fisher House, a lodging facility for the families of Veterans who are receiving treatment at the VA Hospital.

We are happy to proudly share that the day was declared a huge success! Your generosity can be credited for the amazing baskets that were put together for our raffles. The Montgomery Woman's Club was able to make a significant donation that we know they will be using to help with day to day expenses at the house. They are hoping to use the money for a household project that will benefit many guests.

Thank you for your gift of Swim Club passes, a \$120 value. Without the generosity of so many, we simply could not have done it.

We look forward to working with you again in the future! Your kindness is most appreciative!

Sincerely,

Lisa Houser
Montgomery Woman's Club
Fashion Show Business Connection

Wow! What a great gift! Lots of smiles for some folks this summer! Thanks!
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SAXBYS MAKING LIFE BETTER FOR GUESTS IN MONTGOMERY AND BEYOND



At the opening of Saxbys Montgomery are from left, Debbie Mollette of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Cincinnati, Saxbys CEO Nick Bayer, and Saxbys owners Lisa Gabrielle and Jim Daniels

The City of Montgomery gained a beautiful neighborhood café when Saxbys opened recently, but the impact of the opening and continued presence of the café will reach throughout the Tri-state. As a corporate partner of Big Brothers Big Sisters, Saxbys encourages new owners to connect with the community by partnering with local Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies. At the preview event for Saxbys Montgomery, guests were invited to “pay what they wish,” with all donations going to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Cincinnati. The evening resulted in a donation of almost \$600.

In addition to the opening party, the company has an ongoing commitment to Big Brothers Big Sisters. One example: ev-

ery bottle of water sold at Saxbys will result in a 10 cent donation to the agency.

Saxbys CEO Nick Bayer is a Big Brothers volunteer mentor himself. He says, “I believe personally and deeply in the agency’s cause and have seen the positive effects on the youth of America first hand. We are committed to help fundraise and increase awareness towards recruitment of additional Big Brothers and Sisters.”

The company is also happy to fill a void in the area. Bayer says, “We couldn’t be happier for the opportunity to expand in Ohio. Our company’s mission is to ‘Make Life Better’ for each and every guest, and we can’t wait to make life better in Montgomery.”

Kathy List, president and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Cincinnati, appreciates that Saxbys is making life better for children throughout the Tri-state. She says, “We are so pleased to welcome Saxbys to the Greater Cincinnati area and are grateful for their commitment to our community.”

Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies pair adult volunteers with children who can benefit from a positive role model. For information about getting involved, go to www.bigforkids.org.

The new Saxbys Montgomery, owned by Lisa Gabrielle and Jim Daniels, is located at 9321 Montgomery Road.

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