



Weekly Update to City Council from the City Manager June 13, 2010

A Nice Place to Visit... We've got it all going on!

A group of visitors from Harrison, Ohio Senior Center was on approach to the Middletown Arts Center when their motor coach broke down. The Tour Director, placed a frantic call to our City Building where Sylvia Maynard, Citizen Liaison answered the call. The Tour Director, Jill, was very concerned that 16 seniors were sitting in the 90 degree heat with no air conditioning awaiting a replacement bus. Sylvia worked with our Transit Division Manager, Steve Murphy, who was able to divert a city bus to pick up the seniors and deliver them to MAC for their scheduled tour. During the wait, the employees at Smurfit Graphics, saw the broken down bus in front of their business and gave the passengers water & snacks to sustain them. A neighbor in the area watched from his porch and asked to look at the engine of the bus (after the seniors had been transported) and was able to repair the disabled bus! Jill and her group were very impressed by the kindness shown to them here in Middletown and emailed me to extend their appreciation. Thank you to our employees, businesses and citizens who took that extra step to help out a group of visitors to our community. I'm sure that they will spread the word about our Middletown hospitality!

Potential New Business

We anticipate word this week that NCI will be closing on property located on Yankee Road. At Tuesday's Council meeting we are requesting authorization to provide a Job Creation Tax Incentive Grant to NCI Group, Inc. This project will provide an incentive grant for the approximately 74 jobs expected to be created through the acquisition and renovation of a 170,000 sq ft industrial facility on Yankee Road.

Greentree Health Science Academy (GHSA)

More good news! At a meeting in the near future, we will be requesting Council to proceed with authorization to provide financing assistance to the GHSA project.

The GHSA is a partnership among Warren County Career Center, Miami University, Wright State University, Cincinnati State and Sinclair Community College.

The GHSA Partners will provide educational opportunities in a variety of health related degree Programs. The GHSA will be housed in a new 30,000 sq ft facility that can grow to 120,000 sq ft. to be constructed in the Renaissance East District near Atrium Medical Center. Atrium Medical Center and the City are providing support for this very important project. Mike Robinette will provide more of an update on Tuesday evening.

Middletown Art Center

The Middletown Art Center has the distinct honor of presenting “An American Celebration- 143rd American Watercolor Society Exhibition” July 6- August 15, 2010. This exhibition is the exclusive Midwest showing of the association’s forty best paintings worldwide. This is quite a coup for the center! Admission is free due in part by sponsors of the event. For more information call 513.424.2417 or visit MAC @ www.middletownartscenter.com.

Garden Tours

The Keep Middletown Beautiful Garden Tour is planned for June 19 and 20, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. Tickets are \$10 Pre-Sale - \$12 Tour Days. Tickets may be purchased at the following locations: Berns Garden Center, Armbruster Florist, BeauVerre—Riordan Stained Glass Studios, Stefano’s Italian Café and Keep Middletown Beautiful, Inc.

The Middletown Arts Center 6th Annual Garden Tour is planned for June 26 and 27, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. daily. Tickets are \$7 and are available at MAC, 130 N. Verity Parkway. Proceeds from this event will benefit the programs of MAC, a non-profit arts organization serving Middletown and the surrounding communities. Phone 513.424.2417. www.middletownartscenter.com.

Fire/ EMS Training

Monday, June 7- Fire Training Captain Dave Adams held the final phase of 3 RAT (Rapid Assistance Team) trainings to department instructors for the Middletown Division of Fire and our regional partner Fire Departments from Butler and Warren Counties. The training was conducted in the soon- to- be- razed Swallens building. The 3rd phase of this training focused on wide-area searches and implements skills and techniques acquired in the 2 previous phases. The RAT concept was developed to help save our firefighters in the event they become disoriented, incapacitated, or trapped during fireground operations. The training was a great

success and will be rolled out to the rest of the Division of Fire's personnel.

June 8,9,10- EMS Training Captain Todd Day in cooperation with Premier Health Partners, Miami Valley Hospital and the Atrium Medical Center had MVH's new M.E.L.(Mobile Education Lab) for Continuing Education training covering Chest Trauma and Advanced Airway skills. The M.E.L. has a state of the art human simulator that exhibits physiologic responses to treatment including cardiac, respiratory, and circulatory function. Premier Health Partners offers this training experience at no cost to its EMS partners. Techniques learned will improve the quality of care our patients receive by providing the most realistic training in an educational setting. The end result is saving of lives.

Pothole Patrol

Our Street Division and private contractor, J.K. Muerer, are very busy repairing the pothole complaints that are taken on a daily basis from the Pothole Hotline, as well as staff generated projects. We keep a running tally of the tonnage used for repairs. In addition to the city crews' work, J. K. Muerer Corp. was awarded a contract for 500 tons of asphalt for repairs & pothole patching. They have completed the Towne Blvd. Project and are beginning on other areas of the city. To report a pothole: www.cityofmiddletown.org or call 513.727.3691(Option 2).

Sutphin Street Paving Project

Sutphin Street is closed to all through traffic for the next 60 days as our contractor began full depth pavement removal. Pavement removal will continue this week prior to preparing the road base to lay new asphalt. Concrete repairs will be made to curbs and handicap ramps as necessary during this phase. While street paving can cause temporary inconvenience, the end result will be a huge boost to our community.

University Boulevard Paving Project

Work continues on University Boulevard. Full depth pavement removal and replacement at the intersection of Nelbar Street and University Boulevard will continue over the next two weeks. Concrete repairs along the entire length of the project are being completed as well.

University Boulevard Water Main Break

SK Construction began replacement of the approximately 1600 feet of water main on University Boulevard last week. Water main replacement will continue over the next two weeks. City crews removed the asphalt damaged by the water main break the week of June 1st. The road base will be prepared and asphalt will be applied following the water main replacement. Traffic on westbound University will continue to be diverted during this time.

Fresh Produce Purchases to Help Local Food Banks

Buy fresh fruits and vegetables at “Farmer Franks” on June 18-20, 2010, between 10 am and 6 pm, and a portion of your purchase price will be used to benefit Shared Harvest and other Middletown area food banks. The farmers’ market is located in the parking lot of Towne Mall, at State Route 122 and I-75. The market features world famous “Black Diamond” watermelons, South Carolina tree ripened peaches, Grainger County Kentucky tomatoes and other local and regional produce.

Census Information

The Census Helpline is 1.866.872.6868. Although all mailing of forms has ceased, citizens are able to submit information to a Census employee at this number.

Upcoming Events

June 15	MPHA meeting -Council Chambers (Lower Level) 5:30 p.m. City Council meeting- Council Chambers (Lower Level) 6:00 p.m.
June 16	Broad Street Bash Governors Square 5:00 p.m. Band 6:00 p.m.
June 18	Farmers Market @ Governors Square 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
June 19	Multicultural Festival @ Douglass Park 11:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
June 19 & 20	Keep Middletown Beautiful Garden Tour 11:00 a.m-4:00 p.m. daily
June 20	Father’s Day
June 25	Farmers Market @ Governors Square 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
June 26 & 27	Middletown Arts Center 6 th Annual Garden Tour 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
June 30	Broadstreet Bash Governors Square 5:00 p.m. Band 6:00 p.m.

Links for additional information:

City Manager’s Weekly Update: www.cityofmiddletown.org

Middletown Community Calendar: <http://www.calendarwiz.com/middletowncalendar> (copy and paste in your web browser)

Pothole Patrol: www.cityofmiddletown.org or call 727-3691 (Option 2)

Have a great week! Judy