



Weekly Update to City Council from the City Manager July 11, 2010

Weekly Update from Acting City Manager Les Landen- Judy Gilleland is on vacation.

National Night Out

Just a reminder to you that National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 3, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Jacot Park. More details to follow.

Up, Up and Away

The 8th Annual Midfirst Ohio Challenge Balloon Festival begins Friday. What an exciting time for Middletown and surrounding areas. Thousands of visitors pour into the Middletown to experience the excitement of the balloons, to be entertained by music, skydiving, arts and crafts and to taste the delightful foods offered by the various vendors. Countless volunteers have donated many hours of their time to make sure a grand time will be had by all!

Event Information : 513-705-1170 * INFO@OHIOCHALLENGE.COM or
WWW.MIDFIRSTOHIOCHALLENGE.COM

Pioneer Cemetery

Prior to the June 17, 2010 hearing before the Ohio Cemetery Dispute Resolution Committee, the complaint against the City of Middletown was withdrawn. Several issues were discussed during the pendency of the complaint, including the creation of a board or commission to oversee the cemetery, the resolution of the condition of the vault and the ongoing maintenance of the cemetery. Staff will be brainstorming some or all of the issues and intends to present options to the City Council at a future meeting.

Railroad Closures

A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 14th from 5-7 pm in Conference Room 4C to discuss the proposed closures of the railroad crossings at Waneta Street and Grand Avenue. No formal presentation will be given, but representatives from Norfolk Southern and the Ohio Rail Development Commission, as well as City staff, will be in attendance to provide information

and accept public comments about the project.

2010 Local Street Improvement Program

Bids for this project will be opened on July 23, 2010 and will be presented to Council at the August 3 meeting. Although we would prefer this be passed on that date as an emergency measure, it is understood it will not be approved until the August 17 meeting. Construction on miscellaneous concrete work (handicap ramps, etc.) as well as the water main replacement work on Lamberton St. will start immediately upon approval and the paving operations will commence later. Project completion is scheduled for November 1.

Currently, the 2010 Sidewalk, Curb, and Gutter Program, which is a precursor to the paving program is underway. This is an assessment driven program which results in the replacement of sidewalks, curbs and gutters prior to the street being repaved. Work on 2 of the streets (Cambridge Drive & Berwick Lane) has been completed to date. Work on Ronald Drive & Holly Avenue will be progressing this week.

Sutphin Street Update

Thanks to the additional funds for the concrete work, the contractor has completed surveying & 23 of the 25 catch basins work on the Sutphin Street project. The crews are scheduled to begin prepping the curb work this week. It is anticipated that pouring the curbs will begin the first of next week. This work, weather depending, should be complete in the next two weeks. The street reopening should be no later than the third week of August.

The Middletown Division of Fire

Good news for the fire department. They have received notice of another successful grant application from the Ohio Division of EMS. This grant is in the amount of \$3,950.00. The Division of Fire has been successful in applying for this grant for several years. The monies have gone toward and will be used to help offset expenses in the areas of Training and Equipment. Thanks to Training Captain Todd Day for making this application.

Community Revitalization

It is my great pleasure to inform you that the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy (Flip 50 in Four Days) is the recipient of the 2010 Ohio Conference of Community Development, Inc. (OCCD) President's Award for Innovative Practices. The award will be presented at the OCCD Annual Awards Banquet on July 28, 2010 at the Holiday Inn in Worthington.

Doug Adkins, Director of Community Revitalization has been contacted about the possibility of presenting information about this program at the OCCD Fall Quarterly meeting.

Thanks to Mr. Adkins, his dedicated staff, city employees, Middletown Fire Department, Berachah Church, Faith United Church, New Covenant Church, Oaks Community Church, Duke Energy, AK Steel, Miller-Coors, Sodexo, Keep Middletown Beautiful and The American Red Cross.

This distinguished award is a shining example of our staff and community working together to fulfill a need. Bravo!

Bark Park

I am pleased to report that the preliminary work in regards to the bark Park is coming together. Staff is working diligently to put numbers to the project and we will have the staff report ready and be open for discussion at the July 20th council meeting.

Upcoming Events

July 6- Aug 15 MAC 143rd American Watercolor Society Exhibition” July 6- August 15, 2010.

July 12 Golf Commission meeting Weatherwax Golf Course 6:00 p.m.

July 13 Board of Health meeting City Building Room 2C 7:30 a.m.

July 14 Planning Commission meeting Council Chambers (LL) 6:30 p.m.(Corrected)

July 14 Broadstreet Bash @ Governors Square 5:00 p.m. Band 6:00 p.m.

July 16 Farmers Market @ Governors Square 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

July 16-18 Midfirst Balloon Challenge Hot Air Balloon Festival @ Smith Park
Friday – 4:00 - 10:00 p.m. with Full Festival
Saturday- 7:00- 11:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast
Saturday – 1:00- 10:00 p.m. with Full Festival
Sunday- 7:00-10:00 a.m. festival closes after morning flight

July 19 Board of Education 1515 Girard Street 6:30 p.m.

July 20 MPHA meeting Council Chambers (LL) 5:30 p.m.

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July 21 Tree Commission meeting @ Rathman Building (Smith Park) 5:30 p.m.

July 23 Farmers Market @ Governors Square 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

July 26 Town Hall meeting with Josh Laubach @ Vice Mayor Anita Scott Jones’ residence located @ 4806 Central Avenue 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

July 28 Broadstreet Bash @ Governors Square 5:00 p.m. Band 6:00 p.m.

July 31 Middfest International Zoofari- Summer Party at the Zoo 5:00- 8:30 p.m.

August 5 Civil Service meeting @ City Building Conference Room 2B 8:00 a.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