



Weekly Update to City Council from the City Manager July 18, 2010

Judy Gilleland is on vacation. Weekly Update is from Acting City Manager Doug Adkins.

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. As previously stated at council, we will keep the agenda short; so that we may all attend.

Midfirst Ohio Challenge Balloon festival

The 8th Annual Midfirst Ohio Challenge Balloon Festival was held over this past weekend. I wish to send many thanks to the organizers and hundreds of volunteers who contribute countless hours of their time to make this event happen. Congratulations to all for a fine festival!

Railroad Closures

The public meeting for the railroad crossing project was held on Wednesday, July 14th. It was a successful meeting with helpful input from several residents. Engineering is in the process of compiling feedback from the meeting, and will continue to accept written comments until July 22nd. Generally speaking, most residents were opposed to closing the Waneta Street crossing and indifferent to the Grand Avenue crossing.

The results of the public meeting will be presented at the August 17th council meeting, at which time Council will be asked to consider the preliminary legislation for the project.

Sutphin Street Update

Progress is going well on the Sutphin Street project. Crews are close to being finished with the prepping of the curb work. As anticipated, pouring the curbs will begin the first of next week, weather permitting. The crews will then begin preparation for the paving to follow, maintaining the adjusted project schedule.

Nelbar Street

Paving work has completed the base repair through the Nelbar/Shafor/University intersection. The contractor opened the entire intersection as of Saturday morning for through traffic. Intermediate and surface pavement courses will be applied in the coming weeks; however the contractor will maintain traffic during that process.

Manchester Road Open to Traffic

I received confirmation from ODOT stating that as of Thursday, July 15, 2010, the Manchester Road bridge construction has been completed. The bridge is open to traffic as of 4:00 p.m. Great news!

Farmer's Market

I am sad to report that the farmer's market at Governor's Square has close due to lack of interest. They are looking for someone to take over management and hope to reopen in 2011.

Prescription Take Back

Great news! The Coalition for a Healthy Middletown (Safety Council of SW Ohio) is partnering with Kroger, Atrium Medical Center and the Middletown Police Department to do a prescription drug take back on September 18, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Center located at 201 Clark Street.

You may bring expired or unwanted prescription drugs and unneeded over-the-counter medications. Law enforcement officers will dispose of the contents in a safe, legal and environmentally conscious manner. Medications should be brought in their original containers. A Kroger pharmacist will be on hand to answer questions.

Thanks to these groups coming together to make Middletown a safer, greener community!

Nuisance Abatement Property Assessments

Additional information has been collected from the Butler County Auditor's reports explaining the City's recovery of assessments when the City abates tall grass and trash complaints and then places liens on the property to collect abatement costs. This information will be presented to Council at Tuesday night's meeting.

Upcoming Events

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

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 22 Finance Sub Committee meeting Conference Room 2C 5:00 p.m.

July 21 Tree Commission meeting @ Rathman Building (Smith Park) 5:30 p.m.
 July 23-25 Greek Festival Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Church 2500 Grand Avenue
 July 24-25 Thunder in the Skies Radio Controlled Jet Show Airport 8-4 daily
 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. (After Midnight)
 July 31 Middfest International Zoofari- Summer Party at the Zoo 5:00- 8:30 p.m.
 August 2 Park Board meeting Conference Room 2C (City Bldg.) 5:30 p.m.
 August 3 City Council meeting Council Chambers (LL) 5:30 p.m.
 August 3 National Night Out Jacot Park 6:00- 8:00 p.m.
 August 3 Board of Education 1515 Girard Street 6:30 p.m.
 August 5 Civil Service meeting @ City Building Conference Room 2B 8:00 a.m.
 August 5 Chamber Monthly Business Luncheon Middletown Area Senior Center –
 3907 Central Avenue, Middletown 11:45 am - 1:15 pm

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