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All Participants



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Introduction

Many people are avid users of wireless Internet or Wi-Fi. If free Wi-Fi access were available in commercial and public areas in Montgomery, would you most likely use it? If so, where would you use it? If you would not use it, why not?

The City of Montgomery would like to determine whether there are public spaces in which there is significant demand for Wi-Fi. Please help us explore this possibility, and tell us your feelings about free Wi-Fi in Montgomery by contributing to this Open City Hall forum.

Thank you for helping us build a better Montgomery.

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Attendees:	143
Participants:	29
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All Participants who selected 'Yes'

Name not shown in Loveland

March 6, 2009, 10:30 AM

I say yes

It would be great to take my laptop out to a park on a nice day, rather than being stuck in my office.

Name not shown in Montgomery

February 5, 2009, 8:34 AM

I say yes

What better way to show that Montgomery honors our precious historic roots while embracing 21st century technology and moving forward?

Joe Walker in Montgomery

February 3, 2009, 10:00 PM

I say yes

Absolutely! I think Free Wi-Fi would draw more people to The District. The Wi-Fi could also potentially be utilized to integrate some of the technologies that are being considered by the City and Prosper Montgomery to promote The District. More to come later...

I also think that offering Free Wi-Fi in the major parks would be a plus (Weller Park, Swaim Park, etc.).

Name not shown in Cincinnati

January 27, 2009, 12:49 PM

I say yes

Yes - absolutely!

Kurt Skinner in Montgomery

January 25, 2009, 10:10 AM

I say yes

I see very little downside to having access to free wifi and while I do not know the costs to build out the service I do believe that the ability to leverage this service far out weight the costs.

MM GOARD in Montgomery

January 24, 2009, 11:59 AM

I say yes

1) it's appropriate to provide services that can benefit all in our community. 2) it's a service that encourages all to gather in the community. 3) it's a way to promote all community businesses. Great idea!

Name not shown in Montgomery

January 24, 2009, 8:42 AM

I say yes

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All Participants who selected 'Yes'

It would be great to have it in the park while enjoying a nice day out of the house

thom monahan in Montgomery

January 23, 2009, 6:24 PM

I say yes

I currently use Starbucks, Montgomery Inn and whatever other signal enters my office. I would appreciate a signal that was stronger.

Name not shown in Cincinnati

January 23, 2009, 4:22 PM

I say yes

There is no escaping the internet. It would be great to have it available everywhere for those who choose to use it. If you don't want to use it, you don't have to.

Name not shown in Cincinnati

January 23, 2009, 2:52 PM

I say yes

It's free! Why wouldn't anyone use free internet access!

Doug Hughes in Montgomery

January 23, 2009, 2:28 PM

I say yes

Yes, even though I might not use it - I have seen it put to good use.

Name not shown in Montgomery

January 23, 2009, 1:39 PM

I say yes

While I agree with a previous post that I would rather have parents watching their kids at parks/sporting events than their laptop screens, I know that my wife and I [who do not yet have children] would very much enjoy utilizing WiFi access while sitting at places like Swaim park or around the fountain at the downtown Gateway Triangle.

Raymond Miller in Cincinnati

January 23, 2009, 1:23 PM

I say yes

I think there is a definite benefit to provide the presence of advanced technology to compliment our traditional esthetic

Stephen Boord in Montgomery

January 23, 2009, 12:42 PM

I say yes

I think this could be a nice boost for local businesses, and it could attract people who work remotely to

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spend their days in Montgomery, eating at our restaurants and shopping our stores. As such, the best locations would be the Heritage district / downtown and the restaurants on either side of Montgomery Rd near Kroger.

Name not shown in Cincinnati

January 23, 2009, 12:05 PM

I say yes

Absolutely yes!!! It would be a great asset to the City for visitors, residents, business owners, students!!!

Name not shown in Cincinnati

January 23, 2009, 6:03 PM

I say yes

Name not shown in Cincinnati

January 23, 2009, 12:31 PM

I say yes

Name not shown in Montgomery

January 23, 2009, 12:02 PM

I say yes

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If free Wi-Fi access were available in commercial and public areas in Montgomery, would you most likely use it?

All Participants who selected 'No'

Mark Hoover in Montgomery

January 23, 2009, 3:14 PM

I say no

When I am out and about in Montgomery, I generally use my Blackberry to keep in touch (calls, email). I can't think of many situations where I would be lugging my laptop along with me when at a restaurant, park, or out shopping.

I think there would be better uses for our tax dollars, especially with a lot of commercial businesses offering WIFI in their store fronts.

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All Participants who selected 'Neutral'

Gary Gross in Montgomery

March 6, 2009, 12:34 PM

I am neutral

I have a broadband card, so I already have that capability. Plus over time this could be costly to the city. Having wireless in the city facilities may be a better idea, city hall, annex and lodges

Debbie Copeland-Bloom in Montgomery

March 2, 2009, 6:23 PM

I am neutral

I do not utilize my computer or other wi-Fi gadgets on the go in public areas; however, I believe that it is important that Montgomery offer Wi-fi in key public areas. Wi-Fi offers area residents communications flexibility and shows our city as progressive in meeting residents' technological preferences.

Bob Saul in Montgomery

January 23, 2009, 2:42 PM

I am neutral

With other facilities, such as coffee shops, already providing this service, I would question the benefit vs. the costs.

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If free Wi-Fi access were available in commercial and public areas in Montgomery, would you most likely use it?

All Participants who selected 'Maybe'

Richard Wilson in Montgomery

February 20, 2009, 2:58 PM

I say maybe

If the City can provide WiFi at no cost to its taxpayers, then do it. However, if the City must pay for the WiFi then the WiFi must bring in sufficient revenues to the City's businesses to provide tax revenues to offset the cost to the taxpayers. Otherwise, the City's businesses must fund the WiFi. Though some people like to use their computers while sipping coffee at Starbucks, that doesn't mean that all downtown businesses are consistent with shopping and computer usage. I don't understand the need for WiFi in a public park. Isn't the purpose of a park to enjoy being outside in nature?

Ed Daniel in Montgomery

February 5, 2009, 3:15 PM

I say maybe

On the surface it is a good idea, but a number of issues would need to be evaluated:

1. What is the benefit to the citizens and businesses who would be paying for it. A clearly defined strategy with risks and rewards should be undertaken.
2. Providing free internet access in commercial areas "could" result in providing the residents and businesses in those areas a free replacement for their current internet service. Bandwidth could be sapped via the 24/7 connections by these users. A way to periodically time out a connection might alleviate this concern.
3. Free WiFi hotspots are playgrounds for hackers who take advantage of those who do not know or care to firewall their computer connection. If a business were to connect their LAN via a wireless bridge or just their main business computer without adequate safeguards, the resulting "bad" PR for Montgomery and its businesses could be embarrassing and perhaps costly, such as the headline "Credit card numbers stolen through Montgomery's free internet service". Safeguards through the network design need to be put in place to minimize poor uses of the technology.

Name not shown in Montgomery

January 30, 2009, 3:27 PM

I say maybe

I think free wi-fi is something businesses use to attract customers at their expense. If it is available for the city to install at no cost then sure lets do it.

If we have to pay for it through tax dollars then save the bucks and use it towards other city programs.

Name not shown in Cincinnati

January 23, 2009, 10:10 PM

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All Participants who selected 'Maybe'

I say maybe

Not likely to use. I have Wifi at home and that is where I use my computers. When I go downtown, it is usually to eat out.

John Perry in Montgomery

January 23, 2009, 4:49 PM

I say maybe

I do not have a laptop, and at present have no need or thought of purchasing one.

It is my understanding that the speed of wireless on down loads and up loads does not match the Time Warner Cable.

I would like to work from my desk at home on something that matches the speed of the Time Warner Cable, without the \$44.95 per month charge.

Greg Leader in Cincinnati

January 23, 2009, 12:46 PM

I say maybe

While I love the convenience of universal Wi-Fi coverage, the thought of it in some public areas has significant downfalls. You already see too many parents in parks more concerned with their blackberrys than safety of their children.

Many of us grew up participating in youth sports where parents cheered on the sidelines - could you imagine parents missing their child scoring a soccer goal because their eyes were affixed on their laptop?

Let a visit to a park be about enjoying the outdoors and activities with our families and the Montgomery community, not a convenient location to bring your computer to enjoy the online community.

I support Wi-Fi in commercial areas within Montgomery, but please - let's keep the technology out of the parks!

Vince Giardina in Montgomery

January 23, 2009, 12:15 PM

I say maybe
