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**Re:** 2022 Citywide Recognition and Awards

Below is the updated list of awards and recognition received by the City of Dublin. The Division of Communications & Public Information (CPI) promotes these accomplishments through traditional, digital and social media.

## January 2022

**Abbey Theater earns more than a dozen theater awards.** The Abbey Theater of Dublin received 12 awards from BroadwayWorld Columbus during its 2021 Regional Award season.

## April

**Dublin Fleet recognizes as one of the 100 Best Fleets in the Americas.** Dublin ranked No. 39 in 2022, which was also what the City ranked in 2021. The NAFA's 100 Best Fleets in the Americas program recognizes and rewards peak performing fleet operations throughout the country. The program identifies and encourages ever-increasing levels of performance improvement within the fleet industry.

## May

**City earns financial reporting award.** Dublin was recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended Dec. 31, 2020. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

**Dublin Fleet ranked No. 8 overall fleet in North America by Government Fleet.** In 2022, the City's fleet ranked eighth, up from 12th in 2021. The 50 Leading Fleets program recognizes the best in the industry. Dublin is in the small fleet category with 258 vehicles. Fleets are judged on leadership among staff with customers and within the community; staying efficient and competitive; overcoming challenges; and having a vision and direction for the operation.

- The ranking was announced at the Government Fleet Expo and Conference in Detroit, Michigan. Dublin has been named one of the Top 50 Leading Fleets for eight consecutive years.

- **Government Fleet ranks Dublin Fleet in Top 50.** The City of Dublin's vehicle fleet was named in the top 50 Leading Fleets for 2022 by Government Fleet which recognizes operations that are performing at a high level, particularly in fleet leadership, competitiveness and efficiency, planning for the future, and overcoming challenges.
- **Government Fleet ranks Dublin Fleet in Top 20.** The City of Dublin received 8th place for its vehicle fleet from Government Fleet, which recognizes fleets for staff leadership, efficiency and vision, among other qualities. This honor ranked the Top 20 of the Top 50 Leading Fleets.

### **The Dublin recertified as a Community Wildlife Habitat by The National Wildlife**

**Federation.** The City of Dublin received its recertification with the National Wildlife Federation as an active Community Wildlife Habitat, marking the City's 12th year of certification.

**Abbey Theater's Virtual Theatre Project wins Harold Award.** The Abbey Theater's Virtual Theatre Project was recognized at the Central Ohio Theatre Roundtable and earned the prestigious Harold Award on May 15. From virtual auditions and rehearsals to recording and streaming performances, the Abbey Theater brought the performing arts directly to the Dublin community from April 2020 to October 2021 through its award-winning series, the Virtual Theater Project.

## **June**

**City of Dublin takes fourth place in 2022 Corporate Charity Cup.** City employees earned the fourth spot during the Dublin Charity Cup that features sports competitions and other activities between local businesses and groups which raise money for charities of their choice.

**Dublin Irish Festival Takes Home Best Cultural Festival from CityScene's Best of the Bus 2022.** CityScene magazine readers voted the Dublin Irish Festival as the best cultural festival in Central Ohio.

## **July**

**Dublin Earns 4 Public Relations Awards Including 'Best of Show' for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Framework.** Competing against top corporations, agencies, nonprofit associations, colleges and other organizations across Central Ohio, the City of Dublin Communications & Public Information team earned four awards from the Central Ohio Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) at its annual awards dinner July 21.

- [Dublin DEI Framework](#) – Best of Show – Tactic
- Dublin DEI Framework – PRism, Diversity and Inclusion
- [Abbey Theater of Dublin Brand Refresh](#) – Award of Excellence, Branding/Rebranding
- Patrick's Day Reverse Parade – Award of Excellence, Special Event and Observance

## **August**

**City of Dublin, Dublin Police Department receive recognition for support of Indian community.** The Federation of Indian Associations (FIA) presented the City and police department with this honor "in grateful appreciation for your service and support" at the Aug. 20 India Festival at the Ohio Expo Center. FIA focuses on culture, education and community service.

- Rama Billakanty, an FIA board member and City of Dublin Chief's Advisory Committee member, offered her thanks for the City's "commitment and inclusiveness and understanding the needs of the community. They have always been very welcoming and willing to communicate with us for any problems or help."

## September

**Dublin Earns 2 Awards for Government Communication Excellence.** The Communications & Public Information team took home two City-County Communications & Marketing Association (3CMA) awards from the group's national conference in Portland, Oregon.

- Communication and Marketing Processes  
Most Creative Activity with Least Dollars Spent
  - Ramadan Instagram Reel
- Graphic Design and Photography  
Graphic Design – Other Marketing Tools
  - Dublin Bike Map & Parks Guide

**Dublin Law Director Jennifer Readler Named 2023 Lawyer of the Year for Municipal Law.** The City of Dublin's Jennifer Readler, JD, was honored as Lawyer of the Year for Municipal Law by The Best Lawyers in America for 2023. Readler has served the City as Law Director since 2016 and as associate director for 17 years prior. She serves as the chief legal adviser for City Council, Dublin's boards and commissions and City staff.

**Dublin Earns 2 International Awards for Economic Development.** The City of Dublin Economic Development team earned two awards from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), the largest nonprofit professional association for professional economic developers in the world.

- Gold Award for Real Estate Redevelopment and Reuse – Quantum Health
- Silver Award for Innovative Project Financing – Bridge Park

**Dublin Ranks No. 3 in the Nation for Green Fleets.** The City of Dublin has earned the No. 3 ranking on the 100 Best Green Fleets list in the 2022 National Fleet Management Association Awards and was awarded eighth place in the Top 50 Leading Fleets from Government Fleet.

## October

**Dublin named Best Suburb to Do Business by Columbus CEO Magazine.** For the 12th consecutive year, the readers of Columbus CEO magazine have voted the City of Dublin as the Best Suburb for Business.

**WalletHub ranks Dublin top small city in Ohio and 13<sup>th</sup> best small city in the U.S.** WalletHub, a personal finance website, ranked Dublin No. 13 on the 2022 list of Best Small Cities in the county and No. 1 in Ohio. Dublin ranked No. 10 in 2021, No. 12 in 2020 and No. 14 in 2016 as part of WalletHub's Best Small Cities in America listings.

**City of Dublin Earns Rare 'Triple Crown' Distinction for Fiscal Health, Transparency and Accountability.** The City of Dublin earned the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) 2020 Triple Crown Award, which recognizes governments that have received GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, Popular

Annual Financial Reporting Award, and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award within the same fiscal year.

## November

**City of Dublin Honored for Excellence in Financial Management.** The City of Dublin received a 90+ cashVest Award for 2022 from three+one®, a FinTech cash management platform for public and higher education entities throughout America. The 90+ cashVest Award signifies excellence in the implementation and management of all liquidity in the public and higher education marketplace.

**City of Dublin Earns 2022 Ohio History Connection Public Education and Awareness Award.** The City of Dublin, along with the planning firm McBride Dale Clarion, received the Public Education and Awareness Award from the Ohio History Connection as part of their 2022 State Historic Preservation Office Awards. Dublin was recognized for updates to the Historic District Code and Historic Design Guidelines.

**Dublin Ranks Among Top 10 Suburbs in Ohio.** Real estate website Niche.com has ranked Dublin the 10th "Best Place To Live In Ohio" and the 2nd "Best Place To Live in Columbus Ohio." Using data from the US Census, US Department of Education, FBI and other sources, the ranking takes into consideration a number of factors including higher education rate, cost of living, public schools, diversity, commute, crime and safety, health and fitness, and jobs.

**The Abbey Theater of Dublin has received 25 nominations from BroadwayWorld Columbus for the 2022 Regional Award Nominations.**

## December

**Dublin Honored for Talent Connect Workforce Effort.** The Mid-America Economic Development Council presented its annual Economic Development awards at the 2022 Mid-America Competitiveness Conference. The City of Dublin received the Workforce & Talent award in the small division for the Chatstrike Hiring Event Dublin, Ohio. The Workforce & Talent award recognizes an activity and/or innovative program that attracts new talent to the area, strengthens the skills of the existing workforce and/or encourages retention of young/new talent in the area.

**City of Dublin earned a Healthy Worksite Award at the Platinum Level from the Healthy Business Council of Ohio.** The City of Dublin has earned a Healthy Worksite Award from the Healthy Business Council of Ohio (HBCO) and was honored at the Platinum level. The Healthy Worksite Award recognizes Ohio employers who demonstrate a commitment to employee wellness through comprehensive worksite health promotion and wellness programs.

**Dublin Earns Perfect Score for Human Rights Campaign Index.** The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) has published its 2022 Municipal Equality Index (MEI) Scorecard, a ranking that examines laws, policies and services and how they are inclusive of LGBTQ+ people who live and work in a municipality. HRC rates a total of 506 cities throughout the country on 49 different criteria. Dublin received a [100-point score](#), increasing its index from 45 in 2021.

**Dublin Police Receive Wellness Grant to Promote Well-Being.** As part of the Ohio First Responder Recruitment, Retention and Resilience Program, the department will be allocated \$310,000 over a two-year period for annual wellness checkups for police officers and dispatchers, funding for additional mental health visits as needed, and advanced individual wellness training for employees. The program is administered by the Ohio Emergency Management Agency and part of the American Rescue Plan Act.

**City of Dublin Rises to Silver-level Bicycle Friendly Community.** The City of Dublin is the only Ohio city to be recognized at the Silver level in the 2022 Bicycle Friendly Community awards, presented by the League of American Bicyclists. Dublin was honored for improving bicycling conditions through investments in bike education programs, regular bike events that promote and encourage people to choose biking, pro-bike policies and bike infrastructure.

**Recommendation**

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