Office of the City Manager

Activities, Projects & Interactions

August 2023













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Letter from the City Manager

As the calendar turns to September, we reflect on a busy, productive and fun August! The highlight, of course, was the 36th annual Dublin Irish Festival, which brought together our community and visitors from all corners of the globe. The Festival is a significant undertaking each year, and it is one that is treasured by staff and visitors alike. This year, we were honored to host Vice Consul General of Ireland in New York Dermot Fitzpatrick and Honorary Consul General of Ireland in Ohio Mark Owens. They all joined this year's Honorary Chair and Ireland native Ian Montgomery for the Opening Ceremony, adding an extra touch of authentic Irish spirit to the event.

The City was also honored to join the Dublin Arts Council for the dedication of our latest public art installation, "The Boat in the Field," located in the popular M.L. "Red" Trabue Nature Reserve. This new artwork joins the more than 60 large and small-scale permanent, temporary and interactive public art projects in the city, and it is sure to become a favorite of residents and public art lovers from all over who come to Dublin to enjoy our public art collection.

In furtherance of Council's goal to be the most connected city, I am happy to report that we are working with altafiber to chart the course for our Fiber to Every Home project. Over the next three years, this project will provide access to cutting-edge connectivity for every residence. Field engineering work is underway, which will help determine the construction paths and sequencing. Installation is expected to begin in spring 2024 and take three years to complete. The City and altafiber continue to collaborate on planning, permitting and communications, and we are committed to providing a seamless experience throughout the project.



As part of the City's efforts to strengthen the vitality of Historic Dublin along the Scioto River, we advanced two initiatives to activate redevelopment along North Riverview Street. The City partnered with Auction Ohio to sell three historic homes for private ownership. An online auction opened Aug. 17 and closes on Sept. 18. Staff also negotiated a development agreement with COhatch to expand its footprint and establish its national headquarters and a one-of-a-kind coworking and entrepreneurship community in the historic district as outlined in the Community Development section of this report.

Lastly, I am pleased to share that we have nearly finalized the City of Dublin Culture Playbook, which is a comprehensive guide that reflects our values and sets the tone for the environment we aspire to create. This playbook is a reflection of our dedication to excellence, teamwork and service. As we start rolling out the playbook to our entire staff, I am excited about the positive impact it will have on our operations and the experiences we deliver to those who live in, work in and visit our city.

Thank you to City Council for providing continued leadership and vision. Further information on City activities, projects and interactions follows on the pages of this report.

Megan O'Callaghan City Manager

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2023/2024 City Council Goals



Become the Most Connected Community in the U.S.

Phase III: Broadband to the Home Project

Status: The Master Network Agreement with altafiber for the Fiber to Every Home Project has been fully executed. A working team including members of altafiber and City staff members began planning the timeline, next steps, and staffing plan for the implementation phase of the project. Since the announcement of this agreement, more than 700 residents have signed up for project notifications from altafiber.

2

Realize the Metro Center Revitalization Vision

Reposition the Metro Center legacy office park by implementing the vision and goals of the Dublin Corporate Area Plan. Develop a design and implementation framework that creates a distinctive identity, encourages dynamic reinvestment, provides a vibrant mix of uses in a walkable environment, and promotes sustainable design principles. Identify opportunities for public and private partnerships for catalytic projects that transform the Metro Center area consistent with the framework.

Status: Staff members have drafted and advertised a Request For Proposal (RFP) to solicit a proposed scope for a design team to develop the design and implementation framework for the Metro Center/DCAP area. The selected team will be contracted to begin work in the fall. Staff members continue to work with the property owners along the Frantz Road frontage to develop a concept to present informally to the Planning & Zoning Commission. These efforts, in part, will be tied to the Envision Dublin Community Plan update currently underway.

3

Strengthen the Stewardship and Vitality of our Historic District Core

Explore dedicated day-to-day management and establish definitive goals on "what" the Dublin community aims to preserve — environment, structures, era and architecture. Explore dedicated management and support options and structure that would allow "someone" to wake up every day with the focused mission and tools of delivering on the goals of the district.

Status: Staff members shared City Council's direction regarding the proposed modifications to the demolition standards within the Historic District Code and Guidelines at a neighborhood meeting in May. Residents did not raise concerns about the proposed modifications but shared feedback about the application of the remaining sections of the code and guidelines. Staff members, with consultant support, will hold a meeting on September 13 to provide additional clarification about the Code and Guidelines and the overall review process to gain a clearer understanding of the topics raised by the residents. Concurrently, staff will present the initial draft modifications regarding the demolition language to the Architectural Review Board at their September meeting. City divisions have worked with the Dublin Community Improvement Corporation to reinstate the Commercial Façade Improvement Program. The Commercial Façade Improvement webpage is live on the Economic Development website. The City, Dublin Chamber and the Historic Dublin Business Association are actively promoting the program to their contacts. One of the City's Economic Development administrators will focus efforts on downtown and serve as the primary City resource and liaison with the Historic



Develop Dublin's "Destination of Choice" Next-Generation Community Events Vision.

Develop a local and regional community events program and management roadmap. Leverage Dublin parks and facilities to create a connected, comprehensive, and fiscally sustainable vision that drives vitality, engagement, and entertainment.

Status: Over the past year, the City has conducted numerous efforts in advance of this goal. In advancement of Goal #4, staff members have evaluated the City's current event tempo, operating and funding model; researched and analyzed operating models used by cities both domestically and internationally; visited cities both domestically and internationally to experience different events and discuss funding and management models used by other cities with their staffs; and brought forward new events and policies regarding next-generation community events for Council's consideration.

In an effort to streamline the process for permitted events, Council approved by motion an updated Park Use Policy for South Coffman Park and Riverside Crossing Park. This policy will help leverage Dublin's parks and facilities to connect the community through permitted community events. The policy will also allow for fee-based activities to occur in the parks, removing prior restrictions on such events. The Communications & Public Information team began marketing the updates in July.

Based on Council's refinement of this goal in May, staff members are working to draft an RFP and researching potential firms to provide insight on new funding and operating models as well as innovative revenue-generating and cost-saving measures for signature events. The RFP was drafted this month.

Key Project Updates

PROJECT DESCRIPTION STATUS The Community Health Needs Assessment is a systematic Community Letters to residents selected for the statistically valid process involving the community to identify, analyze and survey were sent the week of July 24. More than 300 **Health Needs** prioritize community health needs as well as plan to act upon responses have already been recorded out of the goal **Assessment** unmet community health needs. Guiding this effort is the of 400 responses. Hard-copy surveys were mailed advisory committee, which includes the City, Washington Aug. 7 to those selected who have not yet completed Township, each of the four major health systems, mental the online survey. The consultant, Illuminology has health care providers, Dublin City Schools and a variety of indicated that they typically receive more hardsocial service organizations that serve Dublin residents. copy responses than online ones, so staff members anticipate easily achieving the 400-respondent goal. The next step will be sharing a survey with the public, data collection and analysis. Staff members anticipate the assessment will be completed in late 2023. The Envision Dublin Community Plan will be a roadmap for **Steering Committee Envision Dublin** the City to direct future growth and development over the next The committee is made up of community leaders **Community Plan** 20 years. Recent activities include: and business partners whose roles are to provide **Update** key input to the Envision Dublin process and **Public Engagement** help guide the Community Plan's updates. The Community Survey: A total of 570+ responses were committee has held three meetings to review received. The survey was accessible through July 31, and provide feedback on initial deliverables 2023. with the most recent meeting held on August 30 Visioning Workshop: This public meeting held June 21 regarding Visioning and Key Recommendations. was a time for invited participants to work in groups The next meeting is scheduled for the week of to create their own maps of the Dublin community November 13, 2023. to identify planning priorities, indicate priority areas for future development and propose projects and improvements. **Engagement and promotions:** Efforts to boost participation have included Planning staff attending key community events, social media engagement, sandwich boards with a QR code leading to the plan's website placed in various City locations, flier distribution at key locations, staff stations at the Dublin Market and with the Mobility Concierge throughout the summer and an Envision Dublin presence in the Independence Day parade.

Key Project Updates Continued

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
Riverside Crossing Park Master Plan Update	Master planning of Riverside Crossing Park to include river access, trails, kayak launch site, connectivity to Dublin Springs Park and Indian Run Falls Park, adventure elements, walking rails, Japanese-style garden, updates to the great lawn for festivals, revisiting the Promenade in conjunction with festivals being held in the great lawn and other supporting elements to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.	The contract is in the signature process to begin master planning efforts.
EV Infrastructure Comprehensive Plan	Develop a comprehensive plan researching and recommending the types and appropriate placement of electric vehicle charging infrastructure for both electric vehicles (EV) and e-bikes.	The project team is working to develop low, medium and high future projection scenarios of EV parking infrastructure, including Level 1, Level 2 and DC fast-charging in preparation for the next staff working group. The second of two staff working group meetings is scheduled for Sept. 26. The anticipated completion date is Q1 2024.
Dublin Community Recreation Center Refresh	In 2022, Council directed \$3.1 million of ARPA funds for improvements to the Dublin Community Recreation Center (DCRC). Subsequently, staff members began working to identify an architect to update the improvement scenarios identified pre-pandemic, a task which was complicated by the high growth of inflation, especially in the construction industry. In July 2022, the City contracted with MSA Design to update the necessary improvements and associated costs for the DCRC.	The revised draft agreement with MSA is currently under review. Once completed, staff members will host a kickoff meeting. The process includes stakeholder meetings and three public input sessions throughout each phase of the process. Staff plans to have the master plan finalized by February 2024 to ensure projects can be included in the 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program.
Holiday Market Feasibility Study	At the February 2023 meeting of the Public Services Committee, the Committee directed staff to consult with potential community partners including Visit Dublin Ohio, the Downtown Dublin Strategic Alliance and the Crawford Hoying Foundation to help determine if phase 2 of a feasibility study for a holiday market is necessary.	City staff has consulted with the identified community partners. Staff also had the opportunity to meet with the chief executive officer of the Carmel Christkindlmarkt during the Dublin Irish Festival and gained additional insight regarding issues to consider as part of a potential phase 2 feasibility study. Additionally, staff has continued to benchmark other nationally known holiday markets, such as those in Chicago, IL and Philadelphia, PA to better understand the necessary scope for a phase 2 feasibility study. Staff plans to return to the PSC at its Sept. 19 meeting to receive the committee's recommendation to Council regarding phase 2 of a feasibility study for a holiday market.
Post Road Interchange	This project provides for U.S. 33/S.R. 161/Post Road interchange ramps and terminal intersections previously approved by the Federal Highway Administration and Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). The project will provide the needed interchange capacity.	Construction is underway and is managed by ODOT. Reconstruction of both U.S. 33 bridges over Post Road/S.R. 161 and reconstruction/widening of Post Road/S.R. 161 are scheduled to be completed in June 2025. The Post Road/S.R. 161 westbound ramp to U.S. 33 eastbound is closed through the fall of 2023.

Key Project Updates Continued

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
Mobility Hubs	Design of the Dublin Community Recreation Center Mobility Hub includes site improvements, such as solar power, wayfinding signs, canopies, bike racks and a CoGo Bike Share station.	City staff are re-bidding the project for a third time using an architectural format rather than a transportation format. A phased approval was granted and the bid was advertised Aug. 24. A bid opening is anticipated for Sept. 21. Staff members plan to bring a Resolution for bid acceptance before City Council on Oct. 9.
Performing Arts Center Feasibility Study	The City engaged Webb Mgmt to conduct a feasibility study to complete a proposed business plan, potential site locations and pro forma for a potential performing arts center.	Webb Management conducted Phase I and II of the Performing Arts Center Feasibility Study and presented their report to Dublin City Council on Monday, Aug. 28. The report includes a full programming narrative, estimated capital costs for a 700 and 500-seat venue, a completed model business plan, a complete operating pro forma for a 700 and 500-seat concept, an economic impact analysis, and a critical path plan showing potential next steps and potential timeline for development. The Community Development Committee of City Council has been evaluating the feasibility of a potential performing arts center. City Council provided their feedback and direction regarding revisions and additional information requested for the report. The initiative remains with the committee for further consideration.
Dublin Sustainability Plan	The Sustainability Framework Update will be a guiding document to advance the City's sustainability efforts. Asakura Robinson, an award-winning planning and urban design firm, is providing consultant services for this project. The City's internal sustainability committee, EcoDublin, meets biweekly with the consultant.	The community survey launched the last week of July and is the first step of major public involvement with this process. To date, more than 300 community members have taken the survey, which was live through the end of August. A community input session is scheduled for Sept. 28. The consultant is also finalizing a greenhouse gas inventory assessment to help establish a baseline and inform the goals of the Dublin Sustainability Plan. The anticipated completion of this update is Q1 2024.
Speed Management	A new Speed Management Program was approved by City Council at its July 31 session. The updated Speed Management Program better addresses safety concerns and provides more tools that can be used throughout the city. The Speed Management Program provides a framework for a data-driven approach to speed management and context- sensitive solutions to address speeding based on national best practices. The program's goals and strategies strive to create safe and comfortable streets for all road users across Dublin, including people walking and rolling. For a complete list of projects reference - Appendix 1	Staff members are proceeding with developing promotional materials for the public and will begin efforts to develop up to three tactical urbanism projects. Area residents and homeowners' and civic associations will be engaged regarding speed cushions on Cacchio Lane. Staff members brought forward legislation to establish a business district for the purposes of generating local control for speed limits and enforcement u-turning vehicles at the Aug. 28 City Council meeting. An updated speed management and enforcement dashboard is currently under design and will be posted to the City's website in Q3 2023. A request for funding to purchase speed safety cameras is anticipated to be included in the Q3 supplemental request.

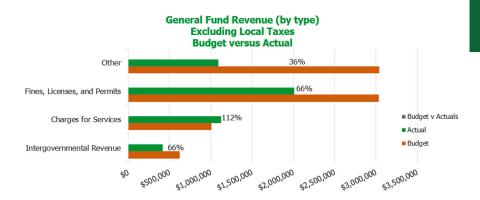
Finance

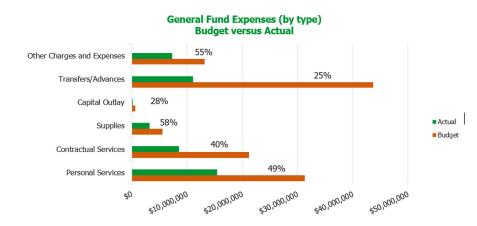
Highlights

General Fund Information

\$1

\$53,252,465 Total GF Revenue: \$45,815,896 Total GF Expenditures: 2023 Revenue vs. Expenditures General Fund \$14 \$13 \$12 \$1: \$10 \$9 \$8 \$7 \$6 \$5 \$4 \$3 \$2





Highlights

The City of Dublin's Finance team has been awarded the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Triple Crown, which recognizes governments who have received GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

General Fund Cash Balance: \$68,317,357

- 67.3% of budgeted expenditures
- \$17,524,402 in excess of 50% reserve level

Income Tax Revenue 1.2% above 2022 YTD Levels

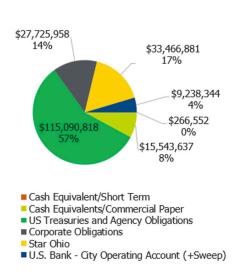
- Income tax revenue was 1.2% above 2022 YTD levels or \$769,637
- Receipts are 4.5% or \$2,804,815 ahead of budget

Comparing YTD June 2022 versus June 2023:

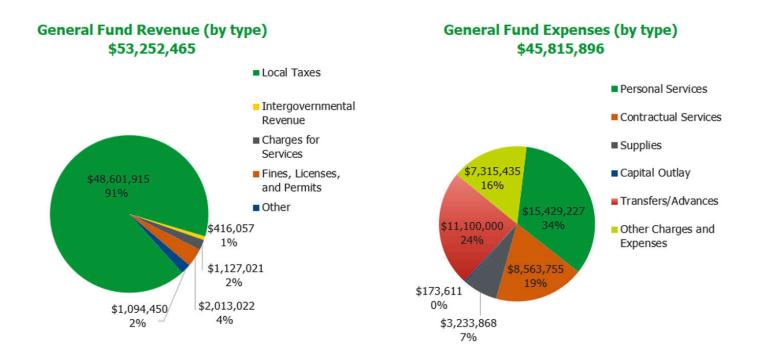
- Withholding increased 2.50%
- Net profit revenue decreased 6.33%
- Individual revenue increased 4.43%

Investment Summary as of July 31, 2023

Total market value: \$201,332,190



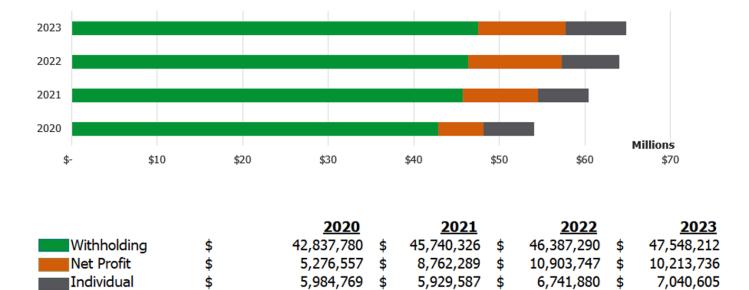
Finance Update



Income Tax Collections

Total

As of July 31, 2023, YTD income tax receipts totaled \$64,802,554, an increase of 1.2% over the same time in 2023. The 2023 budgeted income tax revenue is \$94,000,000.



\$ 60,432,202

\$ 64,032,917

\$ 64,802,554

54,099,106

Economic Development

Highlights



Company News

- Columbus Business First released their 2023
 C-Suite Awards, which had strong representation from Dublin businesses including EASE Logistics, Crawford Hoying, COhatch, IGS Energy and Cardinal Health.
- Ten Dublin-based companies were named to Inc. Magazine's Inc. 5000 list of the "Fastest-Growing Private Companies in America" for 2023. Those recognized were Cybervation, Nymbl Systems, Dash Technologies, EASE Logistics, Donaldson Plastic Surgery, Astute Technology Management, SMACT Works, Infoverity, Strategic Systems and Tyson Group.

JASCO Grassroots Summit

The City will host Japanese citizens as part of the 2023 Japan-America Grassroots Summit organized by Japan-America Society of Central Ohio's (JASCO). Visitors will stay with Dublin host families Sept. 21-24, while the City has a two-day agenda planned Sept 21-22. Tour activities will include showcasing Dublin's local government, facilities and parks; the City's business relationships with Japanese companies; and sight-seeing and dining in Bridge Park. The Dublin Link will be lit the colors of the Japanese flag during their stay.

Business Retention & Expansion

- Business Retention and Expansion (BRE)
 visits were strong in August. The Economic
 Development team has continued conducting field
 research on office vacancies in the City's business
 districts. 153 BREs have been completed to
 date, which exceeds the year-to-date goal of 150.
 The Economic Development team is on track to
 achieve the annual goal of 225 BREs.
- In partnership with the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development hosted its annual Business Appreciation Event Aug. 3 at Fado to kick off the Dublin Irish Festival. The Economic Development team received positive feedback from the corporate residents who attended the event.
- City Council approved three incentive agreements in August. Two of which were passed on August 14: INEOS Composites, Ordinance No. 28-23, and Nymbl Systems, Ordinance No. 29-23.
 City Council approved the third on August 28, Kalmbach Feeds, Ordinance No. 30-23.
- INEOS Composites will be locating its lab at the new Crosby Court flex facility in the West Innovation District.
- Nymbl Systems is a health care cloud software as a service (SaaS) startup that plans to locate in Bridge Park.



Economic Development

Attraction & Marketing Projects

JobsOhio/One Columbus Leads (2)

- Biochemical Manufacturing and R&D | 48 jobs;
 \$19 million in investment
- Pharmaceutical Manufacturing | 100 jobs; \$300 million in investment

Local Business Retention and Expansion Leads (4)

Workforce Development

- Economic Development staff made workforce connections to Hidaka USA with the Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio. Programs of interest included recruiting services provided through the Ohio Means Jobs Center, salary reimbursement programs for new hires and incumbent worker training opportunities.
- The Economic Development team also connected S&ME to Tolles to make a workforce pipeline connection.

Strategic Initiatives

The Economic Development team is drafting an implementation work plan to integrate the strategies and actions set forth in the Economic Development Strategic Plan Update throughout the City. Staff members continue to work with TEConomy and Newmark in order to finalize and present the final updated Strategic Plan to City Council for adoption in October.

The Dublin Institute for the Study of the Intelligent Community

The Dublin Institute for the Study of the Intelligent Community recently redesigned and migrated its webpage, which is now located on the City of Dublin's Economic Development website. This refresh coincides with the announcement that the Institute will be hosting a virtual workshop on September 29th in collaboration with the City of Westerville, City of Hilliard, and Broadband Access Ohio. This event will focus on smart city technology, with Dublin speaking to the Broadband-to-the-Home project, Westerville speaking to their municipal data center, and Hilliard exploring their City Lab. The City of Dublin and the Intelligent Community Forum are working collaboratively to advertise the event and expect a large turnout, not only from Ohio communities, but communities throughout the country.



- Representatives of The Beta District and One Columbus finalized plans for the regional economic development mission to Japan. Around 40 representatives from Central Ohio are planning to attend the 2023 Midwest U.S.-Japan Association Conference, which is in Tokyo this year and will be held in Columbus next year. The Beta District team has several visits planned to area businesses that are headquartered in Japan.
- Marketing efforts aimed at building brand awareness and driving business leads continued, and the Council of Governments approved hiring a grant-writing team to pursue funds for the District.

<u>Takeaway from the metrics found in Appendix 2</u>: Business Retention and Expansion visits had an uptick due to the Business Appreciation Event as well as the Dublin Irish Festival. The office vacancy ranked on the high end when compared with other markets in the Columbus region, with only New Albany being higher. Class A office asking rates are very competitive when compared with other markets in the Columbus region.

Community Development

Boards & Commission Activity

Development Highlights

COhatch HQ Riverview Village Development

Ordinance 33-23 was introduced at City Council on August 28 regarding the Development Agreement with COhatch to expand its footprint and establish its national headquarters (HQ) in Downtown Dublin and supports the development of Riverview Village. The proposal includes repurposing and rehabilitating four structures along North Riverview, as well as the development of additional office space. The development agreement is scheduled for a second reading/public hearing on September 11, 2023.

Hyland Glen Subdivision

The Final Development Plan for the Hyland Glen subdivision was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission on August 4, 2022, which includes 102 single-family homes on 42.5 acres. The development is currently under construction and site improvements are being coordinated with the Hyland Croy Road and US 33/SR 161/Post Road interchange improvements. The development includes the construction of a series of public streets and open spaces within the subdivision, including Reserve A, which contained several historic buildings that were discussed as part of the Rezoning/Preliminary Development Plan. Site construction will continue throughout this vear and include the demolition of structures with the exception of the barn and granary, which were approved to remain.

Administrative Review Team Complete

July 13

 Sycamore Ridge – exterior modifications – approved with conditions https://dublinohiousa.gov/art/23-054

Aug. 10: canceled

Planning & Zoning Commission

Complete

July 20

- Dublin Village Apartments denied https://dublinohiousa.gov/pzc/23-049
- Open and Uncovered Zoning Code Amendment https://dublinohiousa.gov/pzc/22-178

Aug. 10

- Ashland multi-family development informal complete https://dublinohiousa.gov/pzc/23-069
- September Site Tour Discussion by Staff
- Administrative Approval Discussion by Staff

Upcoming Sept. 7

• Topiary Park

Architectural Review Board Complete

July 26

- 36-40 N. High Street wall approved with conditions https://dublinohiousa.gov/arb/22-147
- 91 S. High Street approved with conditions https://dublinohiousa.gov/arb/23-055
- 112 S. Riverview new construction approved with conditions

https://dublinohiousa.gov/arb/23-021

 Historic Dublin 3D presentation by staff Aug. 23

- Ferris-Wright Park historical garden https://dublinohiousa.gov/arb/23-071
- Alternative materials discussion

Board of Zoning Appeals

Complete

July 27: canceled Aug. 24

Cotterman residence

https://dublinohiousa.gov/bza/23-078

<u>Takeaway from the metrics found in Appendix 3</u>: Planning staff members observed a remarkable turnaround in Certificate of Zoning Plan Approval review times, as new employees have been on-boarded and are up to speed with their tasks. The board/commission caseload might appear to be less, but there have been some complex projects that have taken much of the staff's time and effort. Code enforcement violations remain higher, which is typical for the summer months.

Compliance & Enforcement

Zoning & Code Compliance

Areas of Focus

Toy Barn Sites: 5002, 5100 and 5200 Post Road Code violation letters were sent June 16. These violations include deficient landscape materials (14 trees and several shrub hedges), rusted light poles and missing stucco on the façade of 5200. A follow-up inspection is scheduled for July 26. An extension has been granted after efforts to regain compliance were observed. The next scheduled re-inspection is Sep. 5.

Hyland Glen – Tree Preservation

Zoning staff worked with M/I homes and contractor Boss Excavating and Grading to preserve several trees along the northern perimeter of the Hyland Glen development site. The storm water system installation near this tree line put several protected trees at risk of removal. Working with the developer and contractor, many of these trees were preserved. In the end, one 10-inch locust tree was removed, and replacement inches will be added to the proposed reserve area within the development.

Routine Landscape Inspections

Twenty-six follow-up inspections of voluntary compliance letters sent in the late winter were conducted in the month of July. The majority of these inspections are located inside I-270 and along Emerald Parkway south of Shier Rings Road. Seventeen of these inspections complied voluntarily. The remaining nine were sent a second letter with compliance required by Dec. 1. The 17 sites that complied replaced 96 trees and 28 shrubs.

There is a focus on the inspection of 485 Metro Place South for the installation of 37 trees to replenish missing parking lot island trees and perimeter tree requirements.

Code Enforcement

Hot July weather typically signals a drop off in grass and weed cases, which allows attention to be given to other issues. July saw an increase in total cases from 55 in 2022 to 121 this year. Sign violation cases increased to 72 due to sweeps of temporary signage and non-compliant commercial signage. There was also an increase in premise condition cases to 27, more than double last July.

August has included several cooperative enforcement projects with the permit technicians involving patio, fence, shed and driveway projects that did not have proper Certificate of Zoning Plan Approval clearances. The result has been permits applied for and approved, as well as in some cases alterations or removal of home projects that did not meet standards. There has been additional activity in short-term rental and home occupation permit applications.

Code Enforcement has also had several cooperative resolution efforts with the Forestry division, both in relaying information received as a complaint or observed at inspections. In most instances, the team has been able to instruct the resident in maintaining issues impacting the city right-of-way. The Forestry team also immediately responded and abated issues that involved city bike paths or right-of-way trees.

Ongoing projects include resolution of cases that have been turned over to the legal team for citations or charges filed in Mayor's Court. Abandoned vehicles and trash/debris on a development lot are in the process of being removed. Code Enforcement also conducted exterior inspections of the City-owned properties on North Riverview Street to assess compliance issues relative to the International Property Maintenance Code (IMPC), which is the basis for many of the property maintenance and nuisance code standards.

The above descriptions contextualize the data portrayed in charts found in Appendix 3.

Building Standards



Monthly Project Highlights

- "The Boat in the Field" art project is complete and the dedication event occurred on Aug. 24.
- The Dublin Jerome High School addition is complete for 2023-24 school year.
- Dublin Scioto High School's renovation project underway.
- Theodore Building in Bridge Park is complete and tenant improvements have started.
- The Mount Carmel Hospital project is well underway.
- The Next phase of the Corners project is underway.
- Towns on the Parkway models are opening soon.

Commercial & Residential Plan Review

Total plan review numbers decreased slightly in July; numbers decreased 4% compared with the June monthly numbers. The highest month this year included 134 plan reviews in May. Overall plan review numbers are expected to stay strong through summer. Building Standards is averaging 108 plan reviews per month, so far this calendar year.

Plan Review Turn-Around Times

The team is consistently at a commercial 10 +/-calendar day turnaround. This month, the turnaround is 8.5 days. Residential reviews were at a 5.35 calendar day turnaround in July. These turnaround times exceed the team's 14-day calendar day target.

New Building Permits Issue

Building permits issued (that required plan review) decreased slightly this month, compared with June numbers. Numbers can regularly fluctuate approximately 10% each month. Permit numbers are down 9% compared with June's numbers. May was the highest monthly number of permits issues so far this calendar year with 48. The monthly average, over the last 12-month period, is approximately 41 new building permits issued (that required plan review).

Total Square Footage of Building Permits

This number can vary considerably when a very large project (like the Bridge Park project) is issued. September and October 2022 and February 2023 were strong months with a total of approximately 795,000 square feet. Square footage this month was one of the lower months at 44,244 square feet. The monthly average over the last 12 months is approximately 140,000 square feet.

Inspections

July numbers are steady and remain strong with an increase of 4% from the June numbers. July numbers for this year are 5% higher than last July's corresponding numbers.

The above descriptions contextualize the data portrayed in charts found in Appendix 4.

Transportation & Mobility

Highlights

Bird Scooters

August was the first full month with an expanded fleet of Bird scooters. Riders are taking advantage of the expanded operating zone with longer distance rides. The top destinations included Coffman Park, Avery Park, Earlington Park, Ballantrae Park and Kendall Park.

- 2,207 unique riders since January a 47% increase in July
- 4,001 rides since January a 41% increase in July
- 7,910 miles traveled on scooters since January a 44% increase in July
- 1.12 metric tonnes of CO2 saved since January a 44% increase in July

Mobility Concierge - Schedule & Themes

- Sept. 1: LinkUS Bus Rapid Transit + SR 161 East Corridor Vision Plan
- Sept. 8: Backup date for inclement weather; Topic TBD
- Sept. 15: Mobility Hubs
- Sept. 22: Design a Signature Trail and Greenway

Dublin Connector

- 7,433 rides since January
- 143 unique riders since January
- 3,634 pounds of CO2 emissions saved YTD
- The Dublin Connector operated with special hours during the Dublin Irish Festival. Residents over 55 years old and people with disabilities were able to schedule rides to and from the Festival. More information will be included as August data is available.
- For a detailed breakdown of Dublin Connector ridership, see Appendix 5.

Crash Data

	Frequency	High Severity	Bike Ped
YTD	316	6	5
June	58	1	1

Crash Data

There were two high-severity crashes in June: one involved a motorist driving over a curb and striking a medical building resulting in a fatality for the driver and causing serious injury to the passenger. Because this crash occurred on private property, it is not included in the data above. The second incident involved a single motorcyclist striking a curb and being ejected at the Avery Road and Tuswell Drive roundabout resulting in a serious injury to the driver. The suspected severe crash ratio in June was 1.7%, while the same ratio for YTD is 1.9%.



Grant Award

The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) safety program, which is administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation, has awarded Dublin \$100,000 to partially fund pedestrian crossing enhancements at the Muirfield Drive at Sells Mill Drive/Mojave Street intersection. This funding will be available for the construction of a pedestrian hybrid beacon, or HAWK signal, in the summer of 2025. Detailed design for this project is included in the 2023-2027 Capital Improvements Program and will begin later this year.

The monthly mobility update can be found in Appendix 6.

Public Service

Highlights

Forestry

 Fall street tree orders were placed in August. The Contractual Large Street Tree Pruning Program is approximately 60% complete. Tara Hill Drive and Vista Ridge Drive are scheduled to be completed next.

Horticulture

 Crews continue to mulch, prune, perform weed control and water new plantings in the parks. Fall plant orders are being finalized and will be placed soon. Winter decorations are being ordered for planters in Historic Dublin, Riverside Crossing Park and City buildings. Fall material will be installed in mid-September into the planters pending favorable weather conditions.

Sustainability

- GoZero Composting: 29.71 tons of compost has been diverted from the landfill since January.
- The Save More Than Food Campaign kicked off Aug. 7 and will run for six weeks. In partnership with SWACO, the Save More Than Food Campaign provides educational information to City residents on how they can reduce food waste at home thus reducing our overall impact on the landfill. Learn more at SaveMoreThanFood.org.
- Dublin applied for a \$30,000 Community Waste Reduction Grant through SWACO to expand the combined trash and recycling receptacles currently being launched at Avery Park to Emerald Fields. SWACO will notify applicants in the coming months on their status.
- Staff members submitted an interest form for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program through the U.S. Department of Energy. The next step is to identify which of the City's energy efficiency programs to apply for a voucher to help fund.
- 532 unique drivers across the City's 21 electric vehicle (EV) charging stations have contributed to nearly 125,000 kilograms of saved greenhouse gas emissions.

Parks

- A power surge earlier this summer caused issues with the irrigation at Darree Fields Park. Parts recently arrived and staff members are working on repairs.
- Avery Park diamond #2 is undergoing LED retrofit upgrades
- Autumn park fertilization began at the end of August.
- Staff members began park inspections this month to look for any needed repairs, maintenance issues or potential improvements.

Streets

- Staff members are pouring concrete pads at Avery Park, on the south side of the park, as the ongoing installation of the combined trash and recycling receptacles continues.
- The Paver Sanding Maintenance Program began this month. Intersections included Franklin and North Street; Deardorff and John Shields Parkway; the Library Garage/ Northeast; Moody Street mid-block crossing; and the Longshore mid-block crossing. Intersections remained open during the paver maintenance.

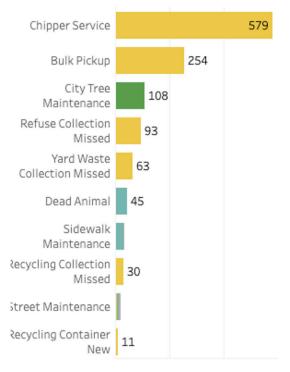
General Updates

- Crews supported another successful Dublin Irish Festival, working setup, staffing the event and teardown.
- Crews removed blockages from Areas 4 and 5 of the Waterways Maintenance Program. This consisted of debris removal along and in the stream bed and dead tree removal. The design for bank stabilization for the remaining projects in Year 1 of the program was completed in August. Engineering staff members are targeting an October City Council meeting to bring forward a bid acceptance, with construction to commence in late October or early November and be completed by spring of 2024.
- The annual SnowGo Road-eo will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 20. Public Service crews will refine their snowfighting skills and maneuverability through educational sessions and hands-on training. Staff members will also be testing the operational readiness of the SnowGo system through a dry run of all snow routes.

Asset Management

Top 10 Request Types for July, 2023

Total Requests = 1,234 7/31/2023 12:02:55 PM



GoDublin

- 1,234 requests were submitted in July 2023, up from 1,125 in June.
- By comparison, there were 1,230 requests in July 2022.
- Chipping service was still the top request on the GoDublin app in the month of July.
- City tree service jumped to the number three request in July, but the other three top requests remained chipper service, bulk pickup and missed refuse collection.
- Top 10 requests generally account for 80% of all requests per month.

To view the condition assessment for each of the city's assets, visit https://infrastructure-dublinohio.hub.arcgis.com

Parks & Recreation

Highlights

July Memberships

DCRC memberships: 7,731

Outdoor pool pass sales: 6,440

DCRC Annual Shutdown

The DCRC closed Aug. 26 for annual cleaning, maintenance and repairs and will re-open at 5:30 a.m. Sept. 5. Offices remained staffed for phone calls 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. DCRC members can use the outdoor Dublin Community Pool North during the DCRC closure. Communications & Public Information will post progress photos to display updates on the new track, digital signage and fitness equipment. Used equipment will be publicly auctioned.

New Wee Folk Hours

Effective Sept. 5, the Wee Folk Room will have new hours to better align the times it is open with the use of the amenity.

Updated Wee Folk Room Hours

Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday: 8 a.m. to noon

Moby Dick's Gone Missing

Beginning Oct. 5 and running through Oct. 15, the Abbey Theater presents Moby Dick's Gone Missing. A hilarious comedy written by Irish playwright Sean Cooney comes to life this fall. When the Hollywood film production of Moby Dick descends upon a small fishing town in County Cork, Ireland, the townspeople are both fascinated and frustrated by the disruption in their ability to fish. Chaos ensues when the third, and final, whale for the production goes missing! What did happen to Moby Dick?

The Abbey Theater hosted a well-attended showing of Grease from Aug. 9–13.

Pools

Modified Hours

Pool operations were consolidated to the Dublin Community Pool North as Dublin City Schools went back into session. The Dublin Community Pool South closed Aug. 17. All pass holders were given access to the Dublin Community Pool North for the remainder of the season. Back-to-school hours are also in place and different from peak season to ensure the best efficiency of operations and staffing. The Dublin Community Pool North and Ballantrae Spray Park will close for the season Sept. 4.

Pooch Pond

To celebrate the end of a successful pool season, dogs enjoyed a night out at the Dublin Community Pool South. The popular event was well attended by residents and pups alike.

Pickleball Court Resurfacing

The Coffman Park Pickleball Courts will be closed for resurfacing Sept. 5-11. This is maintained every five to eight years, depending on the condition of the asphalt. However, this resurfacing is scheduled to perform repairs. The binder within the asphalt used in previous years broke apart faster than expected. To keep this from happening again, a fiber mesh will be installed to bridge the cracks on the court surface.

Esports Symposium

The Dublin Community Recreation Center (DCRC) is hosting an informative workshop from 6-7 p.m. Sept. 6 with Dr. John Price, esports manager at Ohio State University, to introduce parents and attendees to the rapidly evolving world of esports. This workshop, hosted in Talla 1 of the DCRC, will explore the benefits of the popular activity in developing critical thinking, teamwork and problem-solving skills. Price will discuss topics such as developing healthy gaming habits, understanding the role of esports in education and opportunities for scholarships. The evening will end with a Q&A session and a tour of the DCRC's brand-new esports center, the Respawn Lounge.

Police & Safety

Highlights

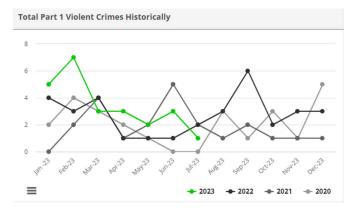
Critical Incident & Major Crimes

 Dublin's Community Impact Unit and Columbus Division of Police located a missing Dublin teenager safely

Police Reports & Crime Trends

- Officers arrested and charged a man for a stolen vehicle and active warrants for theft and assault
- Two suspects arrested for lottery ticket theft at Speedway on Sawmill Road

Statistics	2021 YTD	2022 YTD	2023 YTD
Part 1 Violent Crimes Reported	16	17	24
Theft Offenses	199	246	306
Thefts from Vehicles	97	128	153
Motor Vehicle Thefts	12	27	56
Burglaries/B&Es	23	24	33
Traffic Crashes	342	340	397
Serious Injury Crashes	7	7	7
OVI Related Crashes	15	7	15
OVI Arrests	55	43	101
Traffic Stops	3,494	2,843	4,249
Speeding Citations	1017	269	519



Community Outreach & Engagement

- Began 2023 Citizens' Police Academy program
- Officers tabled during the India Festival in Columbus as community safety partners
- Chief attended Pakistani and Indian Independence Day celebrations at Riverside Crossing Park on behalf of the City

Safety Messaging

- 248 rides were taken as part of the Safe Ride discount campaign (up to \$10 off Lyft rides to and from Dublin Irish Festival); sold out of codes
- Back-to-school reminders: Meet your School Resource Officers, school zone safety, bike registration to help with reunification of missing bikes
- Promoted Drug Take Back event (Aug. 26) and Overdose Awareness Day (Aug. 31) in relation to the police's Medication Drop Box service and lock box program to limit drug abuse
- Shared during the Dublin Irish Festival:
 - Traffic, parking reminders for residents and visitors
 - Overall event safety: theft prevention, curfew, accessibility resources
 - Internally: Collaborated between Communications & Public Information and Community Events about safety messaging in anticipation of inclement weather or critical incident

Police Responses to Issues of Community Concern

- Participated in three training sessions about rescue task force response with the Washington Township Fire Department and Dublin City Schools
- School Resource Officers reviewed back-to-school safety with Dublin City Schools personnel
- Shared safety updates and theft prevention information with the Dublin AM Rotary
- Discussed officer-involved critical incidents with the Chief's Advisory Committee
- Speed management: held enforcement campaign in school zones before and after school hours Aug. 21-25

Misc.

- Three new traffic officers chosen for four-year rotation
- Officer Jon Riordan graduated from Columbus Police's Academy and began Dublin Police's Field Training Program
- Officer Gwen Whittaker earned a life-saving award for her response to an incident

Court Services - Highlights

- Received 191 traffic cases, six Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence (OVI) cases and four criminal/code enforcement cases
- Received three juvenile criminal cases, six juvenile traffic diversion cases and nine adult traffic diversion cases
- Collected \$38,281 in fines and court costs
- Collected \$580 in restitution for victims of crime
- Hosted the Ohio Juvenile Diversion Association's (OJDA) quarterly training

Human Resources

Highlights

Wellness Survey: As part of the City's ongoing commitment to cultivating a workplace that nurtures well-being and supports valued staff, Human Resources has launched a comprehensive survey focused on staff wellness programs. Feedback was collected from July 24 through Aug. 6, with a large response. Staff members' insights and feedback are invaluable as the City strives to refine and enhance wellness programs to better serve staff. The HR team is evaluating survey results. Insights will inform strategies for improving wellness offerings and ensuring they align with the well-being goals of team members.

Internal DEI Committee: The internal DEI Committee has been diligently working to drive meaningful changes and foster a more inclusive workplace. The committee is in the progress of reviewing compliance training programming through a diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) lens. The committee will be convening in September to discuss their findings and formulate recommendations based on the evaluations. These recommendations will be aimed at enhancing the effectiveness of City DEI training that will be assigned to staff in October and January.



Culture Playbook Update: The City's Culture Playbook is nearly complete and will be communicated and shared with staff in the coming months. The City's Culture Playbook continues with Senior leadership. At the end of August, the City's directors took part in a two day "R" Factor (Response Factor) workshop with Focus 3. The "R" Factor is a critical performance resource that equips people with the mindset and skill set to be intentional about the way they think, make decisions and "respond" to events. Senior leaders and the original culture workshop team plan to reconvene and review the final version of the Culture Playbook before the Citywide rollout.

Recent Promotions
Employee Name
Whitney Aebker
Jace Dalgord
Jordan Ratliff

Previous Position HR Business Partner Police Sergeant Police Officer Promoted Position
Police Accreditation Manager
Police Lieutenant
Police Sergeant

Recruitment

- Civil Engineer II Transportation and Mobility
- Civil Engineer I Engineering (Utilities)
- Communications Technician (2) Police
- Engineering Project Inspector
- Human Resources Business Partner
- Maintenance Worker –Solid Waste and Streets
- Police Officer
- Records Supervisor Police
- Senior Civil Engineer Engineering



Recent Hires
Employee Name Division
Louis Altomare Police

PositionPolice Officer

Outreach & Engagement

Highlights



Ongoing Summer Service

- Cemetery Preservation Team: This team
 continues to meet regularly to clean, restore
 and mark headstones in need of professional
 restoration in the Dublin Cemetery. Working
 in conjunction with Parks staff members in
 August, the group moved to a fifth section of the
 cemetery, making noticeable and noteworthy
 progress.
- Heritage Interpreters at Ferris-Wright Park:
 The Interpretive Center hosted six open houses and guided tours with an average of 25 people attending per tour. Visitors learn about the historic significance of this park, which includes an interpretive garden, hands-on demonstrations and one-on-one Q&A sessions.
- The Giving Garden: Housed at the Historic Coffman Homestead, harvests began in August, to produce vegetables and herbs for the Dublin Food Pantry.

Dublin Irish Festival Volunteer Engagement

- On July 29, approximately 600 Dublin Irish Festival volunteers attended a kickoff and training session in Coffman Park.
- Beginning on Wednesday of Festival week and continuing throughout the weekend, a total of 1,150 volunteers supported the event. All volunteer positions and needs were fulfilled.

Live Language Translation Services - Pilot Project

The testing phase of using a live language translation service at City building front desks via iPad or phone is now complete. A total of 12 community members, all of whom speak languages other than English, tested the system at the front desk of the Dublin Community Recreation Center. A citywide rollout for this service is scheduled in September and will include instructions and access to the following processes, procedures and resources:

- Instant, live, online translation
- Document translation services by request
- In-person translators for public meetings



Annual Mike Utt Scioto River Cleanup

Aug. 19, 41 volunteers participated in the annual Mike Utt Scioto River Cleanup, a learn-and-serve day about healthy, clean waterways. A total of 380 pounds of trash was collected from five different access points along the Scioto River.

Communications & Public Information

Highlights

August's Communication Strategy

- The City of Dublin's communication goals include increasing meaningful engagement with all Dublin audiences and supporting the City's Strategic Framework.
- August's strategic topics included the Dublin Irish Festival, back-to-school safety, pool closing and end of summer information, and the launch of the Forever Dublin video series.



CPI staff members took a tour to the new Intel site during their August Central Ohio Public Information Officer meeting hosted by New Albany. Communications professionals from around the area get together quarterly to share information and insights. The jurisdictions take turns hosting the meetings.

Sustainable Dublin Communications

- Dublin Irish Festival water refill stations
- Supporting SWACO's Save More Than Food campaign
- Sustainability Plan Survey
- Drug Take Back event
- Mike Utt Annual River Cleanup
- The "Why Dublin?" Wednesday video campaign remains in the top five most watched videos weekly.

Connected Dublin Communications

- Continued Fiber to Every Home updates. Thus far, more than 700 residents have signed up for updates on this project.
- Announced online auction for South Riverview properties
- Provided Bird Scooters phase 2 updates

Resilient Dublin Communications

- Promoted Dublin Irish Festival before, during and after the event. See the appendix for a report.
- Shared Envision Dublin Community Plan Updates
- Shared community events, including Indian Independence Day, Pakistan Independence Day and Obon Festival
- Provided updates regarding the Dublin Community Recreation Center's annual shutdown

September Lookahead

- Launch a safe driving/speed management campaign in partnership with Transportation & Mobility and Dublin Police
- Share resources during Suicide Prevention Month
- Release Parks & Recreation Master Plan and host a public meeting



Link Ahead Podcast

- 14,339 listens (an increase of 1,119 listens since the July report)
- A few recent topics included Safe Driving Month and Football season with Dom Tiberi, Art in Public Places with the Dublin Arts Council, Dublin Irish Festival and Fiber to Every Home

Monthly CPI Measurements - Appendix 7 City Contact Email Data - Appendix 8

Community Events

Highlights

General Update

Applications for the 2024 Hotel/Motel Tax Grant went live Aug. 15. The application deadline is Sept. 15.



Permitted Events

- The JASCO Obon Festival was held Aug. 12 in Riverside Crossing Park. The event received a Hotel/Motel Tax Grant. The event was well attended in its second year at Riverside Crossing Park.
- The North Market Wine Festival was held Aug. 18-19 and was supported by a Hotel/Motel Tax Grant. The estimated attendance was 3,000 to 6,000 people.
- Dublin's Pakistani, Indian and Afghan communities held events in Riverside Crossing Park celebrating their independence days.
- Dublin Arts Council held its first Sundays at Scioto event of the season Aug. 27.
- Over the past month, Community Events received four new community event permit applications for the fall.
- There were 17 permitted events in August.
 Fifteen were tier 2 events and the other two were tier 1.



Dublin Irish Festival

Festival numbers and preliminary results are expected to be ready for the September City Manager Report. Below are a few preliminary numbers and highlights.

- The Opening Ceremony recognized Vice Consul General Dermot Fitzpatrick, Honorary Consul General Mark Owens and Festival Honorary Chair Ian Montgomery of Fado in Dublin.
- More than 18,880 plastic water bottles were saved thanks to the hydration stations presented by Crown Jeep.
- The Dublin Irish Festival 5K and Kids Dash had 150 Kids and 841 Adults registered. This was an increase over last year of close to 40%. The post-5K party in Historic Dublin was well attended and popular with runners.
- The Festival received extensive media coverage on both radio and television. All three major channels featured the Festival during live broadcasts over the weekend.
- Photographs from the Festival are available on the Dublin Irish Festival website: https://dublinirishfestival.org

Legislative

Update

Political & Budget Updates

August Special Election

- Issue 1 appeared on the Aug. 8 ballot, which was the result of the Ohio Legislature's passage of Senate Joint Resolution 2 (McColley, Gavarone).
 - It failed.
 - If passed, Issue 1 would have required 60% of voters to vote in favor of changing the constitution.
 - It would have also required signatures from all 88 counties, compared with the current requirement of half of Ohio's counties.
 - It would have eliminated the 10-day period to collect more signatures if backers failed to initially meet the signature requirement.

November Election

Abortion

 The effort to get an abortion rights initiative on the ballot exceeded the requirements by collecting 495,938 valid signatures from 55 counties.

Recreational Marijuana

 Recreation marijuana will be on the November ballot, as the initiative received the valid number of signatures in mid-August.

Redistricting

- The redistricting process of state maps is beginning to take shape for the 2024 election, with the hopes of having an update around Labor Day.
- The Ohio Supreme Court is still in the process of making a decision regarding congressional maps.

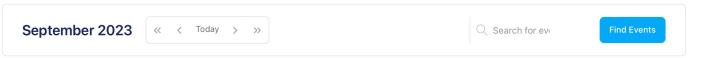
Legislative Timeline

The legislature has recessed for the summer and is expected to return the week of Sept. 13.

• Upon members' return, the legislature is scheduled to have eight sessions between Sept. 13 and the end of the year.

View Tracked Legislation, please see Appendix 9

Calendar



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Sundays at Scioto	Dublin City Council	Community Inclusion Advisory Committee	Food Truck Wednesdays	DYA Food Truck Festival	Mobility Concierge	Dublin Charity Cup The Dublin Market
		Envision Dublin Open House	Envision Dublin Steering Committee			
			Dublin City Council – Join Work Session			
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Dublin Charity Cup		Administrative Committee	Food Truck Wednesdays	Planning & Zoning Commission	Mobility Concierge	Championship Dog Frisbee
HDBA/Rotary Classic Car Show		Dublin City Council –				Ahlul Bayt Society
		Work Session				The Dublin Market
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Championship Dog Frisbee	Dublin City Council	Riviera Pond Relocation Meeting	Food Truck Wednesdays	The Dublin Night Market	Mobility Concierge	The Dublin Market
Walk to Defeat ALS		Community Services	Historic District Code	Planning & Zoning Commission Tour	OP Soccer Invitational	
Sundays at Scioto		Advisory Commission	Discussion			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
OP Soccer Invitational	Dublin City Council – Work Session		Buckeyes for Life 5K	Veterans Committee	Mobility Concierge	Dublin United Champions Cup
	Work desision		Food Truck Wednesdays	Chief's Advisory Committee		The Dublin Market
				Planning & Zoning Commission		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Dublin United Champions Cup	Dublin City Council		Food Truck Wednesdays	Board of Zoning Appeals	Dublin Jerome HS Homecoming Parade	The Dublin Market
Historic Dublin Market			Architectural Review Board			
Dublin Pet Fair			Doard			

Advisory Committees Permitted Events

Boards & Commissions Council Meetings

City/Community Events

https://dublinohiousa.gov/calendar/