

Office of the City Manager Activities, Projects & Interactions

June 2024



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Letter from the City Manager

As we head toward the second half of the year, I am excited to share some highlights and updates from June. It has been a month of significant accomplishments and community engagements, and I am proud of the progress we continue to make together.

We kicked off the month with the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday. This year's event was a resounding success, thanks to our team's hard work and dedication to excellence. The City is proud to support and sponsor this event, which puts Dublin on the global stage each year, highlighting our community spirit and hospitality. From meticulous planning to seamless execution, every aspect was handled with exceptional professionalism. The positive feedback from our guests from near and far speaks volumes about our collective effort.

Also putting Dublin in the international spotlight were Mayor Chris Amorose Groomes and Economic Development Director Jeremiah Gracia, who represented Dublin at the Intelligent Community Forum (ICF) Summit in New Taipei City, Taiwan. Their participation underscores our commitment to being a global leader in smart city initiatives and economic development. This trip provided an opportunity to share Dublin's innovative efforts in areas such as connected vehicle technology and artificial intelligence, and to gain insights and inspiration from municipalities around the world.

Here in Dublin, we made history by advancing our City's largest land acquisition, which will provide opportunities to enhance the City's infrastructure, economic opportunities and recreational amenities. The strategic investment includes approximately 243 acres in the West Innovation District and encompasses SportsOhio, Shepherd Excavating and Carter Farms.

We continued to improve our development process, making it more efficient and user-friendly. Our ongoing efforts are aimed at ensuring that Dublin remains an attractive place for investment and development while preserving the quality of life for our residents.



June 28, we dedicated the Brown-Harris Cemetery with a meaningful ceremony. The event followed years of strategic restoration and coincided with the time of year our country is focused on commemorations and celebrations of Juneteenth and African American history. This historic moment was shared with the Brown and Harris families, Dublin City Council, residents and visitors.

With our next event just days away, we are finalizing preparations for Independence Day. The beloved day-long festivities will include the Sherm Sheldon Fishing Derby, parade, evening celebration with headliner Martina McBride and, of course, fireworks. I look forward to seeing our community come together for this joyous occasion.

As you will see in the coming pages, this report reflects the new set of goals City Council adopted June 17. I am grateful for the continued strategic vision of our elected leaders and the engagement of our residents. Together, we are building a brighter future for Dublin.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Megan O'Callaghan". The script is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized 'M' and 'O'.

Megan O'Callaghan
City Manager

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2024/2025 City Council Goals

1 Become the Most Connected Community in the U.S.

Status: Construction has begun in the Tara Hill/Downpatrick/Coffman Reserve/Forest Run and Post Preserve Boulevard areas. Work is expected to continue in these general areas and soon begin in portions of Muirfield. Permit review and approvals continue for future phases. The construction phase planning map [may be viewed here](#). In addition to continued collaboration on the resident communication plan, altafiber has mailed general information postcards and is distributing door hangers as construction begins and will begin Direct Marketing activities in July. The website has had 5,800+ project page views, 2,100+ residents have signed up for updates and a total of 1,235 residents have notified altafiber of having a dog fence and/or sprinkler system. This information will help altafiber coordinate how they enter a resident's yard when laying fiber in order to minimize impact on the resident.

2 Realize the Metro Center Revitalization Vision

Status: Staff and the City's consultant team, Sasaki, SB Freidman and EMH&T, developed three implementation scenarios, which were reviewed by Council at their May 13 work session and a preferred scenario was identified. Staff and the consultant are working to refine the preferred scenario based on Council's feedback and outline the sequencing that would need to happen for implementation. The next anticipated review of information, including a potential land acquisition discussion, is scheduled for July 1.

3 Implement the Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Status: City Council provided input on the 2025-2029 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) at the June 24 Council work session. The CIP includes funding for multiple larger-scale projects identified in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP), including the implementation of the DCRC Refresh, an update to the Riverside Crossing Park Master Plan and Amberleigh Park kayak launch renovations. On June 17, Dublin City Council heard the first reading/public hearing of an acquisition of 243 acres located in the West Innovation District, which includes Carter Farms, Shepherd Excavating and SportsOhio. This strategic acquisition is in furtherance of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the Economic Development Strategic Plan. Second reading is scheduled for July 1.

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

Status: City Council reviewed the selection committee's recommendations for consultant services related to the Holiday Market Feasibility Study and Community Events Roadmap. Council supported entering into contract negotiations with Yard & Co. for the Community Events Roadmap project. Based on feedback from City Council regarding the Holiday Market Feasibility Study, the detailed case studies were removed, as Council advised that those were sufficiently accomplished during the Phase 1 internal feasibility study. Additionally, staff will ensure that Yard & Co.'s comprehensive review conducted as part of the Community Events roadmap study will inform a sponsorship recruitment strategy for a potential holiday market. In collaboration with the Downtown Dublin Strategic Alliance, the Dublin Summer Fun Series will be launched in July at Riverside Crossing Park. This includes Cinema Saturdays, Games on the Green and Workout Wednesdays.

Key Project Updates

PROJECT	STATUS
Dublin Parks Accessibility Plan (formerly ADA Park Evaluation and Transition Plan)	Altura Solutions is scheduled to complete the park facility assessments in the coming weeks. The first public engagement session was held June 25. An online survey is ongoing. City staff members will present findings to City Council at various stages of the process and will bring the plan to Council for adoption once it is complete. The plan will include a report on the assessments and provide a transition plan to remove any identified barriers. The project is scheduled to be completed in Q4 2024.
Bright Road Corridor Improvements and the Emerald Parkway/ Mount Carmel Roundabout	Construction began May 6 on both projects. Emerald Parkway roundabout construction has shifted traffic to the west and construction of the eastern half of the roundabout has commenced. Temporary pavement is being installed on the south side of Bright Road. Emerald Parkway traffic has shifted into one lane each for northbound and southbound traffic. Bright Road eastbound traffic was detoured until the week of June 24. Nighttime lane closures are planned on Sawmill Road periodically for roadway widening along the west side. Completion of the roundabout is planned for fall 2024, with the Bright Road Corridor completion following in fall 2025.
COhatch Headquarters	A preliminary study on the traffic this development will generate was provided by the consultant team and is being reviewed by City staff members. Roadway network and streetscape design concepts for the project area continue to evolve in coordination with the COhatch team, with expected completion in July. Three outbuildings along North Blacksmith Lane have been demolished after receiving approval from the Architectural Review Board (ARB). Design progress plans for the east side of North Riverview Street, including the proposed new COhatch building and the conversion of an existing structure into a restaurant, are expected to be presented for informal review by ARB in July. Formal reviews (rezoning, preliminary and final development plans) are expected to commence in September and be concluded in December.
Community Gateway Signs	The concepts have been revised based on the feedback received by the Community Development Committee. The consultants are working on creating a mockup of the aesthetic elements of the gateway sign and a complete fabrication of the entryway sign. The mockups are expected to be ready in early fall. Once available, staff members will bring this topic back to City Council in Q3 2024.
Community Health Needs Assessment	Working groups have been formed to address the four priority health needs as determined by the Advisory Committee and the CHNA report. These four working groups are focusing on: 1. Healthcare Navigation, 2. Transportation, 3. Youth Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse, and 4. Community Connections. The first round of working group meetings was held mid-May. The second round of meetings was held mid-June and focused on prioritizing action steps, setting goals and beginning to detail a plan for implementing the prioritized actions. The final report is expected to be reviewed by Council in Q3 2024.
Envision Dublin Community Plan Update	Staff members provided an update to City Council at the May 20 meeting. The Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended approval to City Council at their May 23 meeting. The Plan proceeded to Council for a first reading June 17 and is on the agenda for a second reading/public hearing July 1.

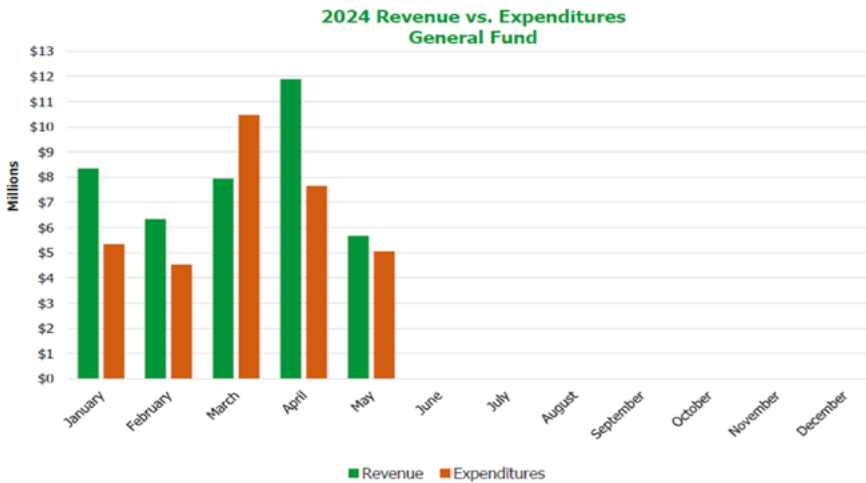
Key Project Updates (Continued)

PROJECT	STATUS
EV Infrastructure Comprehensive Plan	Staff members are developing a comprehensive plan for electric vehicle charging infrastructure based on EV adoption rates, industry best practices and data from the City. The 90% report was submitted to the City and is under review. The final report is expected to be presented to City Council for review and adoption at the Aug. 26 meeting.
Dublin Community Recreation Center Refresh	The DCRC Refresh continues to progress through phase three. Staff members presented the project to City Council May 6. Staff discussed funding options for this project with the Finance Committee June 11. Staff will explore recommended funding options and provide Council with updates as part of the CIP update process. MSA Design will continue to work on phasing recommendations.
City of Columbus Fourth Water Plant - Transmission Main	Columbus Staff and their consultant team briefed Council on the alignment study process at the May 20 City Council meeting. A public meeting was held at the Dublin Community Recreation Center June 18. Design of the first transmission main will begin this summer with construction planned to start in 2026 and end in 2028. Construction of the second transmission main is expected to start in 2027 and end in 2030.
Curbside Management	The initial 12-month technology pilot projects are wrapping up and the study is being completed. Staff members are working on a new proposal with Fybr to place sensors detecting occupancy, duration and double-parking violations along North High Street. Efforts are being coordinated with Dublin Police. The City is also working alongside Derq to plan equipment and connectivity locations to begin collecting parking data along Riverside Drive and Bridge Park Avenue. Staff members are evaluating the loading zones on Longshore Street to improve curbside operations and reduce double parking conflicts. Data from Automotus, a parking company included as a partner in the pilot of this project, is being used to analyze parking behaviors and durations to determine the appropriate wording for the signs and enforcement. A workshop with City staff members was held in May. The project completion is scheduled for Q3 2024 followed by a presentation to City Council.
Dublin Sustainability Plan	City Council reviewed the plan at the June 3 meeting. The consultant and staff members met to address comments from Council. The consultant is drafting an executive summary document for Council and the public. The plan is expected to be reviewed by City Council for adoption at the Aug. 26 meeting.
Post Road Interchange Construction	Construction is underway on the Post Road pavement under U.S. 33 and the U.S. 33 bridges over Post Road. The construction contract, which is managed by ODOT, has been extended to October 2025 due to project delays. The traffic signal at the Post Road and Hyland-Croy Road intersection was activated June 11. This returned Hyland-Croy Road to full access at Post Road. After the signal was activated, the new U.S. 33 westbound exit ramp to Post Road/S.R. 161 was opened. The previous westbound ramp was closed permanently. Post Road, east of U.S. 33, opened to two lanes of traffic while Post Road under U.S. 33 will remain one lane in both directions through June 2025. Traffic on U.S. 33 is shifted while construction of the bridge takes place. All traffic movements will be available by the end of 2024. The final completion is anticipated to be in October 2025.
Riverside Crossing Park Master Plan	An update on this project and initial concepts were presented to City Council at the May 6 meeting. Renderings were updated based on feedback from Council. A public meeting was held June 27 to solicit input on the renderings. A Tell Dublin survey is ongoing to provide additional opportunities for public involvement in this process. Updates to the plan based on this feedback will be presented to various stakeholders and City Council. Staff members are targeting completion of the plan in Q1 2025.
The Emerald Connector	Demolition of the structure at 4130 Tuller Road and final grading and seeding were completed in June. The consultant team submitted a grant application for Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) funding and is working on developing an application for MORPC attributable funds with ODOT and the City of Columbus. The consultant is preparing the 30% design submission, which is expected in August. Renderings of aesthetic bridge concepts are being created and will be presented to Council in Q3 2024. A public engagement plan is being developed.

[View a complete list of projects.](#)

Finance

Highlights



Highlights

General Fund Cash Balance: \$72,293,165

- 69.0% of actual expenditures
- \$19,895,505 in excess of 50% reserve level

Income Tax revenue was 3.0% above 2024 YTD levels, or \$1,439,119

- Receipts are 4.6% or \$2,157,836 ahead of budget
- Comparing YTD May 2023 versus May 2024:
 - Withholding increased 4.84%
 - Net profit revenue increased -3.57%
 - Individual revenue increased .67%

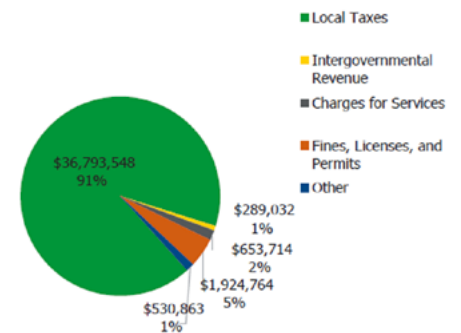
Income Tax Collections

As of May 31, 2024, YTD income tax receipts totaled \$49,056,669, an increase of 3.0% over the same time in 2023. The 2024 budgeted income tax revenue is \$106,000,000.

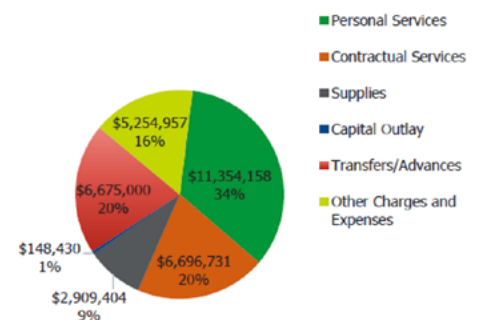


		2021		2022		2023		2024
Withholding	\$	33,425,476	\$	34,391,556	\$	34,324,608	\$	35,984,883
Net Profit	\$	5,160,574	\$	8,077,342	\$	7,307,734	\$	7,046,577
Individual	\$	4,974,997	\$	5,688,840	\$	5,985,207	\$	6,025,209
Total	\$	43,561,047	\$	48,157,738	\$	47,617,550	\$	49,056,669

General Fund Revenue (by type) \$40,191,921



General Fund Expenses (by type) \$33,038,680



For comprehensive details of revenues and expenditures, see the May [Revenue](#) and [Expense](#) Reports.

Finance Update

Fund Balance as of May 31, 2024

Fund	Month End Cash Balance	Fund	Month End Cash Balance	Fund	Month End Cash Balance
101 - General Fund	\$72,293,165	419 - TIF Thomas/Kohler	\$3,512,890	462 - TIF Nestle	\$270,845
201 - Street Maintenance and Repair	\$1,923,640	421 - TIF McKittrick Project	\$922,988	463 - TIF Bridge Park Blocks B & C	\$2,384,314
202 - State Highway	\$581,488	425 - TIF Perimeter Center	\$2,125,455	464 - TIF Innovation	\$454,406
225 - Recreation	\$3,773,173	426 - TIF Rings Road	\$935,715	465 - TIF Riviera	\$796,629
226 - Pool	\$768,002	431 - TIF Perimeter West	\$1,527,491	466 - TIF Penzone	\$353,539
231 - Permissive Tax	\$150,105	432 - TIF Upper Metro Place	\$1,353,541	467 - TIF H2 Hotel	\$551,674
232 - Hotel/Motel Tax	\$2,795,445	433 - TIF Rings/Frantz	\$1,551,006	468 - TIF Bridge Park Block Z	\$426
241 - Safety	\$5,178,800	436 - TIF Historic Dublin Parking	\$3,354	469 - TIF Block A	\$1,135
242 - Law Enforcement	\$63,533	440 - TIF Emerald Parkway Phase 5	\$22,107	474 - TIF Bridge Park Incentive Dist	\$32,680
243 - Mandatory Drug Fine	\$2,939	441 - TIF Emerald Parkway Phase 8	\$5,189	475 - TIF The Corners	\$279,763
244 - Wireless 9-1-1 System	\$645,229	442 - TIF Perimeter Loop	\$13,930	591 - Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$1,797,256
251 - Enforcement and Education	\$78,650	443 - TIF Tartan West	\$977,005	610 - Water	\$12,573,228
252 - Mayors Court Computer	\$42,980	444 - TIF Shamrock Blvd.	\$157,830	612 - Water Construction	\$463,232
261 - Cemetery	\$153,704	446 - TIF River Ridge	\$758,942	620 - Sewer	\$7,526,299
262 - Accrued Leave Reserves	\$790,051	447 - TIF Lifetime Fitness	\$547,824	623 - Sewer Construction	\$1,864,081
263 - Rings Unitrust	\$1,000,000	449 - TIF Irelan Place	\$26,246	701 - Self Insurance - Employee Bens	\$5,337,216
267 - OPIOID RELIEF FUND	\$48,060	450 - TIF Shier Rings Road	\$70,661	703 - Self Insurance - Workers Comp	\$94,589
299 - Occupancy Deposits	\$256,500	451 - TIF Shamrock Crossing	\$368,869	803 - Unclaimed Monies	\$146,157
310 - General Debt Service	\$1,944,665	452 - TIF Bridge and High Street	\$275,652	804 - Visit Dublin Ohio	\$14,747
311 - Econ Development Bond Retirmt	\$777,234	453 - TIF Dublin Methodist Hospital	\$1,257,883	805 - Agency	\$5,096
320 - S.A. Debt Service	\$20,938	454 - TIF Kroger Centre	\$1,555,416	807 - C.O.I.R.S.	\$512,846
322 - 2001 S.A. Debt Service	\$134,913	455 - TIF Frantz/Dublin Road	\$113,166	817 - Property Assessed Clean Energy	\$5,057
401 - Capital Improvements Tax	\$53,181,800	456 - TIF Delta Energy	\$53	821 - Building Standards Surcharges	\$2,514
402 - Parkland Acquisition	\$5,464,024	457 - TIF Bridge Street	\$486,709	822 - Columbus Sewer Capacity	\$15,220
404 - Capital Improvement Constructi	\$3,232,703	458 - TIF Vrabie	\$604,687	823 - New Community Authority	\$14,878
412 - TIF Woerner-Temple	\$223,826	459 - TIF West Innovation	\$6,920,985	831 - Law Enforcement Custodial Fund	\$406,684
415 - TIF Ruscilli	\$1,059,870	460 - TIF Ohio University	\$13,844	Grand Total	\$222,746,136
416 - TIF Pizzuti	\$369,296	461 - TIF Tuller	\$3,777,453		

State and Federal Grant Funding Opportunities

Grant applications submitted in June:

- Ohio Department of Transportation: Major New Transportation Capacity Program – Emerald Connector | \$5,000,000
- Federal Highway Administration: Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant – MORPC EV application, Dublin is a project partner (adding 18 new EV chargers within Dublin) | \$15,000,000
- Ohio Department of Education & Workforce: Career Technical Education Equipment Grant Program – City Staff Training focused on Technology | \$20,000

Grants awarded in June:

- Ohio Department of Development: Ohio BUILDS Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program – Waterline Replacement – Phase VII | \$385,000
- MORPC: 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Older Adults and Individuals with Disabilities – Dublin Connector | \$125,000
- Dublin-Worthington Rotary IMPACT Club: Historic Dublin E-Bike Charging Station | \$4,000

Grant applications submitted in 2024: 16

Grants/funding opportunities awarded in 2024: four projects for an award total of \$2,244,843

[For a comprehensive list of grant opportunities, see the Grant Tracker.](#)

Pending application updates:

Staff was notified that Senator Sherrod Brown included the Emerald Connector application, which requested \$7,000,000 for construction, in the list of projects to be considered by the Senate Appropriations Committee for Congressionally Directed Spending dollars. The Senate Appropriations Committee will consider all submissions over the next several months as they work to create draft funding legislation. To advance through this process, the Emerald Connector must be included in the subcommittee's final list of projects. The House and Senate will conference late this year to create a final list of projects for both chambers. The final funding bill will then need to pass each chamber prior to signing into law.

On June 28, Governor DeWine signed HB2 into law directing the State Capital appropriations and reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2026. Projects that were included in the bill:

- Historic Dublin Riverfront Revitalization | \$1,230,000
- Dublin Brand Road Pedestrian Tunnel Flood Mitigation | \$468,000
- Brown Harris Cemetery Preservation | \$450,000 reappropriation
- Muirfield/Dublin Arts Project | \$75,000 reappropriation
- Dublin Arts Council Muirfield Drive Project | \$100,000 reappropriation

Other projects located in Dublin, sponsored by other applicants:

- “Smuirfield” Golf Project | \$225,000
- Dublin Bridge Park and Greenways Project | \$650,000 reappropriation

Economic Development

Highlights

Business Retention & Expansion

An economic development agreement has been introduced to attract Fallback Group LLC to Dublin. Fallback Group is a newly formed, Columbus-based motion picture company comprised of industry veterans and local investors. The project expects to create 49 jobs in the City of Dublin by Dec. 31, 2029.

If you are a Dublin-based business, our Economic Development team wants to work with you! Feel free to [request a meeting](#) at your convenience.



On The Road

During their visit to Taiwan for the 2024 New Taipei City Smart City Forum, Mayor Chris Amorose Groomes and Economic Development Director Jeremiah Gracia visited the Taiwan USA Industrial Cooperation Promotion Office. The event explored how artificial intelligence can benefit public policies, technology and urban development strategies. The mayor gave a keynote address sharing Dublin's experience as a smart city and Jeremiah was part of a panel discussion on smart cities.



JobsOhio/One Columbus Leads

The Economic Development team conducted a site visit June 13 for the SiteOhio certification program administered by JobsOhio. This site visit is part of the process for the certification by the State of Ohio as shovel-ready for development. This certification is also influential in the application for the All Ohio Future Fund, which is a grant for infrastructure the City submitted to the Ohio Department of Development at the end of June for improvements in the West Innovation District.

Company News

- [Mixed-use development with 25 buildings proposed on 43-acre site near Ohio University's Dublin campus](#)
- [Mount Carmel Health's new CEO embraces 'transforming, healing' legacy](#)
- [Men's clothing retailer to open first brick-and-mortar shop at Bridge Park in Dublin](#)

Economic Development



The final draft of the strategic plan is being prepared by Montrose to present to the Community Improvement Corporation for review and consideration at the August meeting. The strategic plan includes a report for each phase of the process, “Learn, Listen, Do.” The “Learn” phase focused on reviewing the code of regulations and benchmarking analysis. The “Listen” phase consisted of interviews with each Dublin City Council Member. The “Do” or “Action” phase identified the objectives and strategies to achieve the goal of the CIC.



Marketing activities were strong in June with a presence at the City of Dublin villa at the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday. Billboard ads are up along the U.S. 33 Smart Mobility Corridor through October, and digital marketing activities continued. The Beta District won a Central Ohio PRism Award for the 2023 Mobility in Color event, which earned a feature placement on 10TV. Planning is underway for the 2024 Mobility in Color event. CIO Doug McCollough and Communications & Marketing Director Lindsay Weisenauer traveled to Washington, D.C., for the 2024 Broadband Congress, at which Doug was a featured panelist. He talked about Dublin’s partnership with altafiber and the importance of broadband connectivity in The Beta District for cutting-edge technology testing.

Events

- June 5: Memorial Tournament Business Event
- June 6-9: Memorial Tournament
- June 13: SiteOhio Site Visit
- June 14: EDAC Hosted by Del-Co Water Company
- June 14-21: Taiwan Business Mission
- June 26: 2024 New Taipei City Smart City Forum | City of Dublin Visit



Community Development

Boards & Commissions Activity

Boards & Commissions Activity

The Planning and Zoning Commission heard six cases in June. One of those cases, Cosgray Commons, is a proposed mixed-use development comprised of office, residential and commercial land uses and associated open space. The 43.3-acre site is southwest of the roundabout of Post Road/S.R. 161 and University Boulevard, adjacent to the Ohio University Dublin Integrated Education Center. The current Community Plan future land-use recommendation for this site is mixed-use regional center - academic innovation, which includes proposed uses such as university and academic and associated campus amenities, office, research, light manufacturing and open space, as well as a mix of supporting uses including retail, residential and commercial.

The Architectural Review Board heard two cases in June. One of which was 37 W. Bridge St., proposing the installation of an approximately 7-square-foot projecting sign on an existing building in Historic Dublin. The 0.22-acre site is located southwest of the intersection of West Bridge Street and Mill Lane. The site features an existing single-story front gable core and a rear two-story flat-roof addition. The sign is for both an insurance company and a new, intermittent farmstand within the existing front patio on West Bridge Street.

The Administrative Review Team and Board of Zoning Appeals did not meet in June.

[Find a list of the June caseload and upcoming cases for all Boards and Commissions here.](#)

Regional Items of Interest

In June, the Logan-Union-Champaign Regional Planning Commission (LUCRPC), both the Zoning and Subdivision subcommittees and the Executive Committee met. The City of Dublin is also a member of the Budgetary Committee and Visioning Committee, which meets as needed. At the June 13 meeting, the two committees heard 10 cases. Four were either preliminary or final plats. The remaining applications were text amendments, including adopting language for solar energy, various code updates or rezonings of properties. The only application that was within relative proximity to the City of Dublin was located west of Industrial Parkway on Warner Road. The application requested rezoning of a 1.00 +/- acre of land from residential district to office, research and medical district to provide land for an existing data center. The application was approved by both committees. The LUCRPC is also working on model language for recreational cannabis. It's still being drafted and is oriented more toward townships, which have limited jurisdiction/authority compared to municipalities.

The Delaware Regional Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of a final plat and two rezonings at the May meeting. The Liberty Township final plat recommendation of approval was for 38 residential lots on 13.5 acres at Liberty Grand Boulevard, east of Steitz Road. The recommendation of approval of a 20-acre rezoning was from farm residential to planned residential at Hyatts and Liberty roads. The recommendation of approval of a 94-acre rezoning was from farm residential to planned residential at Dublin Road between Duffy and Moore roads.

[For more detailed information on regional items of interest, follow this link.](#)

Community Planning and Development staff completed an initial review of the City of Columbus' Zone In project. The Zone In project will comprehensively modernize Columbus' zoning code, which is over 70 years old. The project intends to enhance growth, mobility and affordability equitably while seizing an opportunity to positively impact the region's housing shortage by promoting mixed-use development. Staff identified the Sawmill Corridor is included in the Phase One zoning changes, spurring the team to reach out to other jurisdictions in the region impacted similarly by Phase One. Staff discussed the proposed changes with Columbus staff and plans to continue conversations as the Zone In project progresses.

Compliance & Enforcement

Code Enforcement

The Dublin Codified Ordinances has a provision for public nuisance regulations for vacant structures (reference 153.076 C). Code Enforcement typically deals with a more common case of an unoccupied structure. This could be a closed business location or a residential property that is owned, but not occupied, by a private owner; a rental property that is in between tenants; or a home that has been sold and is in transition. In such cases, Code Enforcement monitors the structure to ensure it is secure and safe. Staff ensure that codes regarding upkeep of the lawn and structural maintenance are continuous until it is occupied again. This unoccupied period can range from weeks to years, depending on the circumstances.

Ongoing Projects

May and June are the busiest months of the year for Code Enforcement, with a large spike in grass and weed cases, as well as premise condition cases. This 60-day period, historically, has seen 250-275 cases opened annually, with more than 50% in these two categories alone. Grass and weed complaints in May and June have averaged approximately 100-125 cases over the last three years. There has been an increase in premise condition cases due to increased targeted area inspections by Code Enforcement officers.

Zoning & Code Compliance

Daily Zoning Inspections

Forty-eight daily zoning inspections were performed in May. These daily inspections ensure compliance with zoning codes for completed construction projects, including pool installations, solar panels, decks, new homes and commercial new builds and additions. These inspections include the completion of an athletic outbuilding for Dublin Coffman High School and landscape installation at 5600 Rings Road.

Routine Landscape Inspections

Eight landscape inspections were performed in May. Landscape inspections identify missing, dead or dying plant material and other zoning code violations. Sixteen new trees and 60 shrubs were planted to replace missing, dead, or dying trees and shrubs due to these inspections, and 23 follow-up inspections were scheduled for June.

Tree Removal Permits

As the weather warms and the trees begin to grow leaves, residents and business owners may notice dead or dying trees that need removed. The City of Dublin tree preservation ordinance requires a tree removal permit for trees greater than 6" diameter breast height (DBH). There is no fee associated with the permit. Please contact the Community Planning and Development Department at 614.410.4600 for inquiries regarding tree removal.

Building Standards

Certificate of Occupancy

Fifty Certificates of Occupancy (C of O) were issued this month including:

- Tucci's, 35 N. High St.
- Intown Golf, 6620 Mooney St.
- Towns on the Parkway Building 7, 4203 McCune Ave.
- Dublin Coffman Athletic Building, 6780 Coffman Road

Inspections

In May, the Building Standards team completed 604 inspections. Over the last 12-month period, the average number of inspections per month is about 556; the team exceeded the average. The number of inspections in May 2024 was 9% higher than the number of inspections in May 2023. Data indicates there is an upward trend in the number of inspections completed year over year. In 2023, the division completed 7,000 building inspections.

Commercial and Residential Plan Review

Total plan review numbers were average in May with a total of 67. May was the highest month in the last 12-month period with 134 plan reviews. Overall plan review numbers are expected to increase during the summer months. An average of 95 plan reviews were completed per month over the last year.

New Building Permits Issued

Building permit issued numbers (that required plan review) are at 44 permits in May. Numbers can regularly fluctuate 10% +/- each month. The monthly average, over the last 12-month period was 42 new building permits issued per month, which is slightly above average.

Transportation & Mobility

Highlights

Community Engagement

Transportation & Mobility Planner J.M. Rayburn will once again host our Mobility Concierge community office hours on the Riverside Crossing Park East Plaza during the summer months to promote mobility options and goals in Dublin. Each event focuses on a specific topic:

- July 12: Partnership Advancing Regional Trails in the Northwest Area (PARTNA) and COG (Central Ohio Greenways)
- July 19: EV Infrastructure Comprehensive Plan
- July 26: Connected Dublin
- Aug. 2: Curbside Management
- Aug. 9: Vision Zero
- Aug. 16: Signature Trail Study and Metro Center Revitalization
- Aug. 23: Micro-transit Service Study + LinkUS Bus Rapid Transit
- Aug. 30: LinkUS Bus Rapid Transit

Electric Scooter Data

	Unique Riders	Rides	Miles Traveled	Metric Tonnes of CO2 Saved
January-May	1,582	3,469	5,817	0.729
% Month to Month Δ	74	55	86	66
% Year over Year Δ	201	212	175	-

Traffic Control for Automated Vehicles

A new chapter is coming to the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. T&M Director Jeannie Willis was invited to be a part of the team writing and reviewing Chapter 5 for the state of Ohio. The chapter focuses on traffic control device considerations for automated vehicles.



Smart Intersections and Traffic Operations

T&M continues to implement the Technolution B.V. (formerly TNL) traffic flow optimization pilot project to more efficiently time traffic signals based on real-time traffic conditions. The Frantz Road corridor successfully completed field testing in early June and is now operational, bringing the total number of intersections with this technology to eight.

Citywide Crash Data

(vehicles and all vulnerable road users)

	Frequency	High Severity	Bike Ped
2024 Year-to-Date	205	6	2
April	49	2	0

Serious Injury Crashes:

1. A driver turning left from Muirkirk Drive to Glick Road failed to yield and hit an oncoming box truck, causing it to collide with a third vehicle, resulting in one fatality and one serious injury.
2. A speeding driver on Tuttle Crossing Boulevard rear-ended another vehicle, causing a serious injury.

Public Service

Highlights



Horticulture & Forestry

- Planted four trees at Ferris Wright Park to represent four generations of the Ferris Wright family.
- New perennial plantings were installed at Riverside Crossing Park.
- Contractual street tree pruning wrapped up in the Ballantrae neighborhood. The focus has moved to the Brandon subdivision.
- Citywide injections for emerald ash borer were completed this month.
- Crews performed dead tree removals within the Bridge Street District. Replacements will be installed in the fall.

Streets

- Asphalt and concrete repairs continued citywide. Locations included Northcliff Boulevard, Pirthshire Street, Norn Street, Perimeter Drive, Baronsmore Drive, Avery Road, Sells Mill Drive and Darby Street.
- Restriped the rear lot of the Service Center.
- Berm cleaning was completed on the U.S. 33 to I-270 ramps and the U.S. 33 bridge over I-270.
- Crews deployed and removed cones, barricades, barrels and message boards, and assisted with the installation and removal of temporary directional/information signs to ensure a safe Memorial Tournament.

Parks

- Completed broadleaf weed spraying in City parks.
- Fertilizer and grub prevention was completed at all community parks and athletic fields.
- Repaired irrigation heads, valves and decoders at various parks.
- Bike path trimming is ongoing citywide.

Sustainability

- Styrofoam collection boxes: To date in 2024, 4,068 pounds of Styrofoam have been diverted from the landfill.
- GoZero Composting: 24.11 tons of compost have been collected so far in 2024.
- Across the City's 21 electric vehicle charging stations, 29,420 gallons of gas have been saved to date in 2024. This equates to a greenhouse gas savings of 177,224 kilograms
- Dublin staff members engaged with Rumpke regarding new efforts they are undertaking to recycle more items, which will be announced in early August. The City will begin promoting this program at the sustainability stations at the Dublin Irish Festival and engagement stations at the Dublin Market at Bridge Park.
- As a bronze-designated community, the City has access to SolSmart's no-cost technical assistance. Staff members have met twice with SolSmart representatives to guide the next steps in the installation of solar panels at the Service Center.
- Final numbers from Sustainable Saturday have been compiled. A total of 1,366 vehicles recycled 240 pounds of Styrofoam, 2.95 tons of household items, 112.5 pounds of compost, 1.05 tons of electronics, 13.9 tons of documents and 23.803 tons of household hazardous waste. In total, 41.88 tons of material was diverted from the landfill.

Asset Management & Quality Assurance

GoDublin

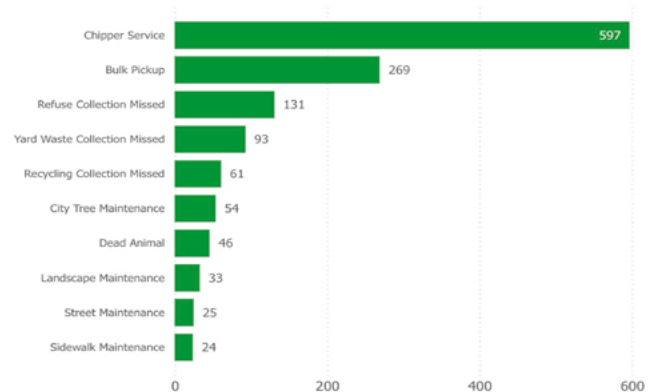
May saw 1,552 requests submitted for the month – an increase from 1,210 last month. Of those requests, 965 (62%) were initiated through the GoDublin app. By comparison, there were 1,357 requests in May 2023. Top requests last month:

- Chipper service
- Bulk pickup
- Refuse collection missed
- Dead animal
- City tree maintenance

Chipper service remained the top request in May with dead animal and City tree maintenance reentering the top five. The 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>. All of Dublin's assets are currently meeting or exceeding the established goals as the City strives for continuous improvement.

Top 10 Request Types
for selected criteria



Inspections/Maintenance Work

- The light pole painting project was awarded to Brian Bros at the May 20 City Council meeting and the work was completed in June.
- Staff members updated the pavement striping and marking inventory and will perform inspections over the summer with the Asset Management and Quality Assurance (AMQA) intern's help.
- The 2024 pavement preventive maintenance program was updated and will start this summer.
- Annual asset inspections started in May.
- AMQA has completed planning the 2025 sidewalk repair locations and is working on 2026

Court Services - Highlights

- Received 311 traffic cases, nine operating a vehicle under the influence (OVI) cases and 12 criminal/code enforcement cases.
- Received two juvenile criminal diversion cases, seven juvenile traffic diversion cases, one adult criminal diversion case and 26 adult traffic diversion cases.
- Collected \$54,255 in fines and court costs.
- Collected \$344.24 in restitution for victims of crime.
- Diversion participants completed 102.5 hours of community service work.
- One staff member attended the Central Ohio Association of Mayor's Court Clerk monthly meeting, and one staff member attended the Ohio Association of Municipal and County Court Clerks spring training conference.

Parks & Recreation

Highlights

DCRC Memberships: 7,893

Dublin Rec App

The NEW Dublin Rec app downloads total 2,113 since launching May 22. Top clicks are membership scan-ins, group fitness schedules, indoor pool schedules and outdoor pool information. The app is also being used to communicate any changes in operations or hours.

Outdoor Pools

Season Passes Sold: 6,161

The outdoor pool season has gone swimmingly, and Staff is ready for a safe, fun summer. The summer pool event season includes:

- Red, White & Splash – July 6 from 8-10 a.m. at the Dublin Community Pool South
- Shamrock Splash – July 12 from 5-7 p.m. at the Dublin Community Pool South
- The Dublin Community Pool North will be closed July 15 for the N.E.W. League Championship. The South Pool will remain open. Good luck to all Dublin Dolphin swimmers!
- Pooch Pond – August 15 from 5-7 p.m. the Dublin Community Pool South. This event is for four-legged friends.

For more information about each event, please visit our website: <https://dublinohiousa.gov/recreation-services/aquatics/special-events/>

Programs

Programming opportunities continue to expand during the summer months for adults and seniors. New card and game play have been introduced in the lounge, along with new arts programs, drumming, golf and fishing. The final Traveler's Club trip for the season took place June 26 with a visit to the Governor's Mansion.

Esports

Esports summer camps were introduced in the Respawn Lounge and kicked off the week of June 17, featuring four sold-out camps for the summer. The expanded summer hours schedule in the Respawn Lounge began June 4. The space will be open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday through mid-August for drop-in game play.



Summer Camps

The Dublin Summer Camp season kicked off June 3. Teen Camp enrollment increased this summer with the return of the Wyandot Next camp for the first time since 2019 and exciting excursions, including visits to the Mansfield Reformatory and The Wilds for Teen Adventure Camp.

Abbey Theater of Dublin

The Abbey hosted the Otterbein Playwrights Collective June 14-16 where three premiere productions, written by Otterbein University creative writing students, were performed by Central Ohio teens.

Seven productions of "James and the Giant Peach, Jr." take the stage between July 18-21.

Police & Safety

Highlights

Critical Incidents & Major Crimes

- June 4, officers arrested two suspects related to theft of a Chase Bank ATM on Sawmill Road.
- June 21, a 31-year-old man died by drowning around 2:45 a.m. at the Dublin Community Pool South. Based on the initial investigation, officers believe this to be an apparent suicide.

Police Reports & Crime Trends

- Officers recovered a stolen vehicle from the Goodwill parking lot on Sawmill Road and charged two suspects May 28.
- Shared information with 10TV about two I-270-related traffic crashes May 23 and June 3.
- Community Impact Unit supported a Homeland Security investigation on Windsor Drive June 6.
- Officer Steve Borton identified suspects involved in thefts that took place at the Dublin Community Recreation Center and Lifetime Fitness.
- June 9, Sgt. Joshua Kirby and Officers Reece Berry, Bethany Kirkman and Jon Riordan connected a person in crisis at a Dublin residence with needed mental health resources.

Safety Messaging

- Shared traffic, parking and safety messages about the Memorial Tournament, including the Safe Ride campaign for discounted Lyft ride codes and the Don't Lose It theft prevention campaign
- Announced Citizens' Police Academy applications for the late summer/fall program
- Shared information about accepted items for the Medication Drop Box housed at the Justice Center
- Shared a reminder for residents to use GoDublin, not to call 911 or the non-emergency line, for issues related to deer unless someone is injured
- Announced AirTag campaign for people to obtain a free tracking device from Dublin Police to use in preventing theft of vehicles

Statistics	2022 YTD	2023 YTD	2024 YTD
Part 1 Violent Crimes Reported	12	20	13
Theft Offenses	184	216	139
Thefts from Vehicles	95	98	49
Motor Vehicle Thefts	17	28	23
Burglaries/B&Es	17	29	24
Traffic Crashes	232	278	297
Serious Injury Crashes	5	5	10
OVI Related Crashes	4	10	9
OVI Arrests	21	74	91
Traffic Stops	1709	3012	4432
Speeding Citations	172	310	1180

Community Outreach & Engagement

- School Resource Officers met with the Chief's Advisory Committee members during their monthly meeting, which included onboarding three new members.
- Officer Paul Burks supported the LiFEsports Summer Camp focused on fostering social competence among young people through their involvement in sports and fitness activities.
- Chief Pérez talked about health and safety during an International Day of Yoga community event at Riverside Crossing Park.
- Deputy Chief Greg Lattanzi spoke to the Dublin A.M. Rotary about the department's annual Citizens' Police Academy.

Police Responses to Issues of Community Concern

Speed Management

- Speed enforcement campaigns conducted
 - June 7 multi-agency speed operation on I-270 resulting in a total of 45 stops and 34 citations across four agencies: Dublin Police, Hilliard Division of Police, Columbus Division of Police and Franklin County Sheriff's Office
 - June 19 multi-agency speed operation on I-270 resulting in a total of 62 stops and 52 citations across three agencies: Dublin Police, Hilliard Division of Police and Franklin County Sheriff's Office

Special Event Security

- Officers provided security for the Memorial Tournament in partnership with the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, Franklin County Sheriff's Office and Ohio State Highway Patrol.
- Spectrum News Ohio and NBC4 interviewed Deputy Chief Nick Tabernik on the Tournament grounds about event safety.



Human Resources

Highlights



June Senior Leadership Retreat

On June 27, Senior Leaders gathered to hear updates from the City Manager, share culture moments and take a tour of the SWACO landfill. They learned about current and upcoming recycling best practices to help support Council's vision of being the most sustainable city. As part of the day, directors also delivered lunches to our exceptional seasonal employees to show the City's appreciation.

2024 Employee Appreciation Day at the Memorial Tournament

Team Dublin attended the 2024 Employee Appreciation Day at the Memorial Tournament. Great weather, tasty food, fun games and awesome employees make for an exceptional time for our team.

Our Employee Appreciation Day is a time to celebrate with our exceptional team and thank everyone for all the work to ensure Dublin shines bright in the Tournament's international spotlight and all year long.

Flavors of Wellness

A Wellness on Wheels truck from The James Cancer Hospital visited two City buildings to share skin cancer education, healthy food demos and a delicious lunch for employees. The wellness program is one of the many ways Dublin's culture shines and gives employees opportunities for connection and collaboration.

June R Factor Training

In June, two additional cohorts completed R Factor training. The majority of full-time employees have now completed R Factor training. Police and NRECC employees will participate in these exercises during in-service training later this fall.

Intern Lunch

Outreach & Engagement intern Shraddha Krishnan arranged an all-City gathering of interns for lunch June 18 where 22 interns joined City leadership to network, discuss future career paths and learn about involvement in local government.

Recent Promotions



Jeremy Reeb

Previous Position: Police Officer

Promoted Position: Police Sergeant

Recent Hires



Kelley Davidson

Position: Operations Manager

Division: NRECC



Ryan Reichley

Position: Accounting Manager

Division: Finance



Kelsey Russell

Position: Engineering Project Inspector

Division: Engineering

Recruitment

- Administrative Support III
- Chief Innovation and Technology Director
- Construction Manager
- Court Administrator
- Deputy Chief of Police
- Deputy City Manager
- Director of Information Technology
- Police Officer

Outreach & Engagement

Highlights

Corporate Volunteer Projects

Cardinal Health participated in two corporate volunteer projects June 18. One project was in Darree Fields at the Community Garden border. The other took place in M.L. Red Trabue Nature Preserve where the group helped clear invasive species.

Event Volunteer Recruitment

More than 1,400 volunteers are needed to support signature events this summer in addition to ongoing volunteerism efforts in all divisions. Targeted recruitment efforts, outreach and direct phone call campaigns are underway for Independence Day and the Dublin Irish Festival.



Nature Education

Nature Education Coordinator Barbara Ray led a workshop June 12 titled “Wildlife in Our Communities: Friend or Nuisance?” This statewide presentation to municipal leaders covered nuisance wildlife and responsible control tactics that can protect both wildlife and residential interests, including geese mitigation and more.

Forever Dublin

As an added tool for Forever Dublin, volunteers completed a centralized faith-based directory for outreach efforts, specifically for aging-in-place efforts. The objective is for information to be regularly provided on transportation, health, wellness and social service connections as they pertain to older adults and their support needs.

Brown-Harris Cemetery Dedication

After years of strategic restoration, and to coincide with the time of year the nation focuses on Juneteenth, the community gathered June 28 to dedicate the Brown-Harris Cemetery, an historically Black cemetery at 6540 Shier Rings Road. The ceremony came together as a collaborative planning effort among Public Service, Outreach & Engagement and Communications & Marketing, guided by the wishes of the Brown and Harris families, who are the direct descendants of those interred in the cemetery. The families were joined by more than 100 people to celebrate the historic dedication.



Citizen U Jumpstart

A total of 21 teens in grades 10-12 spent the week of June 24 getting an in-depth look at local government and City operations while participating in hands-on learning with staff members. Participants learned about future government career options and responsible citizenship, and the group ended their week serving as volunteer hosts for the Brown-Harris Cemetery dedication.

Dublin Market at Bridge Park

The City hosted two booths during the June markets. Transportation & Mobility was featured June 8 and Nature Education partnered with Horticulture on June 22.

Communications & Marketing

Highlights

June's Communication Strategy

- June's strategic topics included highlighting the Memorial Tournament; featuring LGBTQ+ businesses for Pride Month; celebrating Juneteenth; continuing Slow Down Dublin messaging; and announcing the new Dublin Summer Fun Series at Riverside Crossing Park.
- Review the results from [May's overall communications metrics](#) and [City Council's communications efforts](#).
- Review the complete [Contact City data here](#).

Sustainable Dublin Communications

- Shared information about the Giving Garden and solicited volunteers to maintain the garden
- Featured the Climate Change Awareness bridge-lighting
- Emphasized the no-feed ordinance and shared a reminder about co-existing with skunks as part of the video series "Dublin's Backyard with Barbara Ray"
- Continued to promote Dublin's economic vitality through the "Why Dublin" series that features a different Dublin business each week

Connected Dublin Communications

- Continued messaging the Dublin Rec mobile app to allow members to easily access the Dublin Community Recreation Center classes, scheduling and digital membership cards
- Promoted the Home Road Water Plant public meeting held June 18 about a new water plant in Dublin with a connection to the Columbus water distribution system
- Shared how to safely use e-scooters using an engaging, short-form video
- Featured Doug McCollough speaking at the American Broadband Congress about the Fiber to Every Home campaign and the City's private-public partnership with altafiber
- Shared Mayor Chris Amorose Groomes' participation in the 2024 New Taipei City Smart City Forum in New Taipei City, Taiwan, on Dublin's involvement with smart cities

July Lookahead

- Share communications and information about the Independence Day Celebration
- Promote Parks & Rec Month, featuring the new Dublin Summer Fun Series
- Ramp up messaging about the Dublin Irish Festival
- Sharing information about infrastructure improvements, including two bridge projects.
 - July 8 through Oct. 31, Brandonway Drive will close between Brand Road and Wellston Court/Aldridge Place to replace the bridge over North Fork Indian Run.
 - July 8 through Aug. 1, Brand Road will close between Bristol Parkway and Brandonway Drive while the Franklin County Engineer's Office replaces the existing bridge.



Resilient Dublin Communications

- Amplified messaging around the Memorial Tournament to capitalize on the local, national and international conversations surrounding the event
- Featured the City's exceptional staff members who helped Dublin shine on the international stage during the Memorial Tournament
- Supported the Dublin Arts Council's communications regarding an artists' presentations public meeting held June 13 about the next Art in Public Places commission in the Muirfield area
- Shared an invitation with the community to attend a dedication ceremony for the Brown-Harris Cemetery
- Supported regional communications, in partnership with area law enforcement, on an I-270 speed enforcement campaign
- Created a short-form video on swimming safety that featured swimsuit color choices to allow for better visibility in the water
- Continued promoting Slow Down Dublin with a video reminding young drivers to watch their speed, an appropriately timed topic with teen drivers being out of school for the summer
- Promoted Independence Day Celebration wristband sales for the Kids Zone at the evening celebration as well as the need for volunteers to make this event a success
- Continued to share Dublin Irish Festival messages leading up to the event, including whiskey tasting tickets as a great Father's Day gift idea

The Dublin Link Lighting Updates

- C&M worked with an internal stakeholder group to update The Dublin Link lighting schedule and policy. Annually, the City will review its [baseline schedule of lighting observances](#). The [policy update](#) aligns with the City's proclamation policy and reflects that special lighting requests must be initiated by a resident, organization or business of Dublin.

Community Events

Highlights



Summer Events in Riverside Crossing Park

The City of Dublin will bring more fun to Downtown Dublin through the Dublin Summer Fun Series with events in July and August. The events will all take place in Riverside Crossing Park (RCP) on the east side of the Dublin Link. This area is also in the Dublin DORA so patrons can purchase refreshments at the restaurants on either side of the river and bring them into the park.

Games on the Green

The park will be full of play for all ages. Yard-size board games and lawn games will be on the east plaza and lawn on the second and fourth Thursdays in July and August from 4 to 8 p.m. Each week will feature different games to play.

Cinema Saturdays

Guests are invited to bring blankets and pick up dinner in Downtown Dublin to enjoy a movie in the park every Saturday in July. Movies will start at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. with the earlier movies being geared toward a younger audience and later movies targeted at teens and older audiences.

- July 6: 5 p.m., “Finding Nemo”; 7:30 p.m., “Barbie”
- July 13: 5 p.m., “Trolls”; 7:30 p.m., “Spiderman Homecoming”
- July 20: 5 p.m., “Moana”; 7:30 p.m., “Star Wars: Return of the Jedi”
- July 27: 5 p.m., “Sing”; 7:30 p.m., “Pitch Perfect”

Workout Wednesdays

Instructors from the Dublin Community Recreation Center will host free weekly workout classes at 6 p.m. in RCP each Wednesday in July. A special parent-and-child yoga class will be held July 16 at 10 a.m.

- 7/10: Zumba/Dance Jam
- 7/17: Cardio/Strength Circuit
- 7/24: Yoga
- 7/31: Dance Fitness

Independence Day

- Independence Day cash sponsorships increased 46.5% in 2024 from \$39,375 to \$57,700. Kids Zone wristbands and stadium wristbands went on sale June 16 to Dublin residents and school district residents only. A total of 1,401 stadium wristbands and 548 Kids Zone wristbands have been sold to date.

Dublin Irish Festival

- Tickets for the whiskey tastings went on sale in early June. So far, 63 have been sold to date, including eight of the Exclusive Irish Whiskey Experience tickets

Permitted Events

It was another busy month of permitted events. Below are some highlights:

- Tier 1 events: 7; Tier 2 events: 12
- June kicked off with another successful Memorial Tournament week and supporting events at the Bogey Bar & Grill and Bridge Park. Fore!Fest included a new and highly acclaimed drone show. The 15-minute custom drone lights show filled the sky with 300-foot tall by 500-foot wide choreographed Memorial Tournament, golf, and Dublin-themed imagery.
- Dublin played host to the Australian Football Super Regionals at Darree Fields for the first time and welcomed several returning events, including the Buckeye Invitational Rugby Tournament, Take Steps for Crohn’s and Colitis Walk, Columbus Duck Race and Arthritis Car Show.
- The City partnered with the Dublin Chamber of Commerce on the Corporate Charity Cup. City staff members provided support with logistics planning, signage, set-up and volunteer management. Outreach & Engagement recruited 145 volunteers serving in 21 capacities across the event. The City’s Exceptional Team took home third-place honors, earning a \$250 donation to the Dublin Irish Festival Scholarship fund.

June Sponsorship Update

Community Events Staff confirmed the following sponsors in the last month:

Independence Day

In-kind	
• Mount Carmel	\$2,000
• altafiber	\$1,750

Dublin Irish Festival

• Bua Irish Whiskey	\$3,000
Spooktacular	
• Mount Carmel	\$2,000

Legislative

Update

Legislative Timeline

Both the Ohio House and Senate will recess for the summer break in July. Neither chamber has released their schedules for the remainder of the year, but when they return at the end of summer/beginning of fall, they will be in the final months of the 135th General Assembly.

One Time Strategic Fund & Capital Budget Appropriations

The legislature has introduced several bills to allocate \$700 million in awards for the One Time Strategic Fund (OTSCIF) and \$150 million for community projects through the state's traditional Capital Budget bill. Both chambers negotiated beforehand.

Both the House and Senate consolidated all bills related to OTSCIF and Capital Budget funding into House Bill 2 and passed the bill the last week of June. On June 28, Governor Mike DeWine signed HB2 into law directing the State Capital appropriations and reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2026.

HB 491 – Requires Political Subdivisions to Participate in Ohio Checkbook Program

State Representative Tom Young (R-Dayton) and State Representative Bob Peterson (R-Sabina) introduced legislation that would mandate participation from cities and other political subdivisions in the Ohio Checkbook program. The bill has had two hearings in the House State & Local Government Committee. There has not been any proponent testimony, but the Ohio Rural Water Association provided opponent testimony June 11. Spearheaded by former State Treasurer Josh Mandel nearly 10 years ago, the program aims to increase government financial transparency. Currently, participation from cities and other political subdivisions is voluntary. According to the bill sponsors' testimony, about 26% of Ohio's local governments have previously submitted expenditure data for publication on the website. Representative Peterson said that he views the legislation as a step toward improving relationships between Ohioans and the local governments that serve them. The City of Dublin joined the program in 2019.

HB 573 – Increases the Local Government Fund

State Representative Phil Robinson (D-Cuyahoga Co.) and Representative Juanita Brent (D-Cleveland) introduced House Bill 573, which would increase the percentage of state tax revenue allocated to the Local Government Fund from 1.7% to 3.68% beginning July 1, 2026. The bill has been referred to the House Finance Committee but has yet not received a hearing.

Pending Housing-Related Legislation

Senate Bill 244

Senate Bill 244 (Reynolds, Craig) has had one hearing in the Senate Ways & Means Committee where the bill sponsors explained that the bill gives authority to cities and other political subdivisions to create and implement property tax relief programs (i.e., Residential Stability Zones) to not only help current homeowners in sustaining their homes, but also to “foster community resilience and cohesion.”

Senate Bill 245

Senate Bill 245 (Reynolds, Craig), the Consumer Protection Bill, has had two hearings in the Select Committee on Housing where the bill sponsors and proponents of the bill have explained how the bill takes a comprehensive approach to ensure equitable treatment and due process for renters facing eviction and increase transparency and accountability in Ohio's real estate transactions and agreements. Proponents of the bill include the Ohio Realtors, Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio, Ohio Poverty Law Center and others.

Senate Bill 246

Senate Bill 246 (Reynolds, Craig) has been referred to the Senate General Government Committee but has not yet been scheduled for a hearing.

Issues 2 Updates – Recreational Marijuana

As of June 7, licensed medical marijuana dispensaries can apply for a dual-use license to dispense both medical and recreational marijuana. According to the Ohio Department of Commerce and the Division of Cannabis Control, over 200 applications for dual-use licensure have been submitted and the Division has notified at least eight facilities that they qualify for a provisional license. The Division has shared that they are prioritizing licenses for testing labs, cultivators and processors over dispensaries to ensure that Ohio has the supply to match the demand. As of June 24, eight provisional dual-use licenses to cultivators, processors and testing laboratories have been issued.

[View Tracked Legislation](#)

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7	8	9 Community Services Advisory Commission	10 Food Truck Wednesdays Workout Wednesdays	11 Games on the Green Planning & Zoning Commission	12 Mobility Concierge Shamrock Splash Historic Dublin Walking Tours West Plaza Block Party	13 CRC Mile Dash The Dublin Market at Bridge Park Cinema Saturdays
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- City/Community Events
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